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It is difficult to put into mere words, what our recent trip to Botswana, South Africa did for me and for our entire team. It was our mission to be 'feet on the ground' for this country. The Lord has put in our hearts to take this on as a network-wide mission that we have titled, "Botswana for Jesus." I was blessed to have several pastors from our network with me on this missions/vision trip. God put this team together from the beginning and we witnessed several miracles from the initial trip to the airport in Phoenix, landing in Botswana, and certainly in our ministry there on the ground.



Every department of our network has jumped in with enthusiasm to see the vision for Botswana come to fruition. We were initially asked to raise \$600,000. To date, we have sent over \$400,000 in reaching our goal.

The photos can only begin to share our experience. I believe we each came home with renewed vision and anticipation for what the Lord is going to do through the faithful giving of each of our churches in the Arizona Ministry Network. We were given two years, and we are well into our second year.

Let me share in his own words, Pastor Keith Howard's testimony following the first service we attended. It was their General Council, and I was honored to preach there.

“An amazing thing happened. Network Superintendent Stephen Harris ministered representing Arizona. When he had concluded, he entertained a few comments and questions. An older gentleman minister of Botswana remembered many years ago, an evangelist who came and preached on the very property where we were gathered. He recalled that his name was Harris and wondered if they were any relation? As he was speaking, Christian Chambliss, Pastor Harris’ nephew, was able to pull up a picture of his grandfather on his tablet, and walked across the room to show it to the man.

He gazed and said, 'Yes, this is the man!' As it turns out, Charity Harris had not only been the one preaching on these very grounds, but had actually helped construct the original tabernacle all those years ago. Here was his son now ministering during the General Council at the same church. It was a very powerful, God-moment!”

God’s timing at its best! Again! It was a moving experience to say the least for the entire team.



Pastors Jason Brown, Romeo Leal, Bill Weaver, Keith Howard, Christian Chambliss, Youth Director, Griffin McGrath, and our videographer, Adrian, and myself as well as our World Missionary, Jacob Jester made up our team. We all enjoyed the beautiful people of Botswana. They stole our heart. As a mission’s team, we built a tabernacle for a growing community. Afterwards, the people erupted in praise, singing and dancing. A man in the community saw the building and heard the singing and came in to receive prayer and accepted Christ into his heart! He was their first salvation in their new building. All of our pastors had the privilege of ministering on Sunday morning in various churches. All were a blessing and made this superintendent so very proud of what God did through these dedicated ministers of the Gospel.

Pastor, if you haven't jumped on board with our network project of winning Botswana for Jesus, please prayerfully consider becoming part of this effort. It is worthy of your giving and participation. Churches Big and Small – it makes no difference. We need you to do what you can do to help our network-wide goal of winning Botswana for Jesus.

"THANK YOU TO THE WOMEN OF ARIZONA WHO TOOK IN JUST UNDER \$50,000 IN THEIR TWO WEEKENDS OF RETREATS!" In addition to the vision of Lindsay Petri, Griffin McGrath will lead the youth during convention in Speed-the-light giving. Kirstyn Rempel is leading our KIDS in BGMC for Botswana. Dale Gray is involving the men of our Network. As well. All of us are working towards a common goal of reaching Botswana for Jesus. What might your church be able to do, Pastor? Please join our mission's effort! 100% participation is my prayer.



Sincerely,
Pastor Harris and Marjorie



Minister's Renewal

OCTOBER 24 & 25



*You're
Invited*

CORNERSTONE
CHRISTIAN CENTER
AVONDALE, AZ

MINISTER'S RENEWAL SCHEDULE

MONDAY/OCTOBER 24th

7:00PM - OPENING SERVICE

Guest: Brent Teague, West Africa Director

TUESDAY/OCTOBER 25th

9:00AM - SESSION 1

Worship: Cornerstone Team

Guest: Ed Ivey - Special Gift Presentation for Lead Pastors

10:30AM - BREAK - COFFEE & SNACKS

10:45AM - SESSION 2

Guest: Rick DuBose, Assistant General Superintendent

11:45AM - LUNCH | BOXED LUNCH ON GROUNDS

1:00PM - SESSION 3

Guest: Rick DuBose, Assistant General Superintendent

Concluding in a time of prayer

3:00PM - DISMISSAL



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Ministry, Mission & Obedience

I was reading through Exodus and came across the story of Moses. I've read this story many times, but on this occasion I was taken back a little. Did you know that after God told Moses to go to Egypt and free the Israelites from slavery, that Moses questioned and pleaded with God five times before he yielded? **FIVE TIMES!** He said things like:

What if they won't believe or listen to me?

