

## TW QUARTER CIRCLE RANCH MINISTRIES SUMMER 2015

This summer has been a time of great victories and trials. We have claimed Ephesians 6:10-19 many times, realizing that we wrestle not against flesh and blood. . .



We had a tremendous summer camp crew this year. We started with Curt giving two weeks of intensive training in soul winning, discipleship, and leadership. We were able to accomplish even more than years past in horsemanship as well. We continued the training throughout the month, meeting early each day before camp.

Our first week of summer camp was quite diverse. We had young people, teen agers, and adults. This camp culminated with an off-site trail ride to DuPont State Park in NC. What a beautiful day the Lord gave us! Some wranglers stayed back with Curt to finish up regular camp with the young people, whose special event was the Gymkhana the next Saturday. Claudia, one of our riders whose husband is a vice president at BMW, has been riding with us for eight years. She was here for four years, went back to Germany and then back to the states for another four years. She was only able to be with us through Thursday as she had to pack to leave for Germany. We were all very sad for her to leave.

The next week we had quite a group of young people. We were at capacity, but at the last moment a couple of the campers were unable to come. Needless to say, our wranglers were still stretched. The week ended with our Gymkhana with twenty four participants. It was very hot that day, but everyone walked away with a ribbon they had earned and grins on their faces! We were especially thankful for the four people who came to Christ and for several others whose only real time of being disciplined is at camp. We had several return, who have made professions of faith in previous years' camps. It's wonderful to see them return and have an opportunity to get their questions answered. One girl has been coming for five years. We are especially thankful for the discipleship time during and after chapels.

In years past, we ended our camps with the gymkhana, but this year we added Barrel Racing Camp. Bev's sister Barb, who was a professional barrel racer for years, came down and was the clinician for

the week. What a wonderful week we had! Our barrel camp participants got personal instruction on an incredible level—much more than other barrel camps or clinics offer. Barb said she was able to go much further in their training because of “the excellent horsemanship skills the riders brought to camp.” We ended camp by doing exhibition runs at the Rice Arena with personalized critiques from Barb.



Not only did we have Bev's middle sister Barb for camp, but we also had her youngest sister Carol, who came along as well. She and her husband still ranch in Montana. She is an excellent horseman and still does horse shows as well. It was an amazing time of getting reacquainted. Because the sisters were five years apart, they really didn't know each other well growing up. It was a sweet time of fellowship, even though it was extremely busy. This probably mirrors how they were brought up on the ranch. Their best times were working together!

While we had camp going on, our two year old heifers calved for the first time. Bev had been very concerned because they usually need help calving the first time. The Lord took care of it all. We even had one calf come while Bev's sisters were here. Carol, from whom Bev gets much advice and wisdom, helped her figure out how to deal with our cows on our small acreage. It's vastly different than ranching in Montana! Plus, when Bev was on the ranch, she didn't really pay attention to the details that she needs to know now. What a wonderful resource that the Lord has provided with both of her sisters.

We did have some moments, however. The first day our new born calf came, she disappeared. Sara and Bev searched for three hours extensively. Bev and Curt finally had to go to camp, so as soon as chapel was over Curt went home to continue the search. Before he got home, Sara saw the calf, who had just shown up! Praise the Lord for answered prayer. Before the calves were born, another time while at camp, we received a phone call from our neighbor that our cows and bull were out on the road. Curt was at Walmart, getting supplies, so he dropped everything and got the golf cart to try to lure them home with grain. They were much more interested in the “green grass on the other side,” however. As soon as we could, the guys and Bev joined Curt to herd them home. We spent several hours, but finally lost three cows in the deep woods. While the guys were looking for them,

Curt and Bev were able to get one cow and the bull back to the pasture and secured. We had to quit for the night as the guys were worn out and dehydrated. We prayed and asked the Lord to protect them from being hit on the highway. The next morning, Sattler, Curt, and Bev went looking and sure enough, there they were still bedded down away from the road and harm's way. They willingly went home. It did give us many opportunities to talk with our neighbors. We will be following up with tracts.

After camp we did take a few days off and went to TN to spend time with the Parrotts. It was very nice to get away. We came back on Saturday and were unloading the car when Curt went into supra ventricular tachycardia. Bev drove him to the emergency room. His heart rate was 195. Come to find out, he had run out of a prescription that the VA was late getting filled. Curt didn't think it was that important and thought it would be there when we got back. Praise the Lord the heart cath showed no blockage and he is now doing fine.

Recently we have had other trials. Marietta's 2 year old filly got tangled up with the fence and sliced her two hind legs to the bone in several places. The vet stitched her up but that didn't hold. Marietta is now doing hydrotherapy and doctoring her to heal from the inside out. The main thing is praying that there will not be a bone infection. This past Friday Marietta, Marilyn, Curt and Bev banded the two bull calves and gave them shots. They found that the black bull calf has an umbilical cord infection. He is being given shots daily. There is still a chance of losing him because it's difficult to cure that kind of infection.

We are thankful for our new H.O.R.S.E. (Helping Others Realize Spiritual Excellence) Apprenticeship program member. Marilyn Shideler has joined our team and will begin horsemanship and Bible classes in September. She was able to do the summer camp ministry as well. She has proven to be a hard worker and kindred spirit.



We had been praying for guys to be interested in the ministry. It's so important to have that male leadership. The Lord brought several to serve in the ministry, but we still need prayer. We are thankful for our two faithful guys Sattler and Josh. It's difficult for young people to see the long term ministry because we do not have any resources to give salaries. We know that the Lord will give us the workers that we need but the laborers are few. The harvest truly is plenteous. We have had to turn away many people seeking trail riding, especially in July and August because we do not have enough help. Please pray that we can accommodate those wanting to come. It hurts to have to turn them away. We recently have had people from Singapore, Japan, the Middle East, and Brazil. We also had a family come from Baton Rouge, LA to ride with us. Each group receives a gospel tract and we always have a devotional, presenting the gospel after the trail rides and lessons. We have

had many as return visitors, giving us more opportunities to witness and disciple.

We have many people wanting to volunteer so that they can ride horses, but fewer and fewer who meet the qualifications to serve with us for the ministry's sake. Praise the Lord, we have Craig, who has jumped in and really has been such a blessing!

June 12, Curt and Bev celebrated 45 years together. It is truly amazing to look back over our lives and see God's gracious hand working even before we were saved! Praise the Lord!

**Testimonies:**

*So wonderful to see our Maddie Grace learning and growing in God and horsemanship. And with a group of people who are a true blessing to her and subsequently us, her family. ~ Melissa*

*Your organization exceeded my expectations, and I was blown away with the sincerity of the ministry. May God bless you for your efforts in praising and furthering the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. ~ Sincerely, Debbie*



Thanks so much for your continued prayers and support!

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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.*