

# TW Quarter Circle Ranch Ministries

## December 2011 Prayer Letter

I can't tell you how many times, I have written this update in my mind; but, of course, you can't read my mind. Every time I've sat down to compose our prayer letter, it seems that the phone rings or there is something else that *HAS* to be done. Thank you so much for your patience. We have much to share, but I will try to do a condensed version.

### GRADUATION



We left off in May with our Head Wrangler Marietta's graduation from high school. It was so special, as she has been with the ranch ministry since she was eleven years old. The ranch felt "compelled" to give her favorite horse Sundance as her gift. What a blessing to hear her testimony and especially the presentation of a clear gospel message at her graduation! We are now looking forward to her raising her support and coming on staff. She will also be pursuing her college degree. She and our daughter Sara are praying that they will be able to take our apprenticeship horsemanship program in the near future. Do pray for that program. We had a guy from Tennessee the other day call about the program. We need time to develop it. We also have our Ranch Foreman Glorianna who is also starting to raise her support to come on staff full time. We are asking the Lord to be able to have full time paid staff. We want to train our replacements soon. :)

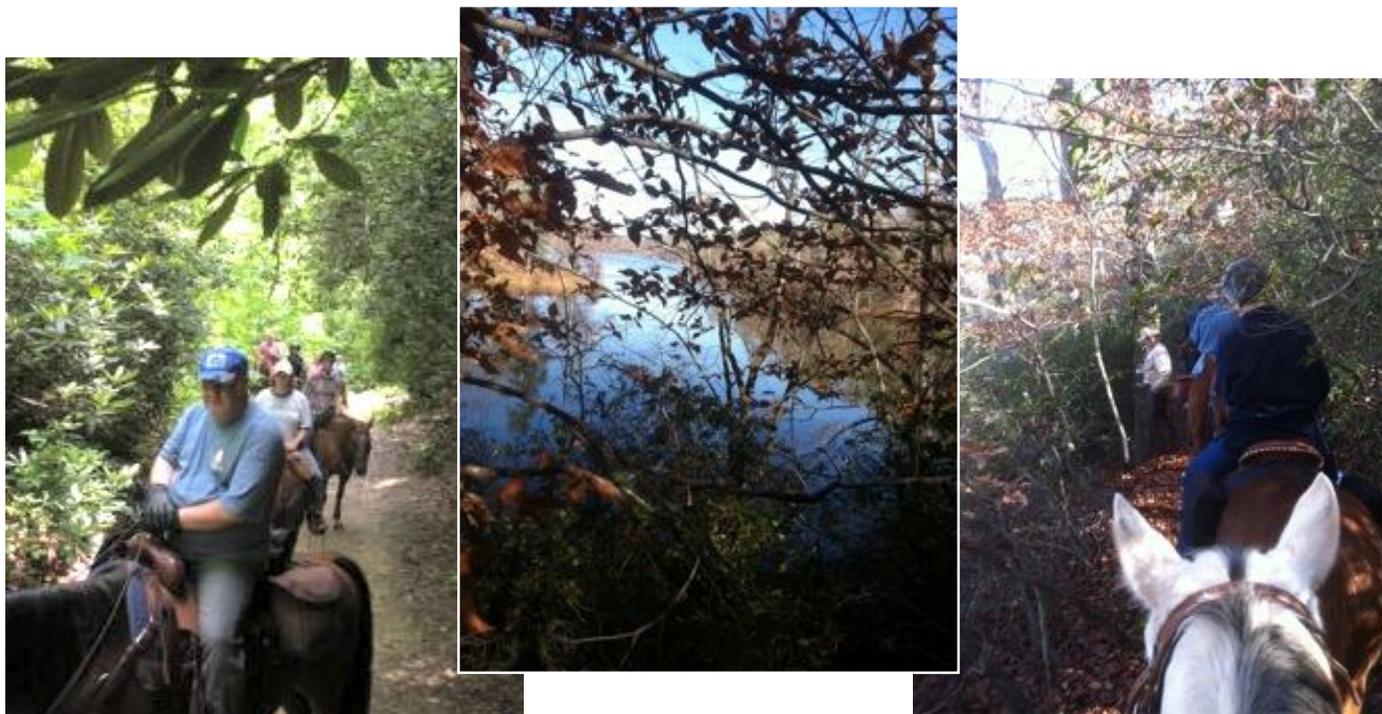
### SUMMER CAMPS

This year we had a special speaker at our summer camps, when our very own youth Pastor Joe Vaughn came to the ranch. It was very effective. He also brought the youth group out for a much needed work day right before our camps began. They really worked hard and got the ranch looking great!



