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## *Jemi's Journeys*



*MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!!*

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Merry Christmas everyone! Wow, time has flown here! I am continually amazed at the amount of time that flies, well all the time. My life is continually becoming more and more interesting and crazy. Even though I say this, I can tell you I positively love my life being crazy because I seldom become bored. Over the past several months we have begun our new apprentice year. We have 30 apprentices this year and they are my constant source of entertainment. Currently, I have 5 girls in my riding class whom I teach everyday for 2 hours. It has been so fun to be able to teach them and see them grow as a rider and to see them conquer fears and gain victory in areas. And to be challenged as a riding instructor. As Jr. Staff I have also enjoyed being assigned to the Cox family for training to be an advisor. Matt Cox is the director of MMR and being able to be mentored by him and his wife Jenni has been such a blessing. I have 3 other girls I go with to our Tuesday night meetings their names are Nichole Smith, Noelle Miner, and my co-worker Zoe Noyes.

I have moved into my house and right after I moved in it became a construction zone. Our floor literally began to fall out from underneath us as we had a water line leak. Our maintenance crew ripped up our kitchen and one half of the house and we remodeled it and are waiting for the rest of the house to be done.



Something that God has been molding me on the past couple months has been to be joyful no matter what, be gracious even in the hardest of circumstances and to know that everything will work out for the good of those who love Him. In September at the beginning of the apprentice year we have a month called boot camp and every morning we get up early and do physical training. I loved doing it and it was a fun way to get to know the apprentices. One of the mornings afterwards I headed out to chores and by that time I was in severe back pain. I had no idea what it was but I could barely walk, and throughout the day it just got to be too much. I went to the chiropractor and discovered I had bulged a disc in my back, along with finding other problems. I was banned from lifting, riding, twisting, bending or doing anything that would hurt my back all over again. It has been a long road and I know it's not over. I have been able to get back into a normal

work routine but I have to be super cautious not to reinjure it again. This whole process has brought me to a point of being so incapable of things that I have had to ask for help or say "No, I can't do this." Having to admit I need help or am not strong enough do it is something that is very humbling for me. It has challenged me to be loving even when I'm in pain most of the day and to say "You know what, I can't do this, I need your help." God is teaching me that even when I don't understand there will always be a purpose.

Try not to become a man of success but a man of value.  
**Albert Einstein**

Thanksgiving is past and I was able to go home for a week and have a long awaited vacation. It was wonderful to see my family and hang out with them. As Christmas approaches our holiday

season at the Ranch becomes more and more exciting even without snow. On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of December we had our annual Christmas On the Ranch in which we had a fun night of cookies and cocoa, caroling, and fellowship. The rest of December is

filled with and an all exchange. home on the fully get my Christ-then hope-for New



parties, ice skating, staff white elephant The students headed 17<sup>th</sup> and I will hope-home on the 23<sup>rd</sup> for mas vacation. I am fully going somewhere Years.

## How can you be involved?

There are many ways to get involved. One of them is Prayer! You can pray for:

- Safe Holiday travel for staff and students.
- Wisdom in being a mentor
- Remodeling of our house

Praise God for:

- Successful Christmas outreach
- Being able to minister to people
- The opportunity to go home

Thank you so much for your Prayers!

Another way that you can be involved is to become one of my supporters. As an Intern at MMR I am like a missionary and must raise a minimum monthly support of \$500. All you need to do is send your gift to the Ranch with my name in the memo line for support. One time donations are also welcome if you so desire. All gifts are tax deductible and 100% of it goes to me. Please pray and consider supporting me in this ministry!

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### **2 Timothy 2:15**

**Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the world of truth.**

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