

# 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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## Many Hands, Many Prayers

"Many hands make light work." Many prayers make God's work! That's probably not the perfect way to say it, but I trust it communicates the truths we have seen demonstrated at West Branch lately.

First, we are grateful for the many people who have responded to our appeal for funds to install the sanitation system. At this writing, we have raised nearly \$30,000 for that work. That is a significant start! And this has been accomplished because many people have contributed what they could.

We were also blessed to have fifteen people

working during our work day on November 1.

Days like this give us a boost, not only in work accomplished but also in excitement over seeing new progress.

Second, we know that people like you are praying for us. That means a great deal to us! Seeing this campground established requires God to do what only He can do. While we have literal mountains surrounding us, we have many figurative mountains before us. Please continue to pray that God will provide the direction for the next steps of development, as well as the



people and the finances to take those steps.

Specifically, please pray with us about the sanitation work. While we have been raising funds toward the \$275,000 project, God seems to be opening the door to lower the cost! Please pray that we can meet somewhere in the middle! And if God would lay on your heart to contribute toward this need before the end of the year, we pray you will do so.

For additional updates and more details about various West Branch projects, please visit [www.westbranchAZ.org](http://www.westbranchAZ.org).

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### *Upcoming Ministry:*

**November**—Church meetings in Arizona, Indiana, and Illinois.

**January/February**—We have our annual Marriage & the Home Conference in Phoenix. We would love to be in several churches around Arizona to preach and update folks on the spring events and summer camps.

### **Please pray for:**

1. Financing for the sanitation installation (\$275,000)
2. Workers for spring projects
3. Planning for our 2015 spring and summer events
4. Four different people who are trying to sell property to help West Branch with finances or staffing

## Three Conferences in Four Weeks

We have lived up to our name this fall! We are West Branch... *on the Move*! Within a twenty-two-day span, we held events in Arizona, New Mexico, and Colorado. All of these events were repeat conferences for their respective locations, and two of them

were the largest we had ever had in those locations.

On the last Saturday of September, we had 236 people from 24 churches at our Arizona Regional... (continued on back)



Largest Arizona Regional Youth Conference we have ever had.

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## 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 Schedule—2015

- **Arizona Regional Marriage & the Home Conference**  
Phoenix, AZ February 6-7
- **Southwest Regional *Men on the Move* Conference**  
Williams, AZ March 20-21
- **Ladies Spring Getaway**  
Flagstaff, AZ April 25
- **Arizona Youth Challenge**  
across Arizona June 7-August 1
- **Youth Camp**  
West Branch June 21-26
- **Junior Camp**  
West Branch June 28-July 2
- **Arizona Regional Youth Conference**  
Peoria, AZ September 12

## Development Projects Needing Funds and/or Workers

- \* Sanitation system installation *\$30,000 of \$275,000 raised*
- \* Electrical distribution hookup *God has provided an electrician to guide us in the process. We are working now to determine costs involved.*
- \* Development of the activity facilities *We plan to seal our basketball court, build a softball backstop, and put up a roof over one set of bleachers.*
- \* Completion of the interior of the cabins and first aid buildings *The money is raised; some workers are helping this fall, and we need additional workers in the spring.*
- \* Temporary auditorium expansion *\$500 of \$1,500 is raised. Work is beginning this fall. Workers are needed in the spring to complete the project.*
- \* Road extension *\$4,500 needed to install one spur for fire protection and enhancing the camp.*



One of two utility carts the Lord recently provided for us

## Three Conferences in Four Weeks continued from front

Youth Conference. Two were saved, and many other decisions were made. Two weeks later we were in Gallup, New Mexico, for the Navajo Region Marriage & the Home Conference. We thank the



Lord for all who attended from several churches in the area. One week after that we held our seventh annual Rocky Mountain Regional *Men on the Move* Conference in Fort Collins, Colorado. We welcomed men from along the eastern side of the Rockies—from Colorado Springs all the way north to Casper, Wyoming. The fellowship was great, and the preaching was helpful from Pastor John Goetsch, Jr., Evangelist Bill Rice III, and Evangelist Troy Carlson. If all we were looking to accomplish was busyness, we certainly met our



Our largest Rocky Mountain *Men on the Move* Conference ever

goal! However, what we really wanted was to be a help to churches throughout the West who continue to be a lighthouse in their communities. We consider it an honor to encourage and uplift these pastors and their people as they faithfully serve the Lord.