

TW Quarter Circle Ranch Ministries
December 2012 Prayer Letter



Philippians 1: 3* I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, 4* Always in every prayer of mine for you all making request with joy, 5* For your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now; 6* Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ:

We are so very thankful for each one of you that supports our ministry in prayer, encouragement, and finances. I am so sad that I have not gotten a prayer letter out in such a long time. Curt just finished preparing statistics for the IRS for 2011 and amazingly enough, we filled 3,000 saddles at the ranch in that one year time frame, to our great surprise---2012 has been even busier.

SUMMER CAMPS



Andy demonstrated Colt Starting at Wrangler Training Camp with Marietta and three year old Glacier

This has been a year of stretching us physically. We have more volunteers, but fewer who are trained to take the more skilled jobs. Having said that, however, we do have to recognize that our summer wrangler staff was the best we have ever had. Camps were great. We had several who trusted Christ as their saviour. One girl especially is very excited about her new relationship with the Lord. Two of our wranglers are actively discipling her.

WESTERN WEDDING

In July Ranch Boss Andy and Ranch Foreman Glorianna were married on horseback not too far from the ranch. It was a wedding out of a story book. We experienced that with mixed emotions as they took off immediately for Wyoming. We are eagerly looking for their return in January when Andy will resume his ministerial studies at BJU.

This picture was taken at Faith Baptist Church of Taylors at the wedding reception. Bridger Bold Witness stepped up and did a great job. Three of the ranch horses: Bridger, Sundance, and Jericho were used in this very unique wedding.

HORSE SHOWS/GYMKHANAS

This month completed our year of seven horse show/gymkhanas. The attendance has been even better than in years past with many people from the community, coming as a special outing for their families. A gospel message is given at each show. The response has been favorable, even though the messages have been very pointed.



We have a wonderful core of families who participates. The shows serve as a recital of the skills they have been learning. Someone pointed out that the shows really help because when our TWQC Show Team goes to the open shows in our area, they do very well. This year the team ended with High Point Champions in many of the events. Georgia Caroline Kay took the Youth Championship Division for the year. You may remember that she has cystic fibrosis. We will have ten riders participating December 8th in the Clemson horse show. We have developed many more friendships, used it as a time to disciple our own riders, and to reach into the community.



TRAIL RIDES

Curt Leads in Prayer before going on the trails

Our off-site trail rides have not had as much attendance this year as before, but we have had many from out of town come not only for those; but, especially for our on-site trail rides. It's been exciting

to get to know so many new people this year and to be able to share our testimonies and our gospel tract. We have calculated that we have had over 250 riders just for the trail rides alone. (Just as I was getting the final proof of this prayer letter, we booked 8 off-site trail riders for January.) Being diversified has really paid off.



Family Reunions on Horseback Are a Popular Activity



NEW ADDITIONS

This past March our horse Rosebud gave birth to Roses Lakota Witness. That was a thrilling time. The local school buses and parents ended up each day stopping or driving slowly seeing her progress. Our neighbor, who teaches at the elementary school up the road, kept us updated on all the excitement. We have had many people who have claimed her. They take pictures of her regularly. I think it has really helped us be more accepted in the community because of her.

SPECIAL ACTIVITIES

We again had two different girl scouts groups come out for their yearly activity. At different times throughout the year we have had youth groups, and we have gone to both Christian schools and Public schools



TBCS Western Day

Animal Lovers Club, Plain Elementary



BJ Home Educators juniors in high school from all over the country attended a special Western Experience at the ranch. The Nature of the Horse demonstration hits home with every one. Seeing Willow rebel, toss her mane, going her own way, come to submission and peace, and then yield to the slightest pressure to be ridden without a bridle, speaks volumes about our own hearts.



SPECIAL NEEDS CAMP

And we also held a two day mini camp for Hidden Treasure Christian School special needs students.



Trail rides are a favorite



Learning the Parts of the Horse, Hands On

SPECIAL PRAYER MEETINGS

We are actively praying for a facility. The place we are currently using is going to put up for sale. They have approached us about buying the place; however, even before that announcement, we had held two prayer meetings at an empty event facility that has indoor and outdoor arenas, stalls, acreage, etc. We had seen another facility 1.5 miles from our place in Travelers Rest is greatly reduced in price., but we found out that it won't work--too many strings. As always it will have to be of the Lord to bring in the funds and to have the place that God wants us to have. We feel that we are at the place where we need to take the "next step." A covered arena facility and living on-site would greatly expand our opportunities, especially with summer camps, but also year around.



HORSE DELIVERED

In August we took a quick trip to Wisconsin to deliver Jericho to our former wrangler Myra.



She lives on a farm there. It was wonderful being able to see Myra's farm life in person. She and her parents very generously gave us two steer calves Jersey and Hojo (half Jersey and half Holstein), sacks of oats, potatoes, and helped us out with two tires for the trailer.

