

# TW Quarter Circle Ranch Ministries

## Summer 2009 Prayer Letter

Dear Friends,

We have had a very busy summer, but we are very thankful for the many opportunities that the Lord has given us. Below you will see some of the activities that we have been involved in since May.

### **International Ministry Continues**

During our Hidden Treasure Christian School two day camp, we had a nurse that came out to be with one of the autistic students that was included from our church family. We had Marietta working with him individually all day for two days. The nurse was a Russian from Yugoslavia. Marietta shared with her about the Lord. She was very impressed with how much Marietta knew about the Bible.



### **Hysinger Birthday Party**

The Round Pen Demonstration and Cowboy Gear message was of great interest to the fourteen plus people who attended the birthday party. Most enjoyed riding in the arena. Three went out with Curt on the trails. It was a beautiful evening celebrating Jeremy's and Joshua's birthdays. We were able to share our tract with all who attended. We were told later that it was the first time some had been receptive to anything about the Lord.

### **Regional Experience**

We took some time to attend the Region 10 AQHA Experience at Clemson. It was very helpful to see the trends in horse showing and to talk with representatives at the different booths. We were able to transfer the registrations of three of our horses for a 50% discount. We also looked into insurance. We were able to again share our tract with many.

### **New Riders**

We have had several new riders join us. Continue to pray for our numbers to increase. Two years ago we were running two sessions on Saturdays. We would like to get back to doing that again, as that is the best day for most of our extension wranglers to help. More importantly, we would like to have spiritual fruit.

### **Lisa's New Horse**

The Lord gave us a great time looking for Lisa's horse. Lisa was not planning on purchasing until after she got back from serving at Ironwood Christian Camp in California this summer, but when the opportunity to get Cheyenne for an exceptional price came, she couldn't pass it up. She left Cheyenne in our hands to use for camps. Cheyenne proved very useful, giving our wranglers a good mount.



## **Georgia Caroline**

Every year Georgia Caroline, one of our weekly riders, has to go into the hospital for her tune up for cystic fibrosis. We were able to visit her in the hospital to see what all she goes through. You would never know that she has a central line for antibiotics, and this year she has to have a feeding tube that she is hooked up to during the night. We had no idea the regimen that she and her parents go through every day. Georgia Caroline has to have sessions with a vibrator around her chest and inhaler mask twice daily. She makes games of singing as the vibrator distorts her voice. We have to congratulate Georgia Caroline on her superior attitude. She is a very brave, uncomplaining young lady. Please continue to pray for her health.



## **Curt's Retirement**

The end of May, Curt felt that the Lord was leading him to retire from teaching in the Bible college so that he could devote more time to the ministry. This has been a step of faith to see how the Lord will provide, but it has really been a blessing. There are so many times that Curt has really been needed at the ranch, and having a man on site, ministering to our other male students has been a tremendous help. We had someone comment just the other day that we had more males involved with our horses than the usual, and I think having Curt involved with lessons as an integral part of the ranch operation is one of the reasons.

## **Rain Around Camp**

We have had a particular blessing this year with a cooler summer than ever before. I think because of that we have had more rain than we have had in the last eight years. It was a great concern for our camps, as we do not have access to a covered arena or round pen area. I can't tell you how many times we would drive to the ranch, forty five minutes in the pouring rain, only to have it quit when it was time to begin. It would normally stay clear until we were in our vehicles headed home, then it would have another down pour. We praise the Lord for a dust free arena and answer to prayer for camp.

## **Wrangler-In-Training Camp**

We had a tremendous group of wranglers and ranch hands this year. We took the training week to new heights, challenging our trainees and wranglers to become more skillful in their horsemanship and to work as a team. The picture shows the group working together to get their horse through the maze without eating the hay or grain placed in





strategic spots. They were fairly successful. I think we were all surprised to see that they could back the horse through as well. It proved to help all of them realize just how a horse moves and what real leadership and teamwork can produce. They not only worked on their horsemanship, but they had many sessions on personal soul winning and living a Christlike life. One of the college students was only able to be with us during summer school session, so at the end of the second week she went home to Wisconsin. She

was able to lead her mom to the Lord and made some great inroads with her relationship with her father. We were very thankful for her great desire and boldness.

### **Horsemanship Camps**

We had an exciting five weeks of camp this year, ending with our annual horse show/gymkhana. We had such nice campers, who showed tremendous improvement in their riding and interest in the Word of God. The campers came from Indiana, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey, as well as from the Greenville area. We had one particular young person who came that really didn't know what ranch life was all about. His favorite activities were video games. He had a hard time at the beginning of the week, being too hot and too tired. It was amazing to see his horse win his heart to the point that by the end of the week, he didn't mind the heat or the work involved; he just loved that horse. He began to show more and more interest and understanding in chapel as well. It was a triumphant victory for the Lord.



During camp we continued our tradition of prairie meditations and chapel. Campers would take a few minutes before chapel and fill out questions that would lead them to thinking about the message that would follow in chapel; then they would divide into small groups with their counselor to discuss their findings. The bonding with campers and wranglers was really encouraging.

