

Greetings to all those who have an interest in what has been going on at the TW Quarter Circle Ranch. The following is some of the many things that the Lord is doing.

H.O.R.S.E. Apprenticeship Program

Sara Doherty and Marietta Parrott are in their second year of our H.O.R.S.E. Ministry Apprenticeship program. "H.O.R.S.E." stands for "Helping Others Realize Spiritual Excellence." Marietta is also teaching Horsemanship I & II to first year student Shanna Bowers. We are having more and more interest in the classes. We will be having a block class in July on Music Appreciation. We already have many interested in attending. And you thought we only teach about horses! ;.)



Fall semester Equestrian Trail Design & Management class



Horse Show Judging



Selling steers at auction

Diversification Pays Off

Because we are very diversified with our programs, it has kept us going. This has been a difficult year with the cold, wet weather. We have had to cancel more trail rides and lessons than all the years previously combined. But on the other hand, we are getting more On-Site trail riders and opportunities to share the Gospel. The Lord still answers our prayers when we have a particularly important activity by keeping the rain away until after we are finished. Praise the Lord!

On-Site Trail Rides--International Ministry

We continue to have many people from all over the United States and the world visit the ranch for riding. We seldom have anyone turn us down for a Gospel devotional after they ride. Recently we had four Russian girls, who were adopted either very young or as babies and brought to the USA, who spoke fluent Russian. They came for a trail ride. Two had their seventeenth birthdays and wanted a special outing. They stayed for the Gospel devotional and then Ranch Paw Rosey sang Happy Birthday in Russian (since Rosey is a Border Collie, she is multilingual). Later that same day, coincidentally we had four young businessmen from the Ukraine come for a trail ride

as well. Although there were no birthdays, we were again led by Rosey, singing Happy Trails. They also stayed for the Gospel devotional. All were given our tract and witnessed to of the love of our Saviour. Last week after the regular lesson devotional, we had one of our ten year old riders, who comes occasionally, exclaim that she had never heard the real story of Easter. It is so exciting to see the Lord bring the **Mission Field** to us.



Students from China



Russian seventeen year olds



Ukraine young business men



Johanna from Germany



Doctor from the Philippines and family

CHSA Horse Show Team

This year we will be taking fourteen horses to the shows with twelve riders attending. Last years team was very successful bringing home even more end of the year awards than the year before. It has given us many opportunities to talk with people about the horse training techniques that we use, give out tracts, and witness. We plan to expand that ministry by setting up a table at the shows with free literature. We are hoping for even more opportunities to share with people.

Schedule Busyness Increases

Each year we think that we are at our capacity of being busy, but the Lord keeps adding new things. It is such a privilege to serve the Lord in this way and each time we think that we just can't add anything else, the Lord gives the ability and strength. We still have lessons three days a week and apprenticeship classes two days a week, plus extra days for labs. The other days we do paperwork. We also have a wonderful ministry at Faith Baptist Church with the Finishing by Faith Sunday School class. The class has added a dinner/supper six program that is very effective. We try to attend as

many as possible to get to know the members of the class more intimately.

School Programs and Off-site Birthday Parties and Events

We've had many opportunities to present the Gospel through our Nature of the Horse Demonstration and class room talks.

Community Bible Study

We have seen many lives changing as they go through the Bible study with Curt. We are quite sure seven have been saved; others are growing in their Christian walk.

Marietta's Bible Studies

Marietta has been having separate Bible studies with six of our riders ranging from six years old to young adult. She has seen three make professions of faith and are growing in the Lord.

The Living Gallery



Each year the ranch encourages riders to come for supper, tour the art gallery, and attend The Living Gallery the Friday before Easter. This year we had ten join us. One was Chris Currin, who got saved

last summer. He attended one of our trail rides and Bible Study. He came to know the Lord when he had a weekly Bible Study with Curt. He later was baptized and joined our church.

Paolo and his son Federico are from Italy. They were thrilled to see so many art pieces by Italian artists. Paolo wrote, "I want to thank you again for the unforgettable time we had yesterday. It was very unique and I'm happy that also Federico was with me. Next year I'll come with all the family."

Volunteers

We are getting more and more people interested in volunteering at the ranch. We are praying for someone to get a burden for that ministry of discipleship. The Lord has also been answering our prayers for more male leadership.



Freedom Home

We have several ladies now that come to the ranch on a weekly basis from Faith Baptist Church Freedom That Lasts program. It's amazing how the horses are a healing element in their lives. The good fresh air and hard work is a key as well. They get to be involved in a ministry to others.



We are praying about starting a riding program and Bible study for military veterans and first responders. They would be invited to

come to the ranch for a free trail ride and Bible study. As long as they wanted to come back and do the Bible study, they could ride for free. We are praying for sponsors and a name for this program.

