“In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.”
- Acts 2:17
I’m extremely grateful to have the privilege of leading a district with vision, especially, a mission’s vision. Almost a year ago, the district presbytery board gave their approval to send $50,000 to the work of God in Tanzania, East Africa. The funds are being used for the construction of Church Planting Bible schools to train men and women to plant churches in Tanzania. The General Superintendent, Dr. Barnabas Mtokombali, has cast a great vision of planting 100 churches a year for the next 10 years in Tanzania. I was privileged as your superintendent to have lead an awesome missions team to Tanzania. Those who went on this missions trip are pastors, Ron Rockwell, Chris Puccini, Todd League, his son TJ, my brother Michael Harris from Oklahoma, and credentialed minister Dale Whitmore. Missionary, Charlie Brown and two men from the Oklahoma district went with us to construct the Bible School.

What a personal joy for me to return to the place where my father, Missionary Charity Harris planted many churches in his first missionary term in Tanzania in the 50’s. Now, all of these years later, the work of God has prospered and the Tanzanian church is alive and well and moving forward with great vision and heart to see Tanzania reached for Christ.

Thank you, Arizona District, for your giving, for your sending, and for your prayers. We went representing you. The travel necessary to reach the remote area where the Bible school was constructed was long and the work arduous, but these gentlemen who accompanied me on this Missions trip were willing workers and together we accomplished a great deal in getting the buildings up to house the Bible school.

On a personal note, the bonding that takes place on trips like this is invaluable. I am grateful for the family of God, and grateful for these times of working together on such a project. So, ‘thanks’ Arizona district for the privilege given me to lead this mission’s team and the blessing of providing the funds to see it accomplished.

Happy Thanksgiving! We are headlong into the autumn season. Sometimes, it’s difficult to really know that living in Arizona; however, the calendar reminds us of this wonderful time of year that begins the holiday season. Thanksgiving Day is the one holiday purely American! I heard a quote that has stayed with me and it went like this, “Gratitude is riches; Complaint is poverty!” I’m not certain to whom credit should be given for this quote, but how true is the message. Spiritually speaking, the more gratitude you express, the happier you are. The more you complain, the more dismal you feel about your circumstances. So, come on, let’s get our gratitude on and make this a Thanksgiving celebration immersed in praise of all we have at the hand of our Heavenly Father. If the only prayer you pray is “thank you”, that will suffice.

Marjorie and I send our love and prayers for each one of you and express our gratitude in being in relationship with you, our district family. We are thankful for the ‘team spirit’ we feel among us. Together, we’re a powerful force in the state of Arizona. God bless you each one, regardless of where you’ll be on Thanksgiving Day, and a special prayer for all of the efforts that will take place in our churches this holiday season to bless the homeless, the needy, and the children. After all, this is the heartbeat of the Savior!

For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground.
- Isaiah 44:3

Superintendent’s November Schedule

- November 9 & 10. Youth Convention
- November 12 & 13. Mission Awareness Seminar
- November 25-30. Fire Summit
The Arizona District Council has invited the ACTS 2 Journey team from our national office to come to Arizona for a Friday and Saturday Retreat called “Discovery Weekend.” During the Discovery Weekend, church leaders will have an opportunity to learn more about how the ACTS 2 Journey can impact their church through informative presentations and direct contact with national church consultants and coaches.

In the Acts 2 Journey, pastors and their selected Vision Teams will commit to a one-year journey of development (four weekend retreats) that includes in-depth training, personal coaching, meaningful connecting, prayer, visioneering, and strategic planning. This team experience helps each church find its own unique direction and plan for future effectiveness, while enjoying the encouragement of other congregations in the same process.

The Arizona District Discovery Weekend is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, February 1 and 2, 2013. On Friday, we will meet with the pastors and their spouse. On Saturday, members from the churches are invited to join in the meeting. The Friday evening meeting for the pastor and spouse will begin at 7:00 p.m. with a meal catered by the district office. This session will conclude around 9:00 p.m. The Saturday morning session is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. and conclude at 11 a.m.

Rock Church in Scottsdale will be hosting the February 2013 Discovery Weekend.

The purpose of the Acts 2 Journey is to give aid to churches which seem to have plateaued. The cost to churches which choose to join is $150 per month for 12 months.

The national team will work with each church, aiding with helps pertinent to their locality. Also, the team will return to Arizona every three months to evaluate the progress of churches involved in the program.

For churches finding they need this assistance but absolutely have no resources to fund the program, application can be made requesting assistance through a scholarship program in place on the national level. To inquire about the scholarship program, you may contact my office at 602.343.4012.

