

Trailblazer

Keeping in touch, seeking your prayer and involvement.

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Maintenance & Renovation: Using Tools

I am not a very handy person. I suppose I should have no excuse because there is quite a bit of ability in my family. However, anytime I try to fix something, it is certain to be an adventure.

One thing I do understand, though, is the difference between maintenance and renovation. Maintenance is ongoing, sometimes called routine, and may not be noticeable to a casual observation. Maintenance deals with something in good shape that you want to keep in good shape. It could include minor repairs,



but often involves adding some fluid or replacing one board.

Renovation is entirely different. Renovation is often drastic. I recall that once or twice when working with my dad, who did construction work for a living, we did additions—whole new rooms to the house. Once we even knocked out the foundation of a three-story house and put in a new one! That seemed adventurous to me!

Spiritual work can be described in the same two ways. We regularly find ourselves in need of maintenance because of our sin na-



ture. Even when we know what's right and want to do right, we can easily get distracted, failing to make good daily decisions.

Sometimes more drastic help is needed. Our lives may be completely off track in one regard or another. We need help! And we may or may not even realize it.

When I consider this in light of the family, I realize the failure to keep up with maintenance would be devastating. Our families are precious! That's why we are holding two **Families on the** (continued on back)

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Upcoming Ministry

Our family will be joined by Frank & Lindsay Finney, Isaac Edwards, and Christina Gibbs in services soon in Arizona at these churches:

- *Royal View Baptist, Gilbert Feb 14 am*
- *Evangelical Baptist, Phoenix Feb 14 pm*
- *Vision Baptist, Goodyear Feb 16*
- *Gospel Light Baptist, Mesa Feb 18*
- *Buckeye Baptist, Buckeye Feb 21 am*
- *Lakeside Baptist, Peoria Feb 21 pm*
- **Families on the Move Conference Feb 26-27**
- *Cornerstone Baptist, Phoenix Feb 28*

Spring Work on the Property: HELP NEEDED!

The vast majority of lumber used in the construction of our current fourteen buildings has been milled on site. Michael Aulgur, our head wrangler back in Tennessee, will be joining us in March to mill additional logs and plane many of the boards already cut.

We could use some volunteers who would be able to come for a Friday, Saturday or several days to help with the work. If you are interested, please contact us!



West Branch saw mill

We do have overnight lodging for men available and would be glad to provide some meals while you are here. Let us know if you or someone you know could help!

Please pray for:

1. *The arrangement of details to begin work on water infrastructure.*
2. *Effective spring ministry in Arizona*
3. *Support level to reach 40%. (Current level for Carlsons—19.5%)*

What Is A Trailblazer?

Trailblazers are churches that have been a **special blessing** to West Branch over the past year specifically through one or more of the following (accomplished in 2009):

1. Attending multiple events,
2. Attending 1+ event and having a WB evangelist preach in their church,
3. Supporting WB (or Carlsons) regularly, or
4. Hosting an event.

West Branch on the Move Schedule

- **Families on the Move Conference**, Phoenix, AZ Feb. 26-27, 2010
- **Men on the Move Conference**, Williams, AZ Mar. 19-20, 2010
- **Ladies on the Move Conference**, Flagstaff, AZ Apr. 24, 2010
- **Regional Youth Conference**, Phoenix, AZ Sept. 11, 2010
- **Families on the Move Conference**, Santa Maria, CA Sept. 26-28, 2010
- **Deaf on the Move Rally**, Phoenix, AZ Oct. 2, 2010
- **Men on the Move Conference**, Fort Collins, CO Oct. 22-23, 2010



Beautiful Place to Call Home

We thank the Lord for the wonderful property the Lord has given us for the new West Branch facility. That beauty is certainly accentuated this time of year when the ground is covered in snow. We have received 36 inches of snow so far since the end of October and are praying for more. One hundred inches is the "average" that we have only seen once or twice in our twelve years in Northern Arizona.

We certainly look forward to sharing this beautiful property with thousands of people in the days ahead. Please pray that the Lord will help us make much progress toward that goal this calendar year. If you are ever in our neighborhood, please let us know!

Maintenance and Renovation continued from front

Move Conferences this year. Goal number one is maintenance. We pray that many mature and maturing Christians will attend to be reminded again of some Bible instruction for families. We also believe the attendance of those seeking maintenance will be an encouragement to those who real-



Families on the Move Conference

ize that what they need is more in the realm of renovation.

That's our second goal. We pray the Lord will bring several families our way that may see for the first time what it means to have a distinctly Christian home. We all know they will be happier for it! In fact, we pray that several godly families will see this as an opportunity to reach out to younger Christian homes (in age or in the Lord) and bring them to the conference.

Whether it is for maintenance or renovation, we are simply praying that God will use the conference as a tool. That's why we exist, for the



Families on the Move Conference Kid's Club

sake of likeminded churches to use us as a tool to support the work they are doing.

So if you are in Arizona, come join us! And regardless of where you are, please pray the Holy Spirit will teach and challenge us through His word for the sake of our precious families!