

## Arizona CityFest Season of Service

I have been blessed to serve with the Arizona CityFest Season of Service Team and on the homelessness initiatives task force. On October 5th, several hundred faith, business, civic and community leaders gathered at First Institutional Baptist Church to launch the Arizona CityFest Season of Service. The Season of Service will be punctuated by a series of impact days centered around areas identified as high priorities by the Governor Brewer. The first Impact Day was held on October 23rd and focused on Education. The November Impact Day will target Hunger. Participating churches around the state launched their own events as part of the season of service. God is using His church to demonstrate His Kingdom here and now.

### First Pentecostal Church Season of Service Events

On October 30th, approximately 25 youth and adult advisors joined other volunteers to package food at Feed My Starving Children in Tempe. Part of the orientation and training for the event featured videos and talks about global hunger, and many of the youth gained an appreciation for the blessings of bounty they previously took for granted. The testimonies of the youth inspired many in the church to take part in similar activities and to donate funds to support the FMSC ministry.



### FPC Men's Action Team Neighborhood Revitalization Projects

Some of the lower income residents in the community surrounding the church receive notice from the city that their properties must be cleaned up or they will be subject to fines. The men's action team took on two such projects on October 30th. Each of the owners were disabled and unable to clean up the areas themselves. A privately owned vacant lot had tires and trash that needed to be cleaned up and removed. Another neighbor, a single, disabled mother (pictured right) was being cited by the city because of trash and outdoor appliances that needed to be cleaned up and covered.



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### Upcoming Meetings & Events

- November 7th** Speak at Gethsemane Park Apostolic Church
- November 9th, 16th & 30th** Good News in the City Bible Study
- November 10th** South Mountain W.O.R.K.S. Coalition Meeting
- November 11th** Meeting on Homelessness at Arizona Organizing Project office, Phoenix
- November 12th** African American Christian Clergy Coalition Meeting & Prison Ministry at Adobe Mountain School
- November 13th** Multicultural portion of CityFest Planning Meeting at City in the Desert Metro Church
- November 18th** Central Corridor Ministries Consortium & MentorKids Task Force Meeting
- November 29th** Virginia Piper Foundation