The Arizona District Council will be hosting a Church Multiplication Network BootCamp beginning January 28, and concluding February 1, 2013. Desert Springs Assembly of God in Chandler will be hosting this event.

Boot Camps are vital in training pastors and leaders who are interested in planting a new church, multisite, or an ethnic church.

If you are a new church planter and have not attended a BootCamp or you are planning on planting a church within the next 24 months, you should plan on attending. Please visit the CMN website at the following link: http://churchmultiplication.net, and then proceed to “Find a BootCamp” and then “Register for a Boot Camp.”

Below is general information regarding what to expect at BootCamp:

1) Church Multiplication Network BootCamp is a week-long training event which is beneficial to those who are planting a church within the next 12-24 months.
2) An experienced team of church planters will come alongside to walk potential planters through the process in an effort to help them succeed.
3) Critical areas that will be defined include vision, mission, values, team, strategy, and evaluation.
4) This collaborative learning environment also provides the opportunity for planters to develop relationships with others on the same journey.

The goal is to produce strong, healthy reproducing churches by helping answer the six questions showing below:

1) What does God want to do? (What is His vision for the community?)
2) Who am I? (How will my gifts, skills, values, and leadership style affect this ministry?)
3) What am I sent to do? (What is my specific assignment in this community?)
4) Who will do it with me? (How do I recruit people to fulfill God’s vision?)
5) How will we do it? (What steps will we take to start a healthy church?)
6) How will we evaluate our progress? (Are we accomplishing what God wants us to do?)

For more local information, contact Bryan Durrett at pastorbryan@desertspringschurch.com or Leigh Metcalf at lmetcalf@azag.org.
As a young preacher's kid in Willmar Minnesota I always looked forward to our Missions Conventions especially when Morris Williams would be with us. Morris had married a girl from the Willmar church and was, of course, a favorite. My eyes would be wide open as he would roll out one of the famous snake skins and tell stories about his ministry in Nyasaland. I know on many occasions I would go to the altar after the service committing my life to be a missionary.

When I served as a youth pastor for John Wilkerson in Kenosha, Wisconsin my vision for missions was greatly enlarged. John was a mission minded pastor that loved to talk missions and sponsored some of the best mission's conventions.

Later as a young pastor, Calvin Olson, missionary to Bangladesh was speaking at our church and I felt perhaps God was calling us to become missionaries. My Bible college roommate, Jerry Parsley, had accepted the call to be a missionary to that country and I thought maybe I should join him.

As I have relived some of those experiences I realize that God was calling me to help missionaries rather than to go to a far off land. Serving as a pastor for many years now it is a joy to know that I have many friends who are serving or have served as missionaries. It was always my goal as a pastor to have one missionary a month be a part of one of our services. I wanted to constantly expose our congregations to what God was doing around the world. It is so easy for us to have “tunnel vision” and only see our own congregation.

Let me encourage you to make missions a priority in your church, I know that as you do, God will honor your church.

A great way to enlarge your vision for missions is to attend our coming Missions Workshop. This is the first time we have done this in Arizona and I really need your support. Omar Beiler will be bringing to us the latest news from our missionaries in the Middle-East and Benny Ferguson, David Reddout and Wayne Huffman will be presenting some of the latest materials and ideas available to keep our congregations excited about missions.

Please register as soon as possible, we are serving Tenderloin Steaks with all the trimmings for lunch at the low cost of $10. Pastor, bring someone from your Missions Committee with you as I know they will be inspired.

All of us are called to be missionaries, some go to the field and others stand with them by our prayers and financial support.
Run4Rescue
5K or 10K or 1 Mile Kids Fun Run
November 17, 2012
Raising funds and awareness to combat human trafficking both locally and globally.
For more information and to register go to
www.azrun4rescue.com

Women’s Department

National Women’s Department
Theme:
“What great love the Father has lavished on us!”
(1 John 3:1, NIV)

Kay Burnett • Director
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Thank you to all pastors and leaders who have given generously to these two ministries in 2012. Remember, to receive giving credit for this year all offerings need to be mailed into the national office by December 15th or post marked no later than December 31st.

