

## TW Quarter Circle Ranch Ministries March/April 2010 Prayer Letter

### **Hidden Treasure Christian School Camp / Faith Christian Academy**

Special needs riding was the beginning of the TWQC ministry, and every spring we continue in that tradition by having the students from Hidden Treasure Christian School/Faith Christian Academy come out for a two day horsemanship mini-camp. This year every student progressed so that each was able to go out on the trails, guiding his own horse. The elation on the students' faces was beyond words. We will also be having one of the students join us this summer as a Ranch Hand-in-Training. We are excited to see the Lord expand the ministry in these ways. We are very thankful for the people who took time out of their busy schedules and were our volunteer helpers. Each student had one-on-one attention.



## Dupont Trail Ride

March 30 was our annual Easter Trail Ride. It was a beautiful day and we had a wonderful time absorbing all the wonder of God's creation. JB was able to go with us. Please pray for him. He has been having quite a time with his health this spring. He just came home from the hospital and is dealing with some liver issues.



## Berea Heights Baptist

One of our college graduates Tim Perry is now pastoring a church here locally, so we went over and showed our DVD presentation, and Grace Hargis gave a testimony about the ministry opportunities that the ranch has given her. We then went outside and gave the Nature of the Horse demonstration. We even had people stopping over from the neighborhood, when they saw our horse trailer and three horses. We hope to present our ministry in more churches, so that we can be a help to their ministries. Below is a testimony of another local pastor who plans on using the ranch as an opportunity to reach the lost.



## Supporting the Local Church

*Curt, I ran into a young atheist at funeral service at Gethsemane this past weekend. I would love to have you connect with him since you used to be an atheist. I will try to bring him out there to the horse ranch.*  
~Pastor Ron

## The Living Gallery

Again we had several of our riding families and relatives attend the Easter presentation of the Living Gallery. It is always so well done, and always gives such a clear presentation of why Jesus came to earth, lived a perfect life, but then gave His life upon the cross to pay for our sins personally, to then rise from the dead to prove that He was God and to give us the free gift of eternal life, if we would place our complete trust in Him and Him alone.

## Shepherd's Gate Women's Shelter

Bev spoke for five Wednesdays at a local women's shelter giving personal testimonies of the purposes of trials, tribulations, and tragedies. It was a wonderful opportunity to present the gospel and to share God's love for all of us. Each week the ladies eagerly received tracts.

## Netcasters

We have our final testing the 7th of May and will be graduating four students. It is very exciting to see them complete the race that was set before them. They have all agreed that it is definitely equivalent to a two credit college course. Congratulations! Next fall we would like to take them out door to door to give them the experience of talking with lots of people. The next step would be to see them training others. We hope to do some of that this summer with two of the students. Bekah will be using the things she has learned at her training sessions at camp as she leads her crew. We will be excited to hear the results at the end of the summer. We have included some more testimonies about Netcasters below:

*I guess what's just recently stuck out to me was in ch. 6. It talks all about how because we are saved through grace, we are no longer enslaved to sin. Before we were in Christ we were literally enslaved to sin and it was our master, but now the Holy Spirit has come into our lives and gives us the strength to say no to temptations and sin. I know that we get told this all the time, but for some reason or another, it just really struck me as real this time hearing it. What a great God we serve!!!*

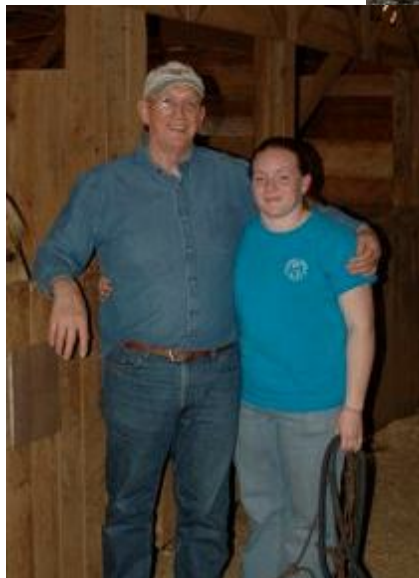
*And more than ever the course in general has awakened the burden for souls that are lost. Reading through the books and listening to the messages has reminded me that I serve the God of the UNIVERSE, and to think that people around me may not know or understand the immense love of MY SAVIOR, reminds me that I really need to be telling them. I shouldn't hog the Good News all to myself; I've really been reminded to be sharing it with others. ~Bekah*