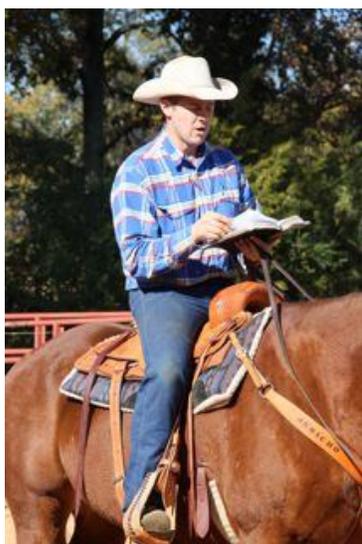
Our Adult Camp culminated with the annual Dupont Trail Ride. We have since had several other offsite trail rides, which have been wonderful! Curt always gives a gospel message for our lunch devotional.

These trail rides have been well attended and for the most part have been booked even before we can advertise them.



## HORSE SHOW/GYMKHANAS

Our June show was well attended by our horsemanship camp students. There were many positive remarks from parents and family members. One set of grandparents said that they could see a definite change in their grandchild. They said that she wants to come back and be just like the Wranglers at the ranch. We've had three horse shows at the ranch since this summer. Our audience attendance has been up from previous years. The ranch drew in an average of 80 people per show. Many were first time visitors. At the last show in November, Andy, one of our ministerial extension students gave the message. It's such a great opportunity for ministry experience, plus the people love hearing from young people dedicated to the Lord.



## TRAIL RIDES

Our outreach has been expanded by advertising trail rides at the ranch. Our tech girls have “somehow managed” to have our information come to the top when people google for trail rides. Even though we don't feel that our little place is much, people are thrilled with the nostalgic trails winding through the woods and creek. We now have a volunteer Trails and Grounds Supervisor, Ethan, who is keeping the place in tip top shape.



This new aspect has brought in many new riders coming from many different places – local, one to two hours away, and as far away as Alaska, France, Germany, Columbia, and Iraq. Yes, Iraq! You can imagine my surprise when one day I received a call from Iraq with a husband, scheduling a special outing for his wife when he arrived in the states. It's amazing what the internet has done! And, of course, everyone wants to be a "cowboy."

One day we had a family visiting from France for a trail ride. The Lord just "happened" to arrange for our wrangler Anna Grace and her two kids to be off early that day, so that she could use her French minor degree to communicate. Grace, our resident linguist had someone at the university translate horse related phrases, so that we could make sure that the seven year old, non-English speaking boy would be safe. When Curt got out of the truck in his boots, jeans, and cowboy hat, the boy looked at him and exclaimed, "COWBOY!" That was the only English word he knew. Because "everyone wants to be a cowboy," it has opened up many opportunities to share the gospel. We are so thankful! Please pray that we will never take it for granted.

## NATURE OF THE HORSE DEMONSTRATIONS

Special outings at the ranch have been frequent with special groups, family reunions and girl scouts. We have done our Nature of the Horse demonstration many times. Willow always reacts differently each time, precipitating a variety of topics when Curt speaks. All those inroads end up with a visual illustration of the Lord's working in lives both in salvation and service to Him.

Pleasant View Baptist Church again had us come for their youth camp ministry. There were many children from around the area and nearby states in attendance. Curt spoke in chapel and did his Cowboy Armor message and demonstration from Ephesians 6. We then went out for the Nature of the Horse demonstration and message. We had many questions and applications both for salvation and dedication.





## R&R

We did close the ranch this year from July 4-9 for our faithful volunteers and us to take a break. Even with that, July was still a very busy month with Marietta attending CIT (Camper in Training) camp for two weeks at The Wilds and with our daughter and grandchildren visiting. We still had our normal weekly lessons and horse shows going as well. At the close of July, Sara made her final decision to move to Greenville and join us in the ministry. It was bitter sweet! Sara's husband of seventeen years had abandoned her, then remarried shortly after. At this time he has convinced the children to remain with him in Indiana. After much counsel from pastors and her attorney, she decided not to fight, even though she would have won legally. She is praying that the kids will choose to come back and serve with her in the ministry. If you would like to receive her prayer letters, e-mail Sara Doherty: [saradevon71@gmail.com](mailto:saradevon71@gmail.com).

