



West Branch Trailblazer

Keeping in Touch, Seeking Your Prayer and Involvement

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Project Status

Rasmussen Crossing - on the verge of completing all the requirements of Phase One occupancy of the building. We are now looking to move on the Phase Two to enhance what we already have.

Upcoming Events:

3.18-19 Men on the Move Conference

March-May Christian school Senior Trip Retreats

4.29-30 Youth Retreat

6.3-4 Ladies Summer Getaway

June - July Summer Camps

Visit westbranchAZ.org for more details.

We Can See the Finish Line

Over the past few weeks, we have been able to get even closer to completing the requirements for occupancy of the Rasmussen Crossing. The projects needed to satisfy the City of Williams are in two categories: fire suppression system and building safety.

There have been many details to complete to get the fire suppression system operational. We now have 40,000 gallons of water stored on site. A large pump would transfer the water about 550 feet to The Crossing's sprinkler system. A fire alarm is also connected which would activate the system and call the fire department. The completion of this project has involved the fire system company, electrical volunteers, our general contractor, and our staff. **We are getting very close to the time to test the system and have it approved** by the City of Williams.

The building safety has included many hours of drywall work as well as some minor finishes from our electrical contractor. We are not being required to complete The Crossing to have occupancy, but we do have to have all safety issues completed. We are very close.

As we complete Phase One, we would like to **roll right into Phase Two** of the project which will help certain aspects have a more finished appearance. The highlights of Phase Two are: interior and exterior paint, permanent lighting, ceiling fans, and trim. Recently, over \$8,000 has come in to help complete Phase One and move into Phase Two. With additional donations, we can keep moving forward to make use of the building as an auditorium this summer in the nicest way possible.



Concrete pour to stabilize the fire pump



Exit signs and duct work completed

Special Needs

- Keyboard with weighted keys for use in new auditorium
- Softball gloves! Good condition and various sizes
- Utility dump trailer
- Newer model pickup truck, 4x4 with towing and hauling capability (e.g. F250), probably 2010-newer.
- Compact Utility Tractor (e.g. John Deere, Kubota)
- New snow plow
- We are always trying to enhance our activity selection. If you have a gently used ping pong, Foosball, or other similar game table that you would be willing to donate, please let us know! (especially if you would have the ability to transport it to us!)

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Additional itineraries, schedules, & reports are online.

Staff Needs Update

We mentioned in the last *Trailblazer* that we are seeking a person to come on staff to fill a **big need in food service**. This person would lead the preparation of all meals. During summer camp, when we have more volunteer staff, the individual would continue to cook and direct many of the camp meals. This position would probably be full-time, though there may be some scenarios where a part-time or seasonal situation could be possible.

While we have had a couple of inquiries of interest, the position is still open, so we are continuing to pray for the Lord to lead us and the right individual together. Please pass along our contact information to anyone you may know who might be a good fit for this important position.

Since we do not have seasonal retreats every week throughout the year, this position would include other responsibilities such as housekeeping, program support, or light maintenance work depending on the individual's skills. The main requirement is that the individual be a ministry-minded person, willing to serve.



Counselor eating with junior campers – Summer 2021

We also **need to fill a few more summer staff positions**. Summer staff serve as volunteers from June 9 – July 26, receiving an expense allowance each week. The camp program provides housing and meals. We specifically need college-aged ladies to serve as counselors and a couple more high school-aged guys to work in food service or camp program.

Please let us know of any leads you may have!

Doing the Work of Evangelism

Over the next couple of months, we will have opportunities to serve people and churches both at West Branch and out on the road. March 18-19, is our **Men on the Move Conference** at camp. Please pray for us to not only complete the work on The Crossing in time but also to be effective in preaching the Bible to these men who will come from around the area.

February and March also provide opportunities for **revival meetings** here in Arizona. Evangelist Troy Carlson will have meetings in Catalina and Marana. Evangelist Glenn Stevenson, who serves with us during the summer, will be holding revival meetings in Peach Springs and Mesa during April and May.

April also begins our **Senior Trip** season. We are still lining up groups, but it looks like we will have high school seniors from at least Florida and Oregon coming for these events. While here, they see the sites of Northern Arizona, and we have the opportunity to preach messages designed to encourage them at this critical point in their lives. We will also conclude April with a **Youth Retreat** for regional teens.