

# *TW Quarter Circle Ranch Ministries*

## Proverbs 3:5-6



Sattler bringing devotions after lessons



Some of our riders



Is it possible that it is already 2015? The older we get, the faster time goes by. We feel such an urgency to accomplish all the things that need to be done while we are able. We are actively training our replacements. One of the prayer requests that stand out in our minds that have been answered recently is for more male leadership at the ranch. We now have two homeschool families, who bring their kids out on a weekly basis. We have three other guys who come out, who are also home schooled. And we had a senior in high school just happen to find us on the website, who has been very active with us. We still have our faithful Jr Ranch Foreman, Sattler. He has been learning how to trim and shoe horses and is invaluable now. We are so thankful.

#### H.O.R.S.E. APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

Marietta is now in her third year of our apprenticeship program. She has taken over scheduling our weekly horsemanship sessions and other leadership roles. We meet regularly in a mentorship capacity as well. In January she was elected Carolina Horse Show Association secretary. She continues to grow in her leadership and desire to serve the Lord as a missionary with TWQC. We also have Shanna, but she has had to cut back on classes due to finances. The ladies are trying to raise their support to go full time.

Curt is teaching the Netcasters soul winning and discipleship program as a free course this semester. We feel strongly that this is a wonderful class not only on how to share one's faith but also how to be filled with the Holy Spirit to access His power and not rely upon our own strength.

This summer we will add another apprenticeship student, coming from Pensacola, Florida. She has a degree in teaching. She will be doing a survey trip at Easter to line up housing and a job. If anyone knows of an apartment or room for rent with a Faith Baptist Church family, we would appreciate the information.

#### OFF SITE TRAIL RIDES

Recently, we have had our trail rides booked to capacity before we can even advertise. We ended up taking two trucks and trailers to Dupont State Forest for our annual Thanksgiving trail ride. We had ten riders. Curt has had to quit going on these rides due to a problem with his tail bone. Ethan stepped in and helped and gave the

devotional message at lunch. We also went to Fant's Grove by Lake Hartwell for our Winter Trail ride. The Lord gave us a marvelous day even though people said we should cancel due to the rain. We had sunshine and warm weather all day.

### ON SITE TRAIL RIDES

It seems weekly that we have demand for our on site trail rides. We have people from all over the US and the world. Recently we have a Chinese girl from Singapore now taking lessons. I just received another request from our friends from Georgia, who bring Chinese guests to the ranch for a "real" western trail ride and evangelistic Bible Study afterwards.

### WORKING COW CLINIC

We now have four cows and a bull that were donated to us. The heifers should calve this spring. This is the start of our cow herd. We are hoping to generate income eventually to partially support our staff. Right now we are all working on a volunteer basis. Not only do we use the cows to raise a herd, but we also use it to train people how to do ranch work. We had a very exciting clinic doctoring the cows and teaching both the animals and riders how to herd cows and sort them out. The next clinic will be on roping to be able to doctor an animal in the pasture. We do not have a chute that is large enough to hold the cows.

### FIRST ANNUAL BANQUET

What an undertaking! The Lord, however, gave us a wonderful crew to pull it all together so we had a successful evening with about 95 in attendance. During the program Curt gave an update of the ministry, and we awarded High Point trophies for the year in each of the 5 divisions, and the All Around Champion and Reserve Champion from our show team.

### EXPANSION NEEDED

We are feeling more and more pressure to find a larger facility to house our 24 horses and 2 mules. Most lesson days we use every horse for students, instructors, and volunteers. We have active discipleship and horsemanship programs in place. We are trying to pattern it after the II Timothy 2:2 principle of discipling others, who will disciple others, who will disciple others. We are so thankful for the personnel that

the Lord has sent! We are praying specifically for a particular eventing facility that has been empty for about three years. It seems to us to be the perfect place that would give us the space for our horsemanship and apprenticeship programs; plus allow us to expand to having more Bible studies, special needs riding, and will provide for a first responders, veterans, and military programs that has been on our hearts for some time.

## PRAISE

We are so thankful that December through February, we have had full lessons each week. Usually we are very slow when the winter months come, but not so this year.

We have also had some surprise support come in that has been so helpful, allowing us to get needed repairs done on our trucks.

We now have one of our couples from our neighborhood Bible Study, who are attending Faith Baptist Church with us. We believe that all from that Bible study have trusted Christ as their Savior, except for one. It's wonderful that we have people coming out of their main line churches and being so welcomed into our great local home church,. Having a wonderful church like Faith Baptist in Taylors to guide these folks to is such an encouragement.

We've had many opportunities to pass out tracts, do Bible studies, and witness. What a privilege to serve the Lord! Thanks so much for your prayers and support!

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