We were thankful that the Lord guided us in not having a blowout on the freeway. We left very sad that Myra and Jericho are so far away.

Jersey & Hojo at TWQC North



HORSEMANSHIP LESSONS

Our lessons have continued to grow. Sometimes we really need to add another day, but we end up cramming in another session. We have a few more people driving this year, so that frees us up to go earlier. The Lord has provided two fourteen year old guys, Richard & Isaac that come during the week so we have a few more hands. We are thankful for their willingness to work.

This past year, Andy implemented our devotional time after regular lessons. It's optional but most students stay. It's especially popular as in the winter months we serve hot chocolate and cider with devotions. We have continued this, giving wranglers opportunity to minister in preaching, song leading, and prayer.



H.O.R.S.E APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

The biggest step of faith this year has been to implement our Apprenticeship Program, H.O.R.S.E. (Helping Others Realize Spiritual Excellence). We are training two of our own: Marietta Parrott, who is now our Ranch Foreman, and Sara Doherty, our daughter who helps us in the ministry. It's a great time of learning, fellowship, mentoring, and growing. They seem very excited. We are grooming them to take more and more leadership. We are praying about others coming. We have had several inquiries even before we started the program.



LEADERSHIP TRAINING

As each year passes, it seems to us that we desperately need to train others to take over this ministry. We will still have many years to disciple in the ministry and mentor in horsemanship, but we feel that we cannot continue this pace. We are very thankful that the Lord has given us good health and stamina. Please pray that the Lord will send the right people our way, especially guys who can hold up the weary hands.

On the other hand, it is very humbling to hear of so many other missionaries who are in dire need as well. We feel that we are not worthy to even ask the Lord for more. We are very thankful for the opportunities that the Lord has given to us to minister to people from our own community, all over the country, and other countries. This Saturday, we added a new family from Italy to our list of students; earlier we had trail riders from Sweden. The Lord just keeps bringing them to us---How exciting is that!

Please pray that we will have wisdom and stamina. Camp CoBeAc has asked us to come help them with starting a horsemanship part to their summer camp program. We need to be able to have the time and personnel to run things when we are gone.



Mentoring is key at TWQC

Recently Curt was able to update our church Faith Baptist of Taylors on a Wednesday night. We used it as an opportunity for our church family to meet some of our rider families and wranglers. We filled two rows. We were very thankful for the show of support from the ranch. We were overwhelmed with the generous love offering of \$1697.68, which will probably cover the printing of our tract. What an answer to prayer!! We have given out almost 45,000 tracts since we wrote it in 1997.

TESTIMONIES:

**Really excited to see how well this ministry is doing. It's been about 6 years now since I've been there but I still remember being a wrangler as one of the most rewarding times of my life. ~Renee*

**How can I thank you!? Your therapy lessons have been a joyous memory for Harrison. We will miss the horses and Marietta. She, especially had such an impact on Harrison. He knows John 3:16 because of her! Thank you for such a unique way of bringing Christ into the hearts of little ones. Oh! And Harrison is now completely potty trained!! Just like that. We know your amazing horses had so much to do with that. May God bless your horse ministry in HUGE ways!*

*Love,
Antoinette & Harrison (age 4)
Matthew 25:40*

ANSWERS TO PRAYER AND CONTINUING NEEDS:

We are living by faith and asking the Lord to supply. Here are a few things you could be praying about and praising the Lord:

*The Lord's will about property for our ministry to grow. We are bursting at the seams. We are praying for a place called the Circle M that would supply our needs for expansion. It is sitting empty right now, but we have not been able to contact the owners, plus we would need the money to purchase. We are praying that people would take an interest or that the Lord would have them donate it to the ministry.

*Funds to print our tract. We are on the last box. **Answered November 14, 2012**

*Volunteer Grounds Keeper: lawn, pastures, maintenance. **Praise the Lord for Carl & Bonnie and their faithfulness to do our garden and clear weeds and brush. For many months we had Joe & Emily, who came out each week to mow the lawn and frontage area.** We need more hands because it is just too much for two to do alone.

*Leadership for a Horse & Bible Club in the public schools after school

*Good horse hay and the money to buy it. This has been a major expense taken care of by the owners of the place we lease, but we will not have that if they sell the place.

*Equipment to be able to float the horses' teeth.

*Lime, fertilizer, and grass seed for our pasture.

*Paint for the storage barn

*Getting the barn at TWQC North built to store equipment. **More than a year ago we had the trusses donated.**

*Seed spreader (3-point hitch) **This was graciously donated**

*Drag harrow-**Donated**

*Manure spreader

*Time and co-laborers to do the work that needs to be done, especially guys. :)

Donated horses ease the loss of retired or injured horses. We have been given 15 yr old Colter, 6 yr old Yellowstone, and 3 yr old Glacier.



YELLOWSTONE & GLACIER RUNNING FOR THE BARN

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Proverbs 3:5 & 6

Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.
In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

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