Sometimes people just drop by for a little horse therapy



Need for Expansion

We now have 25 horses that we rotate between our place in Travelers Rest and Simpsonville. We have a great need to expand as we are bursting at the seams where we are now. We turn down calls every week for more people wanting to ride or to board their horses. We have to turn people away because we don't have enough room, enough horses or wranglers to accommodate them, or we do not have the time. We are praying for a place that we could live on-site so that we could take more small groups during the day. As it is now, we have a forty five minute drive down and back each time we go to the ranch, so we can't take people when they call spur of the

moment. We also would like to have a facility that would give us a room to have Bible studies right at the ranch. We think we could get even more people to stay for a Gospel witness and discipleship.

Curt's Heart Issues

Curt had blockage in one of his arteries this past December. He had two stents put in, is on medication, but is going strong.

Volunteer Staff

We are thankful for our staff: Marietta Parrott–Ranch Foreman and Head Wrangler; Sattler George–Jr Ranch Foreman; Shanna Bowers–Barn Manager; Sara Doherty–Ranch Ramrod and Special Needs. Please pray as Sara's involvement has been limited this year due to health issues.

We are praying that these volunteers can get their support in place so that they can go full time at the ranch. They are so needed. Of course, Sattler is only fourteen so he still has school, but he goes with Bev to the farrier and is learning how to trim and shoe. He has now taken over trimming the horses at the ranch who do not have shoes.

College Extension

We are so thankful for the college students who faithfully come out every week (sometimes more than once a week) to take leadership at the ranch.



Testimonies of the Lord Working!

from a former BJU extension student:

My wife and I moved to Washington last week. I'm waiting for a slot to open up with a local police department (I made it onto their hiring list). In the meantime...I'm cleaning stalls for the lady who provided my earlier status. Funny thing: the stuff I learned with you is paying the bills now...not all my book learning from school. And most important: the 6 levels of responsibility you taught us every semester. My new boss just gushed over how grateful she was that I didn't need to be supervised constantly (Level 6: act and report routinely). All this to say.... Thank you soooo much for the investment you made in our lives with the Ranch. ~Ben

from last summer's camp and horse training program:

The method we learned from you works so well. It is a miracle for us to know how to prepare our horses.

Yesterday I had another wonderful ride with Betsy and Reno. He is an amazing trail horse—not afraid of anything and as calm as can be. Betsy adores him and could not be prouder of him. Roxy is also doing so well. Her most wonderful attribute is standing stock still for mounting and dismounting.

Betsy is loving Vet school . . .

She came home last weekend and during our ride she told me your camp was the best graduation gift we could have given her. We were talking about how things had changed as a result. ~Mary

from an attendee of Tweakage camp seminar we attended:

I hope you folks had a safe trip back to the south land. I enjoyed the afternoon conversation we were able to have . . . It was great to hear about your ministry and heart for serving the Lord through camping, and especially horses. I enjoyed looking over your website, what an opportunity! You gave me a lot to think about as we try to develop our horsemanship program. Proverbs 3:1-6, I sort of claim as a life verse, and I can't tell you how the illustration of the horse and it's relationship to the rider has impressed upon me even more the context of that passage. It was under my nose this whole time and I had never seen it. Thank you. ~Tom

from a volunteer's mom:

I just wanted to thank you all so much for allowing Grace to be part of your ministry at TWQC. I am so grateful that she can serve and learn to serve under such godly influences. I have seen her become more willing to witness, and become more sure of her walk with the Lord since she has been volunteering there. That gives great joy to this mother's heart. I just wanted to thank you for the blessing that you, and the TWQC family have been to Grace. ~Grace's mom, Amber

Prayer Needed

We continually have different things come up that make us realize the spiritual battle rages. As I write this letter, I received a call from Curt who is at the ranch for lessons. The horses got into the barn before they got there, but thankfully did not get into the feed room. Something happened, however, and the back stall's wall was kicked down. Our mule ended up with a slit in his throat. Thankfully it will heal. This is just an example of how desperate we feel that we need to be on-site so that we can take care of things immediately before things get serious.

We are so thankful for the many who support us and pray for us. We have a good amount in savings now and were recently given a great

love offering from a church plant in the Florida Keys. It is very humbling. We also received money to buy some calves to start our cow herd. Our own church supports us in so many ways but also are so generous each month in financial support. Our Sunday School class and the Seasoned Saints gave us money to replace our speed event timer that had gone bad. What a blessing!

We are overwhelmed and know that we need great wisdom from the Lord!!

There are so many other things to share, but I am trying to keep this short. Please pray that I will have time to complete the reports and prayer letters on time.



Ephesians 6: 18* Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints; 19* And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel, 20* For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

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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.