

November 08 TWQC Ranch Newsletter

The Mongolian Connection

Last spring we had a lady call and wanted lessons to get ready for a two week trip to Mongolia called the "Spirit of the Reindeer Herders." They ride a saddle somewhere between an English and camel type. They do a combination of western neck reining and English two handed. At our ministry we only use western style riding, but I told her, that I had a college extension student who rode English. I contacted her to see if she would be able to help Kristen out. When I talked to Janna, she said, "Did you know that I took a missionary trip to Mongolia with my grandfather Dennis Walton, field director of BWM? While we were there we rode the Mongolian horses." Needless to say, I knew the Lord had directed.

The following is an excerpt of Kristen's account of her trip:



It was beautiful there. The sky was so clear and blue and at night the stars were like a blanket. It seemed as if you could just reach up and touch them. The terrain was quite varied. We went up in the mountains and were trudging thru trees with roots sticking up and holes that were 6-12 inches deep. There was not any discernable trail so we just made our way thru. The horses seemed to be very good at finding the best path. I'm glad I didn't know how treacherous that was until after the fact. My cousin was saying that terrain like that can snap a horse's leg. We also went thru very boggy areas where the horses would sink in almost to their bellies. They were small horses, of course. The one I rode was, at the withers, up to my neck. This proved to be an advantage when I had to use my emergency dismount to jump off! [Learned at our Adult Camp this summer] We got into some kind of flying stinging hive and my horse started jumping around. Not to mention that we were on the side of a mountain.

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A few days later, we were riding on the steeps which was just vast pasture land, and we passed a pond with a swan, which took off and spooked the horses. My horse jumped out from under me, and I ended up dragging on the ground. As I was dragging, I was trying to get my shoe untied; finally my foot slipped out of the stirrup. Just in time because the horse started kicking at me. I guess he wasn't keen on having a body dragging under his belly. All I could think of when I was reaching for my laces was the story you told me about the woman who was dragged to death. I was determined to get that boot off my foot.

The scenery was similar to what you might see in Colorado. Pine forests and valleys. They seem to treat their horses more like tools than pets. They weren't mistreated, but were used

hard. I've mastered posting! I only got to lope once and that took a lot of "persuasion" and a lot of very fast trotting. I've never seen such fast trotting. We could always tell when we were getting close to our destination; at one point, we trotted for 2 straight hours as we approached the Reindeer People. It was a lot of fun and sometimes pretty technical riding; I think you would have loved it.

~Kristen



Barsook

In April we were donated a gray five-year-old quarter horse named Barsook. The Pacentine's have been long time friends and with no one at home to ride, and they felt Barsook could be a missionary at the ranch. Here is Lynette's description when she and Greg gave him to us.

He is so mellow, and I think he would be a great camp horse. It will be neat to have him be a small part of your ministry. You can use his name as an opportunity to share how two little Russian girls were adopted into a Christian family as part of God's master plan in their lives. That is why they named him a Russian name. Barsook is Russian for Badger. That was the name the original owner gave him [because his blood lines go back to the famous Peppy San Badger]. God has a plan for all of us!

Barsook had had a stroke that paralyzed his muzzle, drawing it off to one side. You can see the picture on the left, that God has healed him almost completely. At the end of the summer, we have also taken in their other two horses on loan. We are very grateful for this addition to our staff.

Before



Ranch Bible Study Started

We began our ranch Bible study on August 29 in the home of one of our riding families Rob and Barb Horne. It started with six present. In the past few weeks we have had several new attendees. Please pray for the unsaved that are coming, and the rest of us who need to dedicate ourselves to live holy lives and experience Holy Spirit power. It has developed into a tremendous blessing and a time of developing close relationships. Curt has been teaching the seven major events of history as defined by Answers in Genesis: Creation,

Corruption, Catastrophe, Confusion, Christ, the Cross, and Consummation. Right now we are on Christ. Curt begins each session with any questions people might have. We see growth each week.