Who am I?

I'm not very good with words.

Lord, please send somebody else!

And this is the part that gets me. After Moses pleaded with God five times, God got a little angry, but instead of pouring out His wrath, He provided Moses with Aaron. He provided him with a companion and someone to help him communicate with Pharaoh. This is a wonderful example of grace - pure, loving, patient, and undeserving grace.

I don't know about you, but sometimes I feel like Moses. Lately, I've found myself questioning God on many things and most of them involve the tasks at hand and the feelings of inadequacy. Contrary to what some might perceive, I argued with God about our current project for eight years before I said, "Ok, God, I'll enter another gut-wrenching, time-consuming, 'get out of the boat and walk on water' building project."

And now, after four years of toil and having extended myself to the point of death, I've found myself wondering why I said "Yes" to God's voice in the first place. Life sure would have been easier to lay low at this season of my life. I've also come to understand that being transparent brings an awareness of others in our ranks who have taken tough assignments and have been plowing for years and maybe not seen their desired results.

Ministry and "staying on mission" is like wrestling a grizzly bear. People growl and maul at you with their claws or sleep in the seats during hibernation. Truth be told, sometimes it's a lot easier to simply let the bear sleep. Peace and quiet beats chaos and craziness any day of the week.

I've learned over the years that God often asks us to do things for His Kingdom which at the times seem difficult and unreasonable. I think of Joseph who was filled with dreams, but didn't see God's purpose until years of betrayal, confusion, and suffering had run its course. And yet, ministry, mission, and obedience comes knocking at the door again.

And now for the tough questions: Will I engage or lay low? Will I increase productivity or keep the status quo? Will I reignite passion or let the embers decrease to a small glow? Will I take on a new project or find ways to quietly ride out my tenure? Will I add another missionary to the budget or not trouble myself with yet another increase of faith? Will I take a risk or use typical excuses to pacify my conscience?

Friend of the ministry, I don't know your peculiar trouble, trial or temptation, but you can be assured many, myself included, have gone through seasons of wondering if what we're doing is enough or making a difference in the world. When those questions of inadequacy come, it's reassuring to know that God's grace is sufficient and His love will carry us through.

By grace Moses led the people out of the desert, Daniel came out of the lion's den, the three Hebrew children walked through the fire, and Paul overcame enormous battles. This knowledge should remind that us if God can do it for them, then He certainly can do it for us.

Yes! The road will be tough, the grizzlies will keep growling, and the hurricane storms will keep beating on the house, but now is not the time to shrink back in our mission. Now is the time to stand strong in the power of His might, to keep on fighting, to walk in obedience regardless of the results, and to lift high the banner of the Lord!

When you walk in obedience to God's calling and mission, He gives you exactly what you need to fulfill what He has asked you to do. One day our ultimate goal in life will be fulfilled and that is when we will hear the words of the Lord of the Harvest saying, **"Well done, good and faithful servant."**

Missionary family, thank you for persevering in order to reach the lost by your faithful obedience to His will. You are in our hearts and prayers. And thank you, pastors, for your continued support of all our missionaries with your finances, prayers, and encouragement.



Ron Rockwell
Assistant Superintendent



In 2022, the Arizona Church Multiplication Network launched a 10-month cohort aimed at helping innovative leaders break through ministry growth barriers. We are launching another cohort this January and want to invite you to be part. This cohort meets together with Pastors Monty & Kelli Sears who grew Christian Faith Center in Idaho to 7 thriving campuses and have served in various successful leadership positions within the Assemblies of God. Whether you are breaking the 1000 barrier or attempting to launch your next campus, this cohort will help you work with seasoned consultants and other churches in our network for scalable growth.

If you are interested in joining the 2023 Innovate Cohort, please email me at lmetcalf@azag.org.

Testimony from 2022 Innovate Cohort:

"The Innovate Cohort provided us with relational access to ask questions, be transparent, and highlight areas we needed to develop. Each element of the cohort has been a huge blessing, but the one one one moments have been especially beneficial, as we were able to glean from the Sears' experiences and gain wealth from their leadership. When Pastors Monty & Kelli visited Hope City, they were able to personalize their training and sessions with us based upon where we are at as a church and our particular season as pastors."

Pastors Steve & Kelly Lewandowski
Hope City Church

Breath of Life Church is Paid Off!



