

# TW Quarter Circle Ranch Ministries January/February 2010 Prayer Letter

## Emergency Room Trip

The month of January started out with Curt making a quick trip to Asheville, NC to the VA hospital for what turned out to be detached vitreous in his eye. We were thankful that it was not a detached retina, which would have been much more serious.

Our good friends Dr. and Mrs. Greg Pacentine took him up there, as we had riding lessons that day and didn't know how long it would take. Thankfully it was not serious. He still has floaties and some vision loss, but there is nothing they can do for that. We are so very thankful for his being able to go the the VA.

## China Visits Greenville

We had an unusual opportunity Jan. 7 when Philip from north China came for a riding lesson. He was eager for a western horseback experience, and he clearly enjoyed the lesson. He was in Greenville for just that one week for some intensive English lessons before further training by his international company. Grace, one of our regular riding students, introduced him to our ranch. He hopes to come back to ride again soon. It was great fun to give him a taste of the "real West" as he told us.



## Testimony of Answer to Prayer

Our Extension On-Campus-Leader wrote coming back from Christmas break:

*I can drive... something I don't think that I shared with you is that the Lord provided me with a van given to me for free! Also some money for the licenses and registration. He sure does answer prayer! :) Caleb*

We thank the Lord for His provision and care.

## Extension Netcasters Soul Winning Class

Curt began a weekly class on soul winning with our extension and volunteer wranglers on Jan 16. It has been a blessing sharing every week what God has been doing in lives. It ties right in with our Horsemanship Levels program where riders learn a brief version of the salvation message. In turn the extension wranglers are able to expand and discuss these concepts with their particular riders. The following are a few of the testimonies from that class.

*I was really struck by how the book compares works-oriented sanctification with works-oriented salvation, and how wrong they both are. It's easy to realize how we cannot earn our salvation, but I constantly find myself depending on my own strength to be more like Christ. That was a definite eye-opener for me. ~ Jamie*

*The Netcaster's Workbook lists several Nicodemus [type] Appointments. The Nicodemus Appointments happens when God leads people to Himself through the netcaster. When I read the list of what those situations could be, one situation was when someone just starts talking about God and spiritual matters in a daily conversation. When I first read this I almost fell off of my chair. It reminded me of my hair stylist back home. Every time I go there I am always wondering how I can bring up the Gospel, and every time she always brings it up, just asking random questions and asking for advice. She goes to the church that I used to go to and she has been questioning some of the doctrines. I have seen the Lord work in her heart. She used to be very defensive about what she believed in and what she thought was right, and the last time that I was there she said, "I don't know what I believe anymore." She is more open about God and religion than I have ever seen her, and I was able to share a tract and a prayer card with her. I truly believe that the Lord has put me there for a reason and that these Nicodemus Appointments are not just "mere coincidences." ~Myra*

### **Dixie's Vet CK**

We took the Pacentine's horse Dixie down to Georgia for her vet check for Georgia Caroline's parents. This was the next step in the process of buying her.

Later in the month Sasha, who broke and trained Dixie, came to say her final goodbyes and to share with the family. This horse has had the blessing of being raised in a wonderful family, and now she will be going to a special young lady to complete her mission.



### **Continue to Pray for Georgia Caroline**

After our show in February, our little 9 yr. old cystic fibrosis rider returned again for a longer three week stay in the hospital. Please keep her in your prayers. Her mother wrote, "We appreciate all of your prayers as we fight this disease alongside Georgia Caroline. One of the hardest parts for us is that she appears pretty healthy on the outside, but inside the disease is wreaking havoc on her body. Thankfully, God gives us the strength to get through the tough times. Thanks again." ~Angela

### **It's a Small World**

Curt was able to help some people here make connections in Montana as they traveled to Washington state. Dawn our friend in Montana shared that "the kids are probably about ready to hit the road again. We had a good little visit with them. My niece, Jennifer helped make them comfortable until Rick & I could get home. Rick's brother, Ray, was here for business. In about the 2nd sentence, Ray & Karis realized they had common friends. She knew or at least knew of Ray's son. Their parents were probably at Pillsbury the same time I was, although I didn't know them. Doesn't the world get just a little smaller?! :)

### **German connection**

Guenther and Rita came from Germany to visit again. Norm and Barb had brought them out to the ranch to see our round pen demonstration and to ride when they were here before. It was so wonderful to

connect again with them. We are looking forward to their returning sometime this summer to go on one of our trail rides.

