



# West Branch Trailblazer

Keeping in Touch, Seeking Your Prayer and Involvement

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## Prayer Requests

Funds for engineering work and beginning Phase Two of the Rasmussen Crossing development

Two remaining summer staff positions to be filled

Spiritual impact this summer

## Project Status

**Rasmussen Crossing** – fire suppression system complete; on going work paused till August except for painting & engineering

## Upcoming Events:

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](http://westbranchAZ.org) for more details.

## Rasmussen Crossing: Summer Use Condition

In mid-March we completed the installation of the Rasmussen Crossing’s fire suppression system including a supporting large diesel pump and 40,000 gallons of water storage. All of this was tested and approved by the City of Williams fire department. This allowed us to hold the *Men on the Move* Conference in the building about a week and a half later. Unfortunately, **we also learned we would not have unlimited occupancy** of the building as we had anticipated. We were given permission for that one overnight event and have secured permission to use it for two more overnight events in the next seven weeks.

In order to use The Crossing for summer camp, we have had to reserve a restroom trailer to have parked outside the Crossing. **This city obligation will cost \$4,600** but will give us the use of the building for our auditorium and camp store. We will also be able to use it for dining in the event of rain or heavy wind. This is a large extra expense to have on top of our regular summer camp expenses, so we are seeking help to raise the funds to cover this requirement. We felt the use of the building was important enough to step out and secure the restroom trailer.

We have paused work on the building to accommodate our April – July use except for painting the exterior which will take place when weather permits. We also plan to use the time to employ an engineer to develop the plan for connecting The Crossing’s restrooms to water and sanitation on camp. **Engineering may cost around \$12,000 which we would need between now and August 1.** We also need to install permanent lighting, finish the drywall, paint and trim, and install flooring. Please pray with us that the Lord will provide the finances and workers to complete these things for the summer of 2023.



*Men on the Move service in The Crossing*



*Men on the Move supper*

## Special Needs

- Keyboard with weighted keys for use in new auditorium-PROVIDED!
- Softball gloves! SEVERAL PROVIDED! Could still use a few more.
- 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)
- 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.

## Spring Events, Large and Small

As we have already mentioned, we were privileged to hold our annual *Men on the Move* Conference last month. We had 105 attend from Arizona, Nevada, and New Mexico. It was great to welcome regular attenders as well as some who were brand new or had not been in several years.

The spirit of the services and the fellowship was outstanding. Evangelist Bill Rice III and Pastor Tim Walker (Marana, AZ) joined Bro. Troy in preaching on such themes as the gospel, serving the Lord, taking responsibility for your family, living in and under authority, and others.

One special blessing is that we heard of one man who attended who was saved back at his church a short while after the event. Many others commented on how the Lord worked in their lives.



Most senior trip groups visit the Grand Canyon

Since then, we have also hosted a small group of Christian high school seniors from Oregon who came here to see the sights of Northern Arizona. We housed them and fed them breakfast and a lunch-to-go each day as well as preaching to them each morning in a brief service. This ministry has been a great blessing to us to impact young people at an important time in their lives.

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## Special Summer Need

Lately the Lord has provided a couple more individuals to serve with us as summer volunteers. That leaves us with just a couple more spots to fill. We **need one more young lady to be a counselor.**

We also are **seeking to bring in different individuals per week to help in our first aid station.** Emergency medical experience is not needed. What we need is basic first aid skill and common sense (mothering experience would probably qualify!). Each person helping would treat minor first aid needs and help campers who bring medicines to camp. We are **willing to have people commit to just one week.** We have covered one camp week and have three more to cover in June and July.

We are still looking for a person 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 may be full-time, or could possibly be a part-time or seasonal worker.

Please let us know of any leads you may have for any of these positions.