*I am sorry for telling you this, but I am going to have to discontinue Netcasters. My grades are far from where they need to be. I would like to say that the sessions that I did attend I gained a tremendous amount of knowledge. They have given me many tools that I have already put to use. I actually had the opportunity to witness to a man at a restaurant. Thank you so much for the sacrifice that you all give each and everyday so others may come to Christ. May the Lord bless you and your ministry. I still will be able to come out to the ranch on select Saturdays. I just need to get my grades up. Thank you for understanding,  
In Christ Alone,  
Mark*

## Ministering to Families

We love to show families what their children and grandchildren are doing when they come out on college extension. Recently we've had two groups from out of state come and experience the ranch, and we anticipate some more coming in May when they pick up their students. It's a blessing to us and the college kids.

*Former extension student Emily from Pennsylvania & Grandfather*





*Extension leader Myra's mom  
and aunt from Wisconsin*

### **Testimony**

*It may seem strange receiving an email from a total stranger, but I don't feel we really are. My [son] has been impacted by the love and compassion you have for others that you are often in our conversations on the special occasions he calls. He just sent me an email that had me laughing and smiling more than I have in a long time. I just wanted to say thank you for including [him] in your everyday thoughts. Thank you for the opportunity he will be having this summer. He has grown so much in this past year and he has stated it has a lot to do with both of you. His love and trust for God just seems to bloom and bloom. We are so thankful to know even though we are not able to be around, God has provided two very special people in his life to encourage him to walk with [the Lord].*

*May God continue to bless you both, and all the work you do for others at the ranch. Our prayers will continue to be with all of you.*

*With love and prayers,  
Shirley- extension student parent*

### **International Ministry Continues**

We had the privilege of giving a round pen demonstration and a riding lesson to some relatives of one of our volunteers. They were here for a short time from the Philippines. They really wanted to come back, but schedules didn't allow them. We hope they will visit again when they are in the states.



## **Spartanburg Horse Show**

Sometimes things just don't go the way one would expect. Saturday morning, I thought I was running right on time, but got into the truck and realized I needed fuel. At the gas station I called Kayla to say I would be late picking up. When I was again on the road, I looked for my phone to let her know when I would arrive, but couldn't find my phone. I figured I had dropped it at the station. I picked her up and used her phone to call Curt for him to look for it and to bring the Coggins papers for the horses, I had also forgotten. In the meantime Kayla suggested we call the phone, just in case. Thankfully it had fallen under the seat of the truck. Curt met us half way with the papers, and we were again on our way. But that was not going to be the end of our adventures.

When we got to the show, I helped Marietta warm up one of the two horses she was showing. When I got off to give her the horse, we saw that one of the nuts of the stirrup was missing. It's a miracle that she didn't loose the stirrup when she was racing. We really didn't know what to do because we did not have a replacement. Russ, a parent of one of our participating students, just "happened" to look in his vehicle and find one lone nut----that fit the stirrup! Isn't our God good to us!



By the way Marietta, Kayla, and Georgia Caroline did a great job representing the ranch and placed in every event but one with lots of blue ribbons.

## **TWQC Horse shows**

The shows have been well attended this spring, especially the one where we gave The Nature of the Horse demonstration with Willow. She put on quite a show that day. Go to our [Facebook page](#) for TW Quarter Circle Ranch Ministries. We have an album with pictures and commentary. It is so visual.



### Testimony

*I thought you might like to read this excerpt from a note I just got from one of my cousins up in MI after looking at the facebook pics. ~Shannah*

*"The pictures of Willow coming to obedience were a good reminder for me. That is a beautiful demonstration of how Christians need to be in tune with our Master's will....and how much easier it is when I follow in love and obedience. :o) "*



## Wrangler Appreciation Show



Each year we give a wrangler appreciation gymkhana with students and parents reversing roles with our wranglers by helping with the set up, grooming horses, providing and serving supper, and running the show. We had a wonderful time. Some of the wranglers even ended up breaking the arena record in the One Barrel Race, and many broke or set their own personal records in the events. We appreciate so much the wonderful volunteers that the Lord has given us.