## CHSA HORSE SHOWS

This year we made a commitment to several of our riders to take them to a local horse show circuit once a month. We have attended seven of the nine CHSA shows and have had great results. Most of our riders were inexperienced and came away with honors:

***Marietta Parrott on Sundance***  
*Youth Timed Division - Champion; Youth Poles - Reserve Champion*

***Shannah Steel on Rosebud***  
*Green Horse/Rider - Champion; Adult Novice Western Pleasure - Reserve Champion*

***Georgia Caroline Kay on Dixie***  
*12 & Under Barrels - Champion*

***Logan Moon on Chinook***  
*Green Horse/Rider Barrels - Reserve Champion; 12 & Under Barrels - Reserve Champion*

***Grace Hargis on Sequoyah***  
*Green Horse/Rider Western, W/J - Reserve Champion*



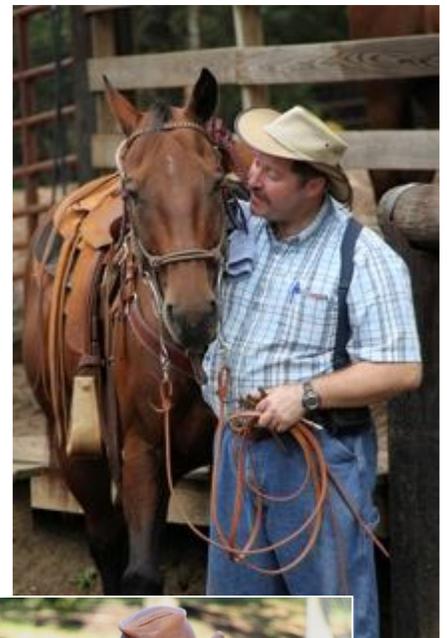
The greatest honor was being able to make new friends and to share our tract and to witness. Many times our group was asked to give the opening prayer to start the show. We are praying for even more opportunities in the future.

## FAIRS & MEETINGS

In August, the Upstate Sate Fair again gave us a free booth to display our ministry. Curt had many opportunities to share the gospel. We now have a family who rides with us from our information at the fair a year ago. This fall we also attended the BJU Opportunities Fair and Missions Emphasis. We met up with old friends and met many new friends, due to Sara's additional circle of friends.

## VOLUNTEERS

This past year we were impressed to pray for more spiritual volunteers, especially guys. We are so thrilled that the Lord is answering and continues to answer that prayer. We have had more volunteers with a heart for the ministry (rather than for the horses) than ever before. Of course, with more spiritual interest there always comes the battles. Beginning with our summer camps to the present, we have had some intense spiritual battles. We are studying and applying the principles of Ephesians 6:10-17, but we certainly need much prayer! We are thankful that the Lord has led a Wyoming cowboy to join us. Andy is studying for the ministry and working with us at the ranch. His ranch experience has really expanded our lessons and horse training. He's already been a tremendous blessing to the ministry!



## MINISTRY TO MISSIONARIES

We have also had many opportunities to minister to other missionaries when they are home on furlough. Sometimes it's just R&R, but sometimes it's to help in preparation for special projects. Tim Keese from FrontLine Missions came wanting experience with horses for his next mission trip. Here's an excerpt from one thank you note that gives some insight into this special ministry that horses give:

*Wow!! That was a special, special treat for all the many Mongolds! (Yes. . . even for us non-riders. . . seeing our kids have that joy. . . brought us joy!) We can't even begin to imagine all the work that meant for everyone to get that opportunity going! Thanks for displaying such servant hearts. It was a big question mark in our mind as to how Silas would respond to such a big animal. (Silas has Down syndrome) We shouldn't have worried for a moment. . . he loved those horses!*

*Our favorite part was hearing your wonderful devotional on the horses. . . beautifully articulated. . . we pray our children won't soon forget those wonderful analogies! (Or us either for that matter!)*

*What a wonderful tract that you wrote! Thank you much for sharing the sobering testimony of your parents, Bev. It's quite easy to see how the Lord has used them in your own life, as you and your husband also minister to others. . . sharing Christ to a lost world.*

## VOLUNTEER BAPTIZED

In October, it was thrilling to have one of our volunteers get baptized and join our church. Myra is graduating this year. She is praying to understand what the Lord wants for her life.

## CASUALTY

We were sad to report to our riders and friends of the passing on November 11th of Double S Ranch Palomino horse Rose. She had been the horse who taught so many to ride. At the age of 21, she was one of the mainstays of the horsemanship program at the ranch. She started showing symptoms on a Thursday, and we took her home to Travelers Rest that night to provide more intensive attention for her. She passed away the next day. Rose was our friend and co-laborer in the ministry, and she will be greatly missed. Please pray for the health and safety of the other horses at the ranch.



## FOLLOWUP

Because we gave a tract and prayer card to the man who buried our horse Rose, we received a call the other day from his mother. She had read our tract about my parents and has made arrangements to use that story to send home to 75 public school elementary students in their backpack supper program. We know the Lord will continue to use that story, even if we don't see the results.