"We are so excited to move into the next chapter of Breath of Life International Fellowship, debt-free from our property loan that we inherited when we acquired the land and buildings by God's favor and grace. In 10 years, this humble church was able to pay off the \$250,000 loan. Despite the times of testing, congregation turnovers, volunteer-run ministries, major repairs and renovations (some done by MAPS & some by our adherents), and COVID, God kept the vision before us and continues to show us his mercy and grace and next steps for this church and community. The vision he has given us to build a multi-purpose building and staff to support the various ministries, we believe will serve the needs of the church and community. Thank you Arizona Ministry Network for praying for us and trusting that God is leading us.

Pastor Tony Saldibar | Breath of Life Church

Note to Self...

Rehearse Collateral Goodness

Many years ago, I found the promise that closes the Shepherd's Psalm to be particularly encouraging. I was walking through a difficult season in ministry and David's words, "Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life" brought comforting assurance. I discovered that word "follow" means much more than to simply pace next to us in life. Rather the Hebrew is a military term. David pictured an army chasing other armies when he penned that wonderful promise for God's daily pursuit of us!

In his book "Winning the War in Your Mind," Craig Groeschel reminds us of a reality related to this truth. Groeschel asserts that when we reflect upon situations we may have felt were detrimental at the time, we can often see God's "collateral goodness" in the end. He cites several examples in his personal life that underscore God's goodness and mercy were there even though he could not see them at the time.

Life and ministry present endless disappointments, challenges, and apparent failures. At the moment we may feel overwhelmed, discouraged, or even a natural contemplation to throw in the towel. Yet, coming just behind those circumstances are God's relentless goodness and mercy. Could it be that even those things may "work together for the good of those who love Him and are called according to His purpose" (Romans 8:28)?



Be encouraged my friend. God's promises are yes and amen in Christ (2 Cor. 1:20)! When His word says "surely" it provides for us the assurance we need that God is in control, on our side, and working things for our good.

STEPS TO REMEMBERING GOD'S COLLATERAL GOODNESS:

Reflect back over your life and note the times you see God's positive goodness in what you thought was a negative situation.

Meditate upon the picture of Gods' goodness and mercy chasing you like an army chases an army in scripture.

Look at other translations of Psalm 23:6, including Peterson's The Message.

If you ever want prayer or just to talk about challenges in life and ministry, give me a call: 480-579-9998.



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RETREAT

2022

HIGHLIGHTS



GOOD NEWS

Arizona Youth is partnering with our Network to help Botswana! Our AZYC22 Speed the Light offering will be designated to the Botswana project!



IF YOU BUILD IT, THEY WILL COME

Our Arizona team of pastors and staff took a vision trip to Botswana in September.

We saw the first fruits of our investment through Speed the Light and Arizona missions to plant churches, dig water wells, and invest in the next generation through Bible resources and Christian education.

Upon the completion of one tabernacle that our team built in a day, a man walked up from the street asking for prayer. We had the privilege of seeing this man surrender his life to Jesus, becoming the first salvation under the new church!

We have so many more stories to share with you as we continue to invest in seeing souls saved and lives changed.

Botswana for Jesus!



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Highlights





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This month I had a chance to spend time in our nation's capital with some leaders from the Church Multiplication Network. While there I learned that one of the largest concerns for our movement is where the leaders are going to come from to reach the lost.

As I heard stat after stat of the vast need for Spirit empowered leaders to fill our vacant churches and plant in unreached areas of the nation I was reminded of the vision of ASOM. We exist to produce Pentecostal leaders of the highest caliber for the lowest price.

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Grateful to be on your team,
Yisrael Vincent, PhD


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Every step in the progress of missions is directly traceable to prayer.
Arthur T. Pierson



APACHE JUNCTION

Pastor Dallas Satterfield, Associate Pastor Bill Housley, and First Assembly of God in Apache Junction are experiencing a revival spirit with growing impact on their community as their hearts have expanded to reach the lost like never before. Recently the church moved into a new 15,000 sq. ft. building that towers over their original 3,600 sq. ft. facility. On November 13, 2022, the church will celebrate their 50th anniversary and dedicate the new building that houses their sanctuary and offices. With the larger building comes a larger anointing! During a month of daily prayer for revival in America, God started doing a new thing. As Pastor Dallas is famous for saying, "This can only be God!" In the midst of a prophetic word to expand their anointing to affect all of Apache Junction, there came a desire to plant a Hispanic congregation. We thank God for His supernatural work in the East Valley!