Pennsylvania Trip

The first of October we took a trip to Pennsylvania to visit Jim and Betty Lynch. Jim was Curt's army buddy in Germany, and now is a retired Pennsylvania state legislator. Curt and Jim served together in the medical lab in Landstul, Germany.



Jim and Betty took us to Lew Sterrett's Miracle Mountain Ranch and camp ministry. Lew travels extensively giving his "Sermon on the Mount" message. We were able to spend the day with him, gaining tremendous ideas to incorporate into our own ministry.

We then traveled to Quakertown to visit our former Montana pastor David Smith and his family. Curt showed our ministry DVD and spoke in the Wednesday evening service at Community Baptist Church. It was so good to fellowship with our dear friends.





Faith Baptist Missions Conference
We had a wonderful time at our home church's missions conference

e. The Lord was very gracious to help Curt complete our ministry DVD to show. It has really helped explain all the aspects that the Lord has opened up for ministry. We were able to show it Wednesday night and answer questions. Curt also spoke to the Jr High boys' Sunday School class.

We had an unexpected and marvelous gift from Jim Hargis, when he presented us with a watercolor of Willow creating our ministry logo. If you look closely at our table, it's at the far end. What a blessing!

Fifteen Attend Soul Winning and Extension Seminar

The next Saturday after missions conference, we had our Extension Soul Winning Seminar. Curt covered our philosophy of ministry, showed our ministry DVD, instructed and gave tips on soul winning, and explained the importance of Holy Spirit control in our lives. He then opened it up for a question and answer time. We had a record percentage of attendees. These wranglers are probably the best extension group we have had. We now have eighteen extension students and two regular wranglers. It is so helpful with the horsemanship sessions and getting things done that we have not had time for. The other day we had a great group out. They cleared up the trails we use, cleaned tack and blankets, as well as helped with the sessions, working one on one with the students. Some of the wranglers have progressed to the point of taking charge of the sessions, giving them leadership experience.



Since the seminar, we have had more wranglers talking with our students and parents than ever before. We are thankful for the opportunities and friendships that are developing weekly.



Special Groups, Birthdays, and Home School Western Experience

Using our horse Willow to demonstrate the nature of the horse and his relationship with man, and then relating it to man and our relationship with God, continues to be an effective tool. We have had many opportunities to minister in this way recently. It's such a tremendous object lesson that reaches the hearts of young and old.

The Garden

We planted a garden this year that helped us through the summer and enabled us to get vegetables into the freezer, but the biggest blessing of all has been our fall garden. One can actually have three gardens a year on the same ground. This is the first time we have ever had one in the fall. It is so thrilling to see it thriving. We should have quite a bit of broccoli, cabbage, and collard greens to freeze. The last two months we have been eating fresh lettuce, collards, fried green tomatoes, onions, and peppers. We even had an unexpected surprise of some rogue watermelons growing in our compost pile. We ended up with nine. They were delicious, and we now have watermelon chunks stored away for later. The Lord blesses in so many unexpected ways!



Pasture

We continue to wait on the Lord for His timing and provision to plant the horse pasture. Curt is currently working the ground as I write. Getting the rain/sun/time to work/cash to come together is proving to be a challenge.

Meanwhile Back at the Ranch



Prayer Requests:

The pressing need for our tax exempt status to come through

Safety for horses and riders

Expenses to be met

Horse pasture grass seed

Fertilizer

Rain

More weekly horsemanship students

Souls to be saved

Disciples to choose to attend good Bible believing, separated churches

As we wait upon the Lord, He is teaching us so many lessons, and we are very thankful. We see a great door and effectual opened, with the potential to minister in many ways.

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Training horses and riders

The Montana Connection

And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and He that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He doth judge and make war. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns; and He had a name written, that no man knew, but He himself. And He was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and His name is called The Word of God. And the armies which were in heaven followed Him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

Revelation 19:11-14

We win: