

Trailblazer

Keeping in touch, seeking your prayer and involvement.

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So...What You Been Doing Lately?

The title of this article is a good question with, in our case, a lengthy answer! The past three and a half months seem like a blur in many respects.

In February, we were delighted to be in seven churches with our **West Branch on the Move** Ministry Team. We thank the Lord for good services, safety, and favor with God's people.

At the end of the month, we held our fourth annual Family Conference in Phoenix. We had our best attendance yet with sixteen churches represented.

After a week-long revival meeting in Northwestern Arizona, we arrived back home to host several

men who came to mill lumber for the developing campground.

These men included volunteers from Phoenix and staff from Tennessee.

Our annual Southwest Regional Men's Retreat right here in Williams saw an increase in attendance again this year. We thank the Lord for His obvious working in hearts through the preachers that joined me: John Wilkerson and Wil Rice. I found myself saying, again, "That may be the best one yet!"



Families on the Move
Conference, Phoenix, AZ

We closed out March with a visit from a godly Christian couple from north-

west Tennessee. Their trip was a survey trip to see if God would want them to come live at West Branch, helping out on the developing property and freeing us to travel more. God knit our hearts together very quickly. We are praying for their property in Tennessee to sell, so that they could come join us.

We had another fine attendance this year at our

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Upcoming Ministry

- Lakeside Baptist, Peoria, AZ May 16
- Garland Bible (bilingual), Garland, TX May 23
- Hillcrest Baptist, Harned, KY May 30
- Bill Rice Ranch Orientation Week Murfreesboro, TN June 2-11
- BRR Youth Week I Murfreesboro, TN June 13-19
- BRR Day Camp Murfreesboro, TN June 21-25

Helping in other areas of the Bill Rice Ranch throughout June and July.

Please pray for:

1. The arrangement of details to begin work on water infrastructure.
2. Effective summer ministry
3. Sale of a horse property in Tennessee (see main article)
4. Support level to reach 40%. (Current level for Carlsons—19.5%)

Engineering Progress: Water System

Our volunteer engineers have been working lately to complete the plans for the hauled water system on the new campsite. This work has included re-

ceiving bids for two large water tanks to be built on our site. The tanks we are looking at would be approximately 27,000 gallons and 130,000 gallons respectively.



As we continue to pursue the Lord's leading in this water system design, we would be glad to talk with any contacts you may have who deal with water tanks, pumps, piping, etc. Feel free to email us contact information if you know of someone who could be of help.

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

- **Arizona Youth Challenge** July 4-September 11
- **AZ Regional Youth Conference, Phoenix, AZ** September 11
- **Conference on Marriage & the Home, Santa Maria, CA** September 26-29
- **AZ Regional Deaf Rally, Phoenix, AZ** October 2
- **LA Regional Deaf Rally, Long Beach, CA** October 9
- **Rocky Mountain Men on the Move Conference, Fort Collins, CO** October 22-23
- **Conference on Marriage & the Home, Peoria, AZ** Feb. 25-26, 2011
- **Southwest Men on the Move Conference, Williams, AZ** Mar. 18-19, 2011

AZ Youth Conference 2009



Special Summer Ministry Though we will be in Tennessee throughout much of the summer, we will still be daily thinking about our friends in the West. We are preparing for five events this fall and sponsoring our second youth group challenge.

ARIZONA YOUTH CHALLENGE This summer we will be sponsoring the second annual Arizona Youth Challenge. This is friendly competition between sister church youth groups in Arizona, encouraging summer attendance, verse memorization, tract distribution, and youth group growth. Tohono O'odham Baptist Church of Arizona City won The Challenge last year and needs some good competition to steal their crown! Through The Challenge in 2009, teenagers distributed over 2500 tracts, memorized over 900 scripture verses and brought 90 visitors to church in an eight-week period.

We would love to see 20 Arizona churches take The 2010 Challenge and see if we can double these results. Please let us know if you would be interested in participating in this Challenge, and I would be glad to give you more info.

So...What You Been Doing Lately (continued from front)

Ladies on the Move Conference in Flagstaff. When ladies get away, they sure have a good time! And I believe the Lord worked in many hearts to refresh and refuel them for their great daily responsibilities.



Ladies on the Move
Conference, Flagstaff, AZ

In the last week, Sara and I have been to a couples retreat in the eastern Arizona mountains with fourteen couples from a fine church in Phoenix. What a blessing! We were there to minister, but we were greatly refreshed ourselves.

Before the weekend was over, we also participated in a bilingual family conference in Phoenix and preached in a bilingual church on Sunday.

We thank the Lord, not only for a busy schedule, but mostly for a rewarding one. It is great to see the Lord work! Thank you for your prayers and, for many of you, your involvement too.

Would You Pray about This Need?

We thank the Lord for many churches and individuals who support West Branch on a monthly basis. Without this support, we would not be able to continue ministry and tend to our property under development as well. We understand that many churches are not in a position to help on a regular basis.

Would you consider, though, the idea of receiving a one-time offering at your church to help us with the ongoing needs we face? If the Lord would lay it on your heart to do this, we would be very grateful.