

# Trailblazer

*Keeping in touch, seeking your prayer and involvement.*

*West Branch on the Move, 2501 E. Pinetree Dr., Williams, AZ 86046*

*Celebrating 25 years of ministry in the West*

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## We Have the Permit!

After several years of fact-finding missions and engineering work, we have received our permit for sanitation construction! I cannot emphasize enough how big of a milestone this is. Not only does it allow us to now get bids and transfer from estimates to more accurate dollar amounts, but it also triggers several other approvals from the City of Williams concerning water, fire protection, road work, etc.

Please be praying with us as we start the bidding process. We need the right contractor who will work with us. We also need the Lord to

provide the money to accomplish the project.

As the "behind-the-scenes" work has continued, so has the on-site renovation projects. This month we have taken several steps forward on the bunkhouse project. Volunteers have come from around Arizona to help relocate our kitchen and upgrade the electrical system. Also, all ten camp cabins and our first aid station have been freshly repainted. Some trim work remains, but we have taken a step forward in our battle with the Arizona sun!



Cabin re-siding and painting

As this newsletter goes out, work will be starting on our new basketball/volleyball court which will have heavy use this summer during our 25th Anniversary Reunion and our two "trial run" camps. Please pray with us that we will have the additional volunteer workers needed to setup our temporary auditorium, complete the bunkhouse, assemble bunk beds, and get everything looking good for our first-ever camps on site.

## 25th Anniversary Reunion

It is hard to imagine that West Branch has been helping churches of the West for twenty-five years! We praise the Lord for this, and look forward to seeing many friends from the past reunite on July 5 in Williams. We are inviting former staff and campers to

join us for a special day. Bill & Mary Rice, Morris Gleiser, Harry & Donna Lippert, Jim Cook and many others will be here. We would love to have you join us! Whether or not you were involved with West Branch in Flagstaff, you are invited to participate. Just let



us know you are coming on our webpage at: [www.westbranchAZ.org](http://www.westbranchAZ.org).

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### *Upcoming Ministry:*

**June**—Work will be ongoing in Williams. The **ARIZONA YOUTH CHALLENGE** will begin June 1. The Carlsons will spend two weeks in camps at the Bill Rice Ranch.

**July**—We will hold "trial run" junior and teen camps during two separate weeks. The **YOUTH CHALLENGE** will wind down.

**August**—Personal note: The Carlsons' daughter, Abby, will be starting Bible college!

### **Please pray for:**

1. Workers to help set up camp!
2. Final preparation for "trial run" camps this summer
3. Bids and financing for sanitation installation (\$200,000-\$300,000)
4. Sale of Dennis and Lynda Duncan's home in western Tennessee as they want to serve at West Branch in the area of maintenance

## 2014 Trailblazers

Thank you to each and every one of the **forty-four churches** that qualified to be 2014 **Trailblazers**! Your consistent involvement is a great blessing to us! Any church that has ever hosted an event qualifies. Others qualify through participation, giving, or using West Branch evangelists.



## West Branch on the Move Schedule

- **Arizona Youth Challenge**  
Arizona churches June 1-August 2
- **25th Anniversary Reunion**  
Williams, AZ July 5
- **"Trial Run" Camps on the WB Site**  
Williams, AZ July 7-11; 28-Aug. 1
- **Arizona Regional Youth Conference**  
Peoria, AZ September 27
- **Navajo Region Marriage & the Home Conference**  
Gallup, NM October 10-11
- **Rocky Mountain Regional Men on the Move Conference**  
Fort Collins, CO October 17-18
- **Arizona Regional Marriage & the Home Conference**  
Phoenix, AZ February 6-7, 2015
- **Southwest Regional Men on the Move Conference**  
Williams, AZ March 20-21, 2015

## Construction Projects for 2014

- Complete bunkhouse renovation **All funds raised & workers scheduled!**
- Complete cabins & first aid **Funds Raised! Needs—carpenters this fall**
- Build obstacle course **Funds Raised! Needs—workers**
- Concrete basketball court **Funds Raised & workers scheduled!**

## Infrastructure Projects for 2014

- Water system installation **\$50,000 (early estimate) Volunteers needed**
- Fire system installation **\$150,000 Volunteers may be able to be used.**
- Sanitation system installation **\$200,000-\$300,000 (bidding starts soon)**
- Electrical distribution hookup **Need—Electrical design (engineer)**

Bunkhouse bedroom—  
ready for campers or  
volunteer workers!



## From Ladies to Teens

We enjoyed a great Ladies Spring Getaway at the end of April for ladies from around Northern Arizona, western New Mexico, and the Arizona deserts. Though the snow was falling outside, inside there was

great fellowship, encouragement, and Bible teaching. Following the theme of 'Tis So Sweet, Sara Carlson and Missionary Melissa Carlson (Sweden) spoke on the need for *Sweet Confidence*, *Sweet Speech*, and *Sweet Harmony*. We believe the ladies were encouraged on this special day.

As June begins, so does the sixth **ARIZONA YOUTH CHALLENGE**. We have thirteen churches registered to compete over the next two months. These youth groups record their participation in several basic yet important Christian



Sara Carlson speaking at the Ladies Spring Getaway

disciplines. In the past five years, churches in the **ARIZONA YOUTH CHALLENGE** have brought 1,195 visitors to church, memorized over 18,000 Bible verses, and distributed over 40,000 gospel tracts. Please pray for us as we encourage these young people in a good work this summer!

114 attended the Ladies Spring Getaway