QUEEN CREEK

Pastors David and Belen Gonzalez and their two children have been pastoring in Queen Creek for the past six years. They had a strong, healthy congregation that wanted to plant a new PAC church (Parent Affiliated Church). Pastor David is originally from the Assemblies of God in Honduras and has a huge vision to reach Hispanic people in the East Valley. His wife, Belen, is part of the beloved Escobar family of whom several are Network pastors. Pastor Dallas' wife, Lisa, and Pastor Gonzalez met at a school where they were both teaching. The connection was made! Plans unfolded with Pastor Dallas to plant a new Hispanic church in Apache Junction. We thank God for what He is putting into motion in the East Valley!

IGLESIA CRISTIANA HISPANA APACHE JUNCTION AND SAN TAN

A launch team was developed and meetings began with the English and Hispanic church leaders. It was decided to launch the new Hispanic church the last Sunday of August. For Pastor Dallas, Pastor Bill and Pastor David, it has been amazing to watch brand new people come to Christ! The English church has helped to supply the needs of the Hispanic church. They have included Pastor David with their church leadership and offered him a full-time position. Iglesia Cristiana Hispana Apache Junction meets at 10:30AM on Sunday morning and then Pastor David and his wife scurry to San Tan for a service at their original church, now called Iglesia Cristiana Hispana San Tan. God is up to something GREAT in the East Valley!

For more information how you can add a PAC or church plant to your ministry, call 417.849.0539.



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October Greetings!

We have a great event coming next month and would love to see you there. Attached are the dates to save, and the information on **Called to Lead**. Each location is something new. I would love it if you would invite a credentialed friend or a women you are advocating to pursue ministerial credentials. It will be a night of encouragement and lifting up the name of Jesus!

Serving with Joy,

Denise

Denise Ryan
Director

**SAVE
THE
DATES**

NOVEMBER 4TH 2022
*Summit Church
Anthem, Arizona*

FEBRUARY 17TH 2023
*Generation Church
Mesa, Arizona*

MARCH 17TH-18TH 2023
*Passion Church
Casa Grande, Arizona*

MAY 19TH 2023
*Harvent Church
Glendale, Arizona*

OCTOBER 10TH 2023
*Radiant Church
Surprise Arizona*



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NETWORK OF WOMEN MINISTERS

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& PRAYER**

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4TH

SUMMIT CHURCH - ANTHEM, AZ

DOORS OPEN: 6:30PM | STARTS: 7:00PM

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RSVP ON FACEBOOK: [HTTPS://FB.ME/E/1T4JMBWGD](https://fb.me/e/1t4jmbwgd)