## BIBLE STUDIES & DISCIPLESHIP

We are starting up our Ranch Bible Study again on Fridays. We actually will have two different ones going every other Friday in different neighborhoods. We have already met once with one group; we will start another group in January. The last time we did this, one family decided that they needed to be in a fundamental Bible believing church, which they are now attending. Now they want to invite their neighbors and friends. Please pray that it will be a spring board for good discussion and that believers

would be challenged to separate from the world, and that unbelievers would come to the saving knowledge of Christ.

Curt continues to have discipleship opportunities with many who call from out of state or country and continues to have a weekly one-on-one Bible study. We have had many other opportunities to witness to parents and riders throughout the year. We are praying for the Lord to bring the results. The Netcasters program is still being used to train our volunteers and church members. We are so thrilled that Faith Baptist is emphasizing the importance of discipleship and mentoring: some are “leaders, some leaners, and some learners.” We are taking the principles that Pastor Monroe is teaching and implementing them into the ranch ministry as they apply. Please pray that we will be found faithful!



## THANKS

Thanks to the many people who have been giving over and above our missionary support at Faith Baptist Church. We do not know who you are, but we are praying that the Lord blesses you richly for the great encouragement and provision to us! Thanks also for the others who faithfully, month after month, give to the ministry. We know that there are many who pray for us consistently. What a blessing you are to us! We wouldn't make it without you!

This summer we had sixty 20 foot flat tresses donated to us. We also have a friend who is a missionary of helps, who will design and help us build; but we are waiting on the Lord for the rest of the materials and help to put up a machine shed and 4 stall barn at TWQC North. It is greatly needed to shelter our machinery and horses.

With the daylight getting less and less as we go into the winter months, please pray that we can get the arena lights fixed. The light bulbs are provided, but now the electrical on the poles is in need of repair. We are operating at the minimum at this time. If we had a lift (minimum \$250), we have a volunteer who will work on them.

## CONTINUING NEEDS AND ANSWERS TO PRAYER:

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:

- **Our camp enrollment was up 99% over 2010. We have wonderful quality wranglers and ranch hands, but we need more help!**
- The Lord's will about property for our ministry to grow. We are bursting at the seams.
- Funds to print our tract. We are on the last box.
- Scholarship money for campers in need.
- Volunteer Grounds Keeper: lawn, pastures, maintenance. **We have had someone just show up when most needed and do the lawn and fence lines at TWQC North. We are so thankful! We also have a volunteer that comes 2-3 times a week to the ranch to help with trails and grounds maintenance.**
- Items to be sold to help supplement our income. **We have someone who is listing them for us. We have had some things sell. Sara had a tremendous garage sale in December.**

- Stamina and wisdom as we move Sara in permanently with us. We've had to sort through and sell many items; but, on the other hand, that has helped with her support.
- Good horse hay for our place in Travelers Rest. **The Lord provided abundantly last year, but we will need restocking.**
- Sponsor for horse show ribbons and t-shirts. **Our camp t-shirts were donated this past summer. Thanks to our sponsors and our Supplies Wrangler's diligence!**
- Money for horse medications. **The Lord is providing our daily needs.**
- Equipment to be able to float the horses' teeth.
- Lime, fertilizer, and grass seed for our pasture.
- Paint for the storage barn
- **Flag holders and stirrup keepers were provided.**
- Home site-yard work; burn pile; pasture. **Praise the Lord for those who have come out. It's a never-ending project, however.**
- Fertilizer and seed spreader (3-point hitch)
- Drag harrow
- Manure spreader
- Time and co-laborers to do the work that needs to be done. **The Lord continues to provide. Continue to pray for our summer wranglers & ranch hands. So far the Lord has provided some quality people to work with us. We just need more, especially guys. :)**

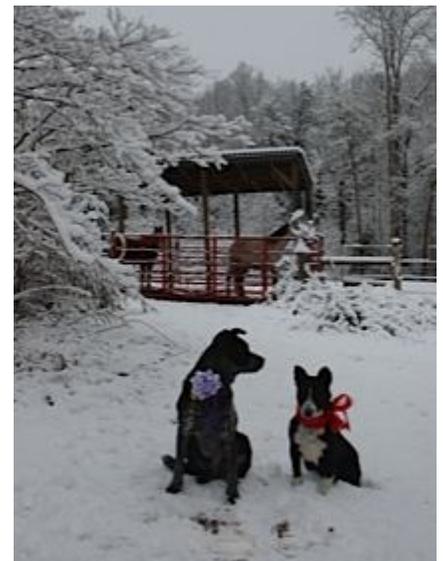
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Have a wonderful Christmas!

All for the glory of God,

Curt & Bev

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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.*