### **Snow, Ice, and Sleet**

This winter has really been longer and colder than any we have experienced in the nineteen years we have been in South Carolina. It reminded us of the following Scriptures:

*Psalms 51:7 – Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.*

*Proverbs 25:13 – As the cold of snow in the time of harvest, so is a faithful messenger to them that send him: for he refresheth the soul of his masters.*

*Isaiah 55:10 – For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater:*



*Matthew 28:3 – His countenance was like lightning, and his raiment white as snow:*

*Mark 9:3 – And his raiment became shining, exceeding white as snow; so as no fuller on earth can white them.*

*Revelation 1:14 – His head and his hairs were white like wool, as white as snow; and his eyes were as a flame of fire;*

We have had to cancel some horsemanship sessions because of the weather, and a recent

Saturday it snowed quite a bit. I thought we would have to cancel, but when we sent the e-mail out, no one wanted to cancel. They all came and rode in the snow. The highlight of the day, which turned out to be sunshine and relatively warm, was when we rode up to get the horses in the upper pasture, the herd took off, their manes and tails waving, kicking up their heels in the snow and dashing for the barn. What a sight! Some in our group had never seen that before, so it was a special treat.

### **Another International Connection**

BK from China came out with Grace for a riding lesson the morning of our horse show. It's amazing that both gentlemen from China showed great aptitude for riding. BK plans to come back to go out on the trails later when he has more time. It was a blessing to share with him. He had attended Curt's Sunday School class and then church the week before. When we were trying to explain our connection to Montana, and that I had grown up on a cattle ranch, there was not much understanding, until Curt said, "You know, 'cowboy.'" Immediately BK related by lifting his hand in the universal roping cowboy gesture. We are very thankful to Grace for bringing us such interesting people to ride with us. It helps all of us appreciate the universal connection with horses.



## Horse Show/Gymkhana

We had a great crowd at the show this month when we kicked off our spring circuit shows. The competition was wonderful! It was so good to see old friends and new come together with such good sportsmanship. I think it was one of our best attended shows as far as the audience. It was a blessing for Curt to share God's Word from Psalm 103 with everyone there.



## Indiana Horsemanship Clinic

Please pray for our clinic in May. We have been asked to come and do a three day clinic. We have a several interested right now, but we need to have more sign up to make the trip feasible. It's a great ministry opportunity and outreach into the community.

## Bible Studies

Curt is still conducting the every other week Ranch Bible Study. We are so thankful for the eager people who attend. We have added a college extension girl, Bekah, who is helping Marietta do the teen study, while we have the adults.



Curt is also doing a one on one discipleship Bible study with JB each week. It's so thrilling to see what the Lord is teaching him from the Bible.

JB followed the Lord in believer's baptism and joined Faith Baptist Church. He is faithfully attending Sunday School and church. He says that since he has come to truly know the Lord, that his life has been filled with peace that he has never known. He struggles with PTSD, but he has been able to cut back on much of his medication, and his blood sugar and blood pressure



have greatly decreased. It especially lowers when he rides with us on our trail rides. Now, that's therapeutic riding!



### **Issaqueena Trail Ride**

Our Presidents' trail ride was canceled several times due to the weather, but we finally got it in with some of the original riders that had signed up. It was a beautiful day, although our lunch break was a bit chilly due to the wind. It was great as soon as we got back on our horses. It's such a great time of fellowship and enjoyment of God's creation!



### **Support**

We are so thankful for the support that some of you are sacrificially giving each month, and especially the prayer support. We couldn't do it without you. Many times we have been down to the wire to pay our bills, when the money has come in. Right now we are living on the bare essentials, waiting for our student lessons to increase. We are still down 50% from two years ago.

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. 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. – **This has been answered! 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.
- 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

### **Thank You**

We want to thank those who have given us monetary and prayer support, but also those that help us in other ways. Our farrier Truman has been a great source of valuable information and experience. Between him and my sister, I have great resources to know how to deal with the seemingly weekly trials of keeping horses healthy.

We will not name all the people who have given sacrificially to our ministry, but please know that we appreciate your support so very much. We consider you co-laborers in the Gospel. May the Lord bless you richly.

### **Please Pray**

- As Curt contacts churches for us to present our ministry
- Support from those we have visited
- Time to seek support; we are so busy serving the Lord
- Bev's five week testimony series at the local Women's Shelter
- Bible Studies
- Sunday School class each week
- Indiana Horsemanship Clinic in May
- Camp riders and wranglers to sign up
- Support for those who are staying on to help this summer. They are trusting the Lord to provide their needs.
- Safety
- Wisdom in dealing with the many situations that come up daily



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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!*