2012 Speed the Light & Boys and Girls Missionary Crusade

Looking Ahead to 2013
Arizona Missions Weekend
February 15-17, 2013
Arizona Missions Weekend
February 15-17, 2013
KIDvention
“The Quest”
Phoenix First Assembly
March 1-2, 2013
National BGMC Day
Sunday, March 10, 2013
Teen Girls Retreat
Granite Hills Campground
Speaker: GraceAnn Hector
March 15-16, 2013
Royal Rangers & Girls Ministries Events
A calendar with all Royal Ranger & Girls Ministries events can be found at www.azagkids.org.
Youth & Children’s Ministries

2012 KIDS FINE ARTS FESTIVAL
CHANDLER DESERT SPRINGS CHURCH

PK/MK RETREAT – 2012

For more information, go to www.azagyouth.org
Arm Wrestling Competition

Revival at Retreat

Almost a Hole in One

Hot Dog Eating Contest

Lift Up Holy Hands

Reach, Teach, Release

Powerful Prayer

Tailgate Time

“Look at the fields... they are ripe for harvest.”

John 4:35
The midpoint of the Fall semester has arrived. God is always faithful to work transformatively in the minds, hearts, and lives of AIC students. This year is no exception. Here is one student’s story:

“I hate to speak in public, but I enjoy preaching His Word when He is preaching it.” Tina Poncho, a self-described introvert, is a senior at AIC and a respected student leader. She often wonders how God can possibly use her since she is a Native woman. Raised in a traditional Native American culture, Tina is a member of the Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana. Life was not necessarily easy for Tina growing up, but she reflects on the Coushatta as an intelligent and proud people who have stood up for themselves, so conditions are much better now. Tina was in her 20s, had a daughter and a live-in boyfriend when she first accepted Jesus. Eventually her boyfriend left her and she began to drift from God. But in the midst of this devastation, the Lord dramatically revealed Himself to Tina. She returned to church and the Bible. Tina was told of AIC, but resisted going “to the desert.” She completed 3 years of ministry training in Texas, but God continued to prompt her to attend AIC. “I came kicking, screaming,” she remembers. Today, she misses home, but says, “God knew what He was doing when He brought me here.” She has ministered in Hawaii, Mexico, and Puerto Rico as part of her time here at AIC. She has a strong desire to complete a Master’s degree and even a doctorate. In Hawaii, she said to herself, “This is my dream realized”, but God said, “No, this is your dream just beginning.”

Right here at AIC, Tina and more students like her, find themselves in a place to be used by God. We are so grateful to the prayers and support of the Arizona District. Your partnership makes a difference!

Dear District family,

The wave of freshmen has crashed on the shores of our Arizona universities, flooding our campuses with new faces and new dreams. Chi Alpha missionaries have been frantically connecting them to our communities. Here’s a story from Shawn and Candi White at Arizona State.

Arizona State University is known by its party reputation. When we found out the university was throwing a huge dance party in the student union, the Chi Alpha student leaders knew it was the place to go. The whole place was set up with a “devil” theme- a movie room called the “Sin-ema,” a game room called “The Devil’s Playground.” This brought our purpose into focus. Chi Alpha students went in with enthusiasm and took over the party. As students were sensitive to the Holy Spirit, we met many freshmen and invited them to Chi Alpha. Some students prayed for a girl with an injured knee. After they finished, the girl’s friend said, “What was that? I’ve never felt anything like that before!” The employees running karaoke left because a Chi Alpha student became the impromptu Emcee. The event director started sending students to do karaoke because Chi Alpha was being so welcoming. Chi Alpha students sang with students from France, China, India, and the US. We were able to announce our weekly Chi Alpha service to any one in earshot. A few students met a guy from China who was Skyping his mom- they got to say hello to her all the way in China. Now that student is at every event we have. Because Chi Alpha was willing to meet freshman where they were, many students are now in community with Christians for the first time in their lives. It is a privilege to be on the diverse mission field of the university campus.

Join us in praying for students connecting to Chi Alpha communities across the state. We relish your prayers and support as we reach our campuses.

Be blessed,
Ryan Ribelin

“For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe on him, but to suffer for him.”

Phil 1:29

“Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”

Matthew 9:37-38
**Teen Challenge of Arizona is thankful** for all you do to help those trapped by sin and addiction find the way to salvation and freedom. We rejoice together for those who have completed the Teen Challenge residential recovery program, been reconciled with their families, and are now living for Christ.

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We are having a great fall season this year! The leaves are quickly changing color, the night air is much cooler, and we're grateful the hot days have passed. We love it up here. I believe this is why so many groups have their retreats this time of the year. Before you know it, winter will be here and we will have snow.

Pastor Brad Davis, from Desert Springs Church of Chandler came in October with over 150 volunteer workers and together we painted all of the girl's dorms and the worship center. They demolished an old cabin and bought new furniture for one of our summer staff cabins. They pitched in and did some major cleaning of the grounds; weeding, raking, washing windows, sweeping, etc. I cannot thank them enough for all the hard work they did.