Teen Challenge of Arizona

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Colossians 4:2



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TUCSON

Tucson Teen Challenge/Springboard

MONDAY, November 7, 2022

RECEPTION: 6PM // BANQUET: 7PM

El Conquistador

10000 N. Oracle Road, Tucson, AZ 85704

TICKETS \$57 / TABLE \$456

CONTACT: Tucson (520) 730-4265

Springboard (520) 404-4561

PHOENIX

Greater Phoenix Teen Challenge

FRIDAY, November 18, 2022

RECEPTION: 6PM // BANQUET: 7PM

Renaissance Phoenix Glendale

9495 W. Coyotes Blvd, Glendale, AZ 85305

TICKETS \$66 / TABLE \$528

CONTACT: (602) 478-7704

EAST VALLEY

Greater Phoenix Teen Challenge

THURSDAY, November 17, 2022

RECEPTION: 6PM // BANQUET: 7PM

DoubleTree Hilton - Phoenix Mesa

1011 W. Holmes Avenue, Mesa, AZ 85210

TICKETS \$66 / TABLE \$528

CONTACT: (602) 478-7704

SCOTTSDALE

Christian Life Ranch

SATURDAY, November 19, 2022

RECEPTION: 6PM // BANQUET: 7PM

DoubleTree - Paradise Valley Scottsdale

5401 N. Scottsdale Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85250

TICKETS \$66 / TABLE \$528

CONTACT: (602) 309-4391



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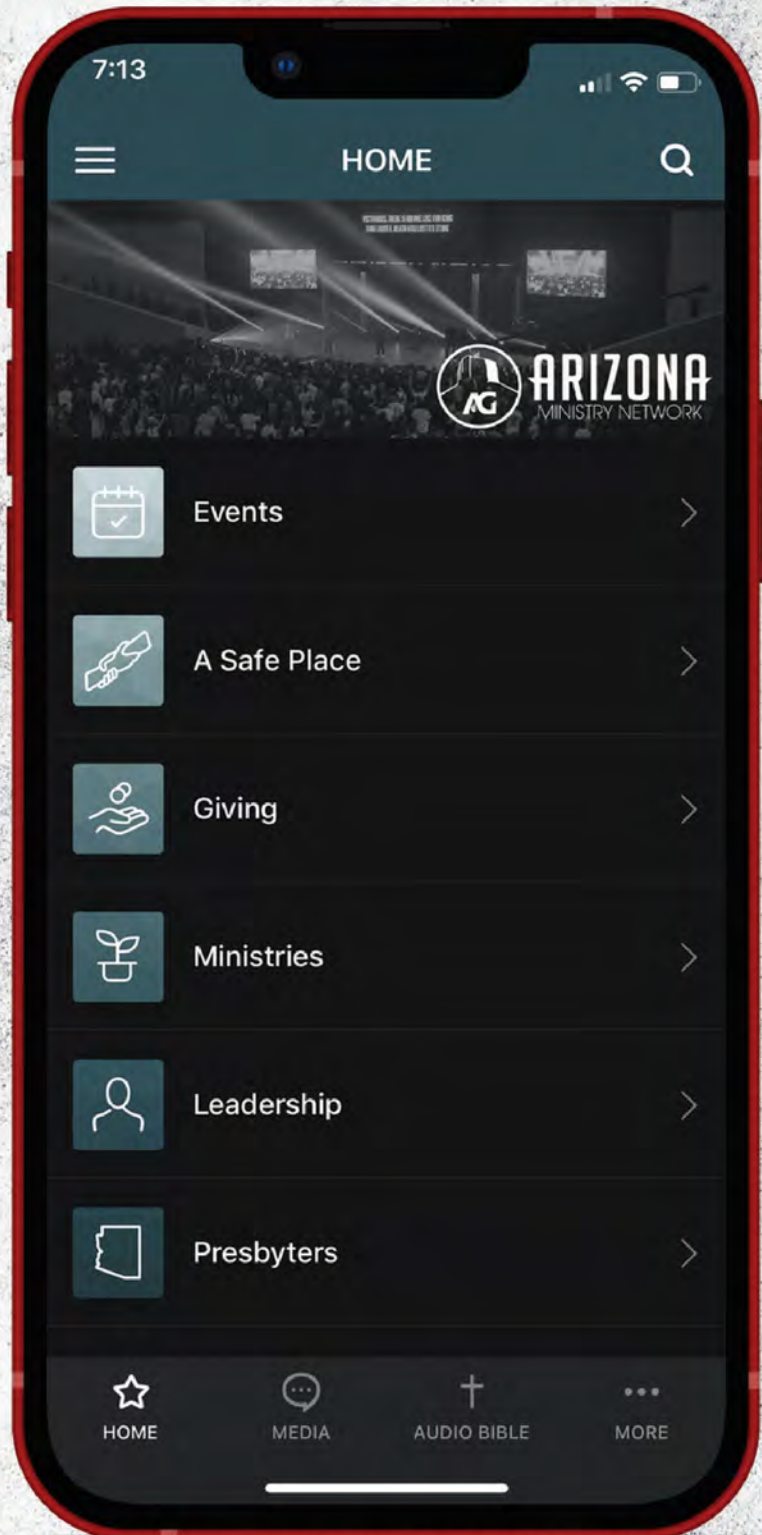


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- **A Safe Place** - List of elder contacts for times of crisis + coaching
- **Events** - detailed information/ easy registration
- **Ministries** - links to all network ministry websites
- **Leadership** - network leadership/presbytery contacts
- **Inspiration** - daily scripture + network pastors' blogs
- **Giving** - easy giving link
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A background photograph showing several people in an outdoor setting, likely a church courtyard. In the foreground, a woman in a green and red patterned dress is seen from the side, with her hands raised in prayer. To her right, a man in a black t-shirt and blue jeans is also in prayer. In the background, other people are visible, some with their hands raised. The scene is set outdoors with trees and a building in the distance.

Recent Network Statistics

OPEN CHURCHES

Dennehotso, Trinity Assembly of God
Page, First Assembly of God
Rainbow Mtn., Navajo Mtn.
San Manuel, Assembly of God
Tucson, Praise Center Assembly

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Kenneth Clay from Oklahoma

TRANSFERRED OUT

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DECEASED

Rev Wayne Arrington - 9/6/22

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