

Trailblazer

Keeping in touch, seeking your prayer and involvement.

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When's the New West Branch Going to Open?

We have joked that the title to this article is the "million dollar question." The problem, however, has been that we haven't been able to actually attach a realistic dollar amount to the question. But the problem is in the process of changing!

For several months now, a Christian engineer has been donating his time to develop the plan for a hauled water system and a fire protection system. This engineering is nearly done. With the engineering will come an itemized list of materials needed to actually construct the systems. We will also be able to determine what infrastructure labor could be done by

volunteers and what will require paid contractors. For quite some time, we



West Branch cabins from the knoll overlooking the property

have been praying for four things regarding the project: *information, favor, people and finances*. This engineering work is a partial answer to our request for *information*. This new information will help us

know how much money for which we need to ask the Lord.

The Lord has also answered our request for *people*. We thank God for the engineer who is donating his time to resolve these water and sanitation issues. What a blessing! Others

have begun helping us meet with city officials.

We have also been lacking a person to manage (continued on back)

Two Places at One Time

We thank the Lord for the opportunity for our family to contribute to the summer ministries of the Bill Rice Ranch in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, this summer. I have been helping with preaching, music, activities and working with the summer staff. We thank the

Lord for the nearly ninety young people that have been saved during the first three weeks of camp.

At the same time, our thoughts and efforts have also been back in the West as we have kicked off our second annual *Arizona*



Preaching during Youth Week I in June

Youth Challenge.

This ten-week contest among Arizona youth groups will conclude just before our Arizona Regional Youth Conference in Goodyear, Arizona, September 11.

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Upcoming Ministry

Helping at the Bill Rice Ranch throughout July and early August.

- *Mineral Heights BC*
Greenville, TX Aug. 15
- *Arizona Regional Youth Conference*
Goodyear, AZ Sep. 11
- *Open Door BC*
Catalina, AZ Sep. 15-19
- *Conference on Marriage and the Home*
Santa Maria, CA
Sep. 26-29

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%)*

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



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ARIZONA YOUTH CHALLENGE

We have just begun the second annual *Arizona Youth Challenge*. This friendly competition between sister church youth groups in Arizona encourages summer attendance, verse memorization, tract distribution, and youth group growth. We are giving away prizes including the first-place prize of a set of game tables (foosball, small air-hockey, and mini-ping pong), bonus week prizes, and other prizes.

Could you help provide for these prizes? We have taken this on as an act of faith.

There is no fee for participating in *The Challenge*. If you would be willing to support us with a special gift to provide for these prizes, we would be very grateful. Any gift toward our goal of \$300 would be greatly appreciated! You can mark a gift "*Youth Challenge*" and send to the address on the side. Thanks for prayerfully considering this need!

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the project. We believe this need will be filled in the next few months, allowing me to continue devoting the greatest amount of my time to ministry opportunities the Lord is giving us now.

There is another man and his wife who plan to relocate to Arizona once they are able to sell their property in northwest Tennessee. Brother Duncan will maintain the current facility and keep up with little projects that need to be done as we head toward renewing active building construction of the camp.

Please pray with us that the Lord will bring along the right buyer for this piece of property in Tennessee so that the Duncans can relocate as soon as possible to Northern Arizona.



Dining Hall foundation with view of the San Francisco Peaks

Space does not permit me to explain just how obviously these things are answers to prayer. Suffice it to say that as we have prayed for information and people, He has provided the people to help gather the information. This emboldens us to keep asking for His provision of finances that will be needed to complete the work. How much will that be? We hope to start having realistic goals and let you know soon!