

Trailblazer

Keeping in touch, seeking your prayer and involvement.

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Many Hands

It has been over a month now that my family and I have been in Tennessee running weekend retreats and preparing for a summer of hundreds of campers from all over the United States. As I write, there is only one week left before camp starts, and to be honest with you, while I have been able to check many things off my "to do" list, what remains unchecked is a little overwhelming. But it is also amazing what has already been accomplished. Last week, we set apart one day where about twenty of us dedicated ourselves to getting the facility ready. We call it Camp Clean-up Day. Being involved

in creating the projects list for the day, I was skeptical that we would be able to get it all accomplished, but everyone came motivated to work hard and quickly. We not only completed everything on the list, but we were even able to move on to other projects as well. What would have taken one person a month to accomplish was knocked off in eight or so hours by twenty people. It reminded me of the phrase, "Many hands make for light work."

Last week while I was a part of many hands here in Tennessee, I received an email from Bro. Bach back in Arizona describ-



ing to me what projects he was currently working on. This list included vehicle and backhoe repairs, workshop organization, getting pricing information for an upcoming roofing project, and inventorying supplies to finish out the cabins and first aid station.

Let me tell you, he does not let grass grow under his feet! I am thankful for the hard work that he and Barb have already done on the property. I told him that his work

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Upcoming Ministry:

Wondering what the Carlsons are up to this summer? Take a look at our camp schedule at www.billriceranch.org.

New pictures of camp will be posted weekly. And visit Life Tools to read interesting articles written by several of us evangelists at the Ranch. Sign up for First Light, a daily devotional by Evangelist Wil Rice, and also receive daily prayer requests concerning each week of camp this summer!

Friendly Competition

A little positive peer pressure and a little helpful competition to encourage teenagers to grow in the Lord this summer is what the Arizona Youth Challenge is all about. We are excited to be starting the fifth annual Challenge in just a few days! And this year we are challenging

churches to dethrone 2011/2012's two time champions: Open Door Baptist Church from Catalina. I believe that this year's Challenge may be the best yet as youth groups strive to win great prizes like a Mountaintop Retreat and Rock Climbing Passes. Please pray that



God will use this special contest to encourage churches and see young people become more dedicated in serving the Lord.

Please pray for:

1. Campers to be saved at the Bill Rice Ranch this summer,
2. That the submitted plans for sanitation and water will be approved by Coconino County and the City of Williams,
3. Financial support for the continuation of the development project,
4. The **ARIZONA YOUTH CHALLENGE**.

2013 Trailblazers

2013 **Trailblazers** are churches that have been a **special blessing** to West Branch in 2012, specifically through attending events, hosting events or West Branch evangelists, or supporting our ministry. There are now **47 Trailblazer** churches across the West! That is an increase for the sixth year in a row!



West Branch on the Move Schedule

- **ARIZONA YOUTH CHALLENGE**
various churches in Arizona June 30-August 31
- **Arizona Regional Youth Conference**
Phoenix, AZ September 7
- **Rocky Mountain Regional *Men on the Move* Conference**
Fort Collins, CO October 4-5
- **Arizona Marriage and the Home Conference**
Phoenix, AZ February 7-8, 2014
- **Southwest Regional *Men on the Move* Conference**
Williams, AZ March 21-22, 2014

We also have tentatively scheduled a Ladies Spring Getaway in Flagstaff, Arizona, in the spring of 2014 and a Marriage and the Home Conference in Gallup, New Mexico, in the fall of 2014.

Make a personal invitation!

Have you ever been invited to a special event—perhaps to a birthday party, a picnic, or to go out to eat? Nothing matches a personal invitation from a friend. A person may join you for an activity they would have never otherwise done, all because you asked them. Do you know of a like-minded church or family that could benefit from *West Branch on the Move* ministries? Invite them to join you for one of our fall events so that they can see that West Branch is all about.



Many Hands (continued from front)

there means more to me than he could ever know. While Bro. Bill has been able to check many things off the West Branch “to-do” list, what remains unchecked is a bit overwhelming too. And I couldn’t help but think what would have been accomplished last week if there were twenty sets of hands working at West Branch instead of two. I think that is one of our biggest needs in moving forward with getting the camp built. We have a number of projects that are ready to be done, but we just need enough hands to do them. That is why I have been brainstorming of ways to advertise our need for

help both this summer and especially next summer. Whether a man could dedicate one day or one week; whether or not he has a specialized skill or just comes ready to work hard; or whether or not he could come from across the country or from just down the road; we would be thankful for the added hands. Would you pray with us about this need? Would you take a moment to think about whether there are any men that you know who would enjoy giving a hand in Northern Arizona? And would you consider setting aside a little time in the next eighteen months to come yourself? Your

help too would mean more to me than you could know.