We also had our annual Adult Camp final exam, doing the Dupont Trail Ride in North Carolina. All passed with flying colors. The Lord gave us a marvelous day and opportunities to share the Word of God.



### **Cemetery Clean Up**

It may seem strange to talk about a cemetery clean up, but on our place in Travelers Rest, we have a Revolutionary War heroine Dicey Langston Springfield and her family, who are buried in our back yard. Because it is part of our little ranch, we have had many opportunities to talk with people from all over the country and to share our tract. Just recently we have had the community take an interest in getting it fixed up and more known to the public as a historic cemetery. Dicey had a headstone placed in 1907 that reads "Revolutionary War Heroine."



Curt relates to visitors the many stories of her heroic acts during the war. Several years ago we had a 4-H club based out of our church called The Wonder of Horses. They were the first to volunteer by coming and helping clean up. Then last year we held a work party attended by many of our church members. This year a fifth descendant has decided to really get people involved. The community and descendants have hosted two work days, placed grave markers, stones on the main graves, fencing, and took down five dead oak trees. They are trying to get it ready for a dedication in September. We are very thankful for the many opportunities to talk with people about the Lord when visitors come.

### **Witnessing at Tractor Supply**

Just the other day we were picking up supplies, and sure enough, when we came out of the store, we had people gathered at our trailer wanting to see our horses. One was a man, legally blind, who had rodeoed when he was younger, had been in the military service, and now was disabled. He was thrilled when we opened the little door at the back of the trailer for him to pet one of the horses. We were able to share our tract with him and his wife. We talked with them for some time.

## Contacts and Grandkids

The Lord gives us so many object lessons with our horses. When our grandkids went with me to the farrier, they were able to see God's direct answer to prayer. I was unloading the horses and had just untied one of the horses. In the process of releasing the lead rope, it caught on part of the trailer. I tugged; it released, and popped me in the eye. My contact came off of my eye. I thought that it was just misplaced in my eye, so I unloaded the horse, went to the truck mirror to get it back on the correct place, but found that it had actually popped out of my eye. I was devastated, remembering the manure carpet on the trailer floor. I called the grandkids and asked them to help me search, knowing that it was futile. Before we began looking, however, we paused to pray. We looked and looked to no avail. I was trying to figure out how in the world we would ever be able to replace it financially, also knowing I am completely blind without it. I was wondering if I could get my brain to adjust to only seeing very up close with one eye and distance with the one eye with the contact. I finally decided that we had to get the horses unloaded, so I gave up, went into the trailer to get the next horse, but decided to take one more sweeping look—and there it was glistening in the sunlight. It was truly amazing!! But then we shouldn't be amazed when God answers our prayers—even faithless ones.



## Pleasant View Baptist Church Camp



We were asked to give a round pen demonstration at the Pleasant View Baptist Church Camp this year, so the Wednesday of our last week of camp, we took our horses, head wrangler Marietta, our daughter Sara, and grandkids Isaac, Anna, and Antone to Taylors, SC. Curt spoke on Cowboy Gear and why a cowboy dresses like he does. For real cowboys it's not a fashion statement, it's for utility and safety. That relates to Ephesians 6 and the armor of God that we need as Christians. Curt also prepared them for the demonstration by talking about the nature of the horse; how it is a prey animal. I gave an indication of what kind of animals would want to eat a horse, such as a bear. During the demonstration Curt related how the horse is designed to serve man, just as man is designed to serve God. Only when both horse and rider yield to what they are designed for is there perfect peace in their lives. After the demonstration the children and adults were able to pet the horses and ask questions. There is talk of us doing the same next year and also adding a horse show/gymkhana, so that the kids can see real barrel racing, etc. in a good atmosphere. So please pray about that.



These are only a few of the many examples that the Lord has given for opportunities of service and witness for Him. What a privilege we have to serve a living Savior.

I will end with our college extension leader's prayer request and testimony.

*I would like to ask you all for your prayers. My dad's cancer has already returned after only thirteen months of remission. Doctors' appointments and surgeries seem all too familiar as we reassess what's going on in his body. The complicating factor is that my dad isn't strong enough for another extensive abdominal surgery. He hasn't been able to eat regularly since the last surgery without becoming sick, which is keeping his body weak and low on iron and blood cells.*

*Last fall at school, I often wondered how I would take it if the cancer came back. The thought of it returning, broke my heart until I realized that I wasn't trusting in my loving Shepherd. Once I considered that, I knew that if the cancer redeveloped, God would give us the strength and peace we would need to handle it if we would look to Him. And He has done just that. Yesterday, the day I dreaded, I welcomed with absolute peace and even excitement as I looked forward to watching God work in my family. The battle we had with this cancer before I came to school wore on my mom more than any of us; please think to pray for her more than you do for us.*

*God is so gentle with His children and I am so glad to be His daughter! By His grace, my heart sings and rejoices even now. Is there anything for which I cannot praise Him?*

*May God's grace and strength be with you all as well.  
Thank you for your prayers,*

*Megan*

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*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!*