

Trailblazer

Keeping in touch, seeking your prayer and involvement.

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Longevity and Faithfulness

I recently attended the fiftieth anniversary celebration of a dear pastor and his wife. Though not part of the family, I really enjoyed the personal tributes that their children and grandchildren gave to this sweet couple. I left the gathering thanking God for an attribute that means more and more to me all the time: faithfulness. Since then I learned of the home-going of a sweet, elderly gentleman that impacted my life as I grew up in the Midwest. Just a few weeks earlier, he and his wife had celebrated

their seventieth anniversary together!

Several things are needed for faithfulness. Obviously, the Lord must provide His grace to meet and overcome challenges and temptation. But one essential ingredient to faithfulness certainly has to be the passage of time. You can't be faithful quickly!

Rocky Mountain Regional
Men on the Move
Conference October 2011



Longevity is something West Branch already possesses. Faithfulness is our daily goal.

In the 1940s, Evangelist Bill Rice had meetings in the West including our home state of Arizona. He was said to have mounted horses with a pastor in central Phoenix one day to ride "way out into the desert" by Camelback Mountain. Of course, Camelback is now a part of Phoenix itself. The city stretches miles past it.

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Thank you, Lord, for:

- Ministry in fifteen churches this fall
- Three fruitful **West Branch on the Move** events this fall: one in Colorado and two in Arizona
- Several saved in these meetings and events
- Regular financial support from two new churches and one new individual
- Special gifts to the Foundations Fund which helped greatly with recent regular and unexpected expenses
- The burden of two men who have stepped forward to help West Branch raise money for the campsite development

We Need an Architect

The work being done on sanitation and water engineering reminds us of how the Lord has supplied the right people we need at each stage of the new camp facility development. One such person was Mr. Keith Winyninger, who volunteered as our architect

for many years. After having spent some time studying the Arizona codes, he worked with our staff to design what we needed for camp cabins that are now built. He also completed plans for several other buildings.

Mr. Winyninger has now graduated to heaven, and we need someone willing to complete the work he has started. Most of the remaining buildings are at least partially completed. If you know of anyone who may be able to help in this area, please let us know.

Please pray for:

1. Sale of a home by a family in western Tennessee wanting to serve at West Branch. This would free us up for more travel.
2. Completed engineering, finances, and wisdom in taking the next steps in facility development

What's A 2011 Trailblazer?

2011 **Trailblazers** are churches that have been a **special blessing** to West Branch in 2010 specifically through one or more of the following:

1. Attending 2+ events
2. Attending 1+ event and having a WB evangelist preach in their church
3. Supporting WB (or Carlsons specifically) regularly
4. Hosting an event (2010 or 2011)

West Branch on the Move Schedule

- **West Branch Ministry Team**
various churches in Arizona February 5-26, 2012
- **Arizona Regional Conference on Marriage & the Home**
Phoenix, AZ February 24-25, 2012
- **Southwest Regional Men on the Move Conference**
Williams, AZ March 16-17, 2012
- **Arizona Youth Challenge**
various churches in Arizona July 1-September 1, 2012
- **Arizona Regional Youth Conference**
Phoenix, AZ September 8, 2012
- **Rocky Mountain Regional Men on the Move Conference**
Fort Collins, CO October 26-27, 2012
- **Coastal California Regional Youth Conference**
Santa Maria, CA November 10, 2012

2012 Ministry Opportunities

Please note our 2012 schedule above. We would love to have you pencil in as many events as you can and join us next year. If you are too far from these events or you believe we could help with a different emphasis, please contact us. We would be open to scheduling other events in new locations as the Lord allows us time and energy to do so.

We also love the opportunity to work directly in western local churches. Whether it is a special Sunday, a week-long revival, or a church's own conference, we love to help where we can. Please let us know if we can serve you.

Longevity & Faithfulness continued from front

Evangelist Bill Rice III picked up the western burden where his father left off. Using him, the Lord established West Branch twenty-two years ago. Through Dr. Bill's leadership and now the leadership of his son, Wil, the ministry hosted over 21,000 campers at the original site in Flagstaff. In the past several years, additionally almost 5,000 have attended **West Branch on the Move** events.

My wife and I are now celebrating sixteen years of marriage. Our two children have grown up in the atmosphere of western ministry. February will mark thirteen years

since we moved to Arizona to direct West Branch. We love it here, and we love the churches and people of the West.

With God's provision, West Branch is a ministry that will continue for years to come. We thank the Lord for progress we have made on our facility development in the last year. We thank the Lord for raising up some men who want to help us take the next step in that development.

Even more, we thank the Lord for giving us ministry opportunities now. We have had a fruitful fall—souls have been saved; many others have received assurance. Young people



Men's Conference quartet

have given their lives to the Lord. Other important spiritual decisions have been made. Churches have been encouraged.

What's our goal for 2012? More of the same. May God help us to be faithful!