## NBHA Barrel Race

We had a great day and learned many things at the NBHA Barrel Race in Union County, SC. It was a tremendous opportunity. We really enjoyed the fellowship and being able to minister to others.

We are thankful that Marietta is a coming senior in high school and lives here. She has done a tremendous job working with Sundance and Two Dot.



Kayla is graduating from college and will be heading back to Wyoming. We are sad to see her go. She and Willow just really started clicking.

### **Prayer Request**

We are in the process of negotiating expanding our ministry to two other locations: one in Blue Ridge and one in Greer. Both are much closer to our house and to the University. We may begin lessons and a barrel camp at the Blue Ridge location very soon. Please pray for the Lord's direction and will concerning these new endeavors.



### **Answer to Prayer**

We have been praying that Caleb, our ranch summer intern, would be able to find a place to live for the summer. He has decided to stay and help with the ranch, being a camp counselor, and helping with the many jobs needing to be done. We have had an answer to prayer, as one of our advisory board members and his wife, who are missionaries, have given him their garage apartment to use. He just needs to keep the yard work done while they are away. What a blessing! Please pray that the Lord will supply Caleb's financial needs. He is staying here by faith.

### **Praise the Lord!**

We have been waiting on promised funds to pay our lawyer fees that we incurred getting our tax exemption. The funds have not yet come in; however, we paid the last payment from our personal funds, so we have that behind us.

Praise the Lord for the good horses that the Lord has provided. When I looked at the pictures from our last show, and saw all the umbrellas (a horse's huge fear issue), I was so thankful! For most horses this would be a disaster!







## Continuing Needs

We have had several ask us about our needs. We have been hesitant to share, as we are living by faith and asking the Lord to supply, but here are a few of the things you could be praying about:

- Good horse hay both for the Double S Ranch and for our place in Travelers Rest. It costs about \$150 per horse per month for hay and grain.
- Money to shoe our horses, especially for the trail rides. It costs \$75 per horse every 6-8 weeks. We have had to drop back to just trimming them, but that means not able to use them for our off-site trail rides, which helps bring in needed revenue and are great opportunities to witness. We would welcome the funds to be able to purchase trail boots that would help in the long run, but they cost \$260 per horse.
- Someone who could work on some small engine equipment to get them running, so we can put them up for sale, and rototill our garden. – Answered almost immediately after the last prayer letter. We now have our rototiller back and have put in our vegetable garden. Praise the Lord!
- Sponsor for horse show ribbons and camp t-shirts
- Money for antibiotics. We try to do our own vet work as much as possible. But anyone who has horses knows there is always something. We administer our own medications, but need the money to buy the meds. – Had someone donate \$100 for one of our horses to have her teeth floated, which was an urgent need.
- We would like to buy the equipment to be able to float the horses teeth. They need that done once a year. It costs \$120 per horse to go to the vet. Needless to say, we have some that are in need, but we have only been able to do the most needy ones. If we had the money to buy the equipment that would greatly reduce our cost and be able to do all the horses on a regular basis.
- Lime, fertilizer, and grass seed for our pasture

- More students and wranglers to sign up for summer camps
- Paint for the storage barn
- Canister vacuum for wood floors
- Steering box fixed on our diesel pickup, We have someone who has volunteered to fix it but we need the money for the parts, insurance, and tags
- Fertilizer and seed spreader (3-point hitch)
- Drag harrow
- We had a family donate their older dump truck (in great condition) to us. We can now haul manure from the barn to spread on our pastures. We are sure that the Lord has more uses for it in the future. We were also given bricks. We will use the old bricks that were in the cemetery to line our ditch to prevent erosion and the truck will definitely help with that.



Praise the Lord for His provision recently to meet our everyday needs. It is very humbling, but exciting to see how God supplies from sources unexpected. It is a great blessing when people support us. It helps us to be encouraged to continue on. Thanks to you the work will get done.

Love in Christ,  
Curt & Bev

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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!*