The Christmas lights will be up by Thanksgiving. If any of you would like to come up and help with getting them up, please give me a call and we'll be grateful to have the help. We are putting up around 50,000 lights or more and it takes quite a bit of time to get them up.

The District Men’s and Women’s retreats this year went off without a hitch! We had over 150 people attend for each event. Everyone had a great time. The speakers were awesome and there was fun for all. Dale Gray and Kay Burnett did a wonderful job in directing these district events. Come to Granite Hills Retreat & Conference Center with your Men’s or Women’s groups, your Youth group, or your leadership staff for a retreat or just a relaxing getaway. Give me a call and we can set it up. Have a blessed Thanksgiving!
DISTRIBUTED CALENDAR

NOVEMBER
1 Ordination Applications Due
5-6 Presbyter Board Meeting
9-10 AZ Youth Convention
12 Teen Challenge Banquet-Tucson
13 Teen Challenge Banquet-Tucson
15 Teen Challenge Banquet-Greater Phoenix
16 Teen Challenge Banquet-East Valley
17 Teen Challenge Banquet-Scottsdale
17 JBQ #1
21 Thanksgiving Holiday
22 Thanksgiving

DECEMBER
1 TBQ #2
2 National Teen Challenge Day
6 Ordination Exams
7-9 RR FCF Winter Trace
11 Executive Presbyter Board Meeting
24-25 Christmas Holiday
31 District Office Financial Books Close 12:00 noon
31 Credential Renewal Deadline

JANUARY
1 New Year’s Day
5 TBQ #3
5 RR-FCF Workshop
5 ASOM Education
6-12 Week of Prayer
11-12 Acts2 Journey Discovery Weekend
14 Ordination Interviews
15 Credential Interviews
14-15 Presbyter Board Meeting
19 TEC training
19 RR Essential training
21 Martin Luther King Day
21-23 Camp-ground Outside Event
24 New Pastors Orientation
25-26 AZWI Leaders Intensive
25-26 Men’s Conference
26 JBQ #3
28-Feb 2 Boot camp
31 ACMR Deadline

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NEWS & NOTES

Cabin for Sale
$40,000 2 br. 1 1/2 bath. Completely remodeled. All furnishings included. Enclosed garage with attached work room. Two bedrooms, one is detached behind garage. Central heating and cooling. 775 sq ft with approved addition of 250 sq ft on west end of home for a potential total of 1029 sq ft. call 602 738 4959 for additional info and Andy Swinford will show.

Cabin for Sale
Lot # 54. 2 bedroom 1 ½ bath $45,000.00 call David Pinrose 928-277-3959

American Indian College
is requesting donations for Golf Carts or Multi-Purpose Carts. Please call Debbie at (602)944-3335/exit.221 or email dneugent@aicag.edu if you would like to make a donation.

Teen Challenge Job Opening:
Teen Challenge currently has an opening for a Center Director for the teenage boys program in Flagstaff - New Horizon Christian Academy. For more information, contact Jeff Richards, Director of Operations: Office 520.292.2273
Cell 520.730.4264
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To add your name to this list, please call 602-343-4014
TIM & ANN BLACK’S FAREWELL DINNER

When: The party is planned for Friday, December 14th.
Place: Evangel Church in Sun City located at 10701 W Boswell Blvd, Sun City, Arizona.
Time: 6 pm.

Dinner and Cost: There will be a sit down dinner catered by Brian Warwick and friends. We have done our best to keep the cost of the meal down so that all will be able to participate. The cost of the meal is $10 per person.

Registration: Please go online to our district website, azag.org, and register for this special evening. This will help us with knowing how many to prepare for. It’s important that you register as soon as possible.

Videos: It is our desire to have some video memories and greetings. If you would like to video a greeting and words of appreciation for Tim and Ann, please submit it to Patricia Horn at the district office as soon as possible. We are asking that the recorded message be 10 to 15 seconds in length. This is important in order to combine all of the greetings and make the final video. We will not use any videos that are longer than 15 seconds.

Offering: We are asking each church in the district to send an offering to the district office designated for the Blacks. We will present them with one check that evening that will include your offering. In addition, everyone is encouraged to bring a personal offering and a card to the farewell.

A Letter: We will be giving Tim and Ann a bound book of letters from you. Please write Tim and Ann a letter that we will have bound in a book and presented to them as a keep sake. Put your letter on an 8.5x11 sheet of paper on letterhead, leaving a 2 inch margin on the left side of the paper for binding purposes. The deadline for the letters is December 3rd.

In honor of Tim try to wear something orange, which as you know is his favorite color.

I truly hope that all of you can come to honor Tim and Ann for their thirteen years of faithful service to the Arizona District!