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Intro To A New Way Of Living

It's been five months! Hard to believe it's been that long, but almost five months ago Tyler Chundrlek asked me to consider joining Miracle Mountain Ranch's (MMR) staff as the activities director. At first, I really wasn't sure if it was something that I could enjoy; I mean, doing retreats, summer camp activities, taking over the wilderness camp program, and the paintball program, I just didn't know. I told him that I would have to think about it. After much thought and consideration I came to my conclusion, "YES! I would love to! How soon can I come?" I asked him. "Well", he replied, "we'd like for you to be here at the beginning of the school year". That was just over a month away at the time! So, I closed things up in Connecticut, packed my bags, and moved to Spring Creek, PA.

Since being here it has been awesome getting to know my role and gaining a better understanding of what it is that I'll be responsible for. Basically speaking though, my job includes, overseeing retreat activities, work time with the

students, summer camp activities, the paintball program, and the wilderness camp program, as well as researching and implementing new games, activities, and programs.



Adam, Jehu, Me

I know some of you reading this are familiar with the Ranch, but for those of you who aren't, a lot of what we do is with the "School of Discipleship" (SOD) program. Right now, that's the majority of what we're doing. Miracle Mountain Ranch's *School of Discipleship* is a biblically-based Christian discipleship and leadership program designed for high-school graduates, who are committed to developing Christ-like character and



Richard and Alex (volunteer), laughing about stinky feet

spiritual maturity, through mentoring and godly disciplines, with the goal of becoming a person of influence for Jesus Christ. The young adults that come are inundated with classes, the majority of which are Bible classes of one sort or another. They are currently going through a servant leadership class. The normal class day is 2-4 hours long, with a 7 hour day thrown in every so often. When they aren't in class they're either doing work time in their respective areas or working a retreat. Each staff family has students that they directly work with. The students report to their advisors with projects due on a monthly basis, beside their normal

homework. I'm co-advising with Adam Marshall, another single staff guy. We have two students that we're working with. Its super exciting to work with them, sharing what God has taught us, but it's also challenging to so clearly see yourself displayed in someone else. It was really exciting to have one of our apprentices claim Christ as his Lord and Savior. He had professed to be saved, but just this past Sunday after the morning service told me that it finally made sense to him, and he accepted Christ! Nothing quite beats that. Seeing God opening eyes, working in lives, and people coming to a saving knowledge of Him, is priceless.



Working at the new archery range site

Lately we've been putting in a lot of time on our new archery range. The

archery elective during the summer is almost always the first to be maxed out, so we're more than quadrupling the size of our current range. We've already cleared the trees and brush out, ripped up the stumps, and have started grading for the new lanes. The current range is roughly 15yds wide by 25yds deep. The new one is going to be better than 75yds wide and 40yds deep. Within the next couple years we are planning on having a lean-to built for people to be able to shoot from to make it more suitable for use during hot weather as well as when it rains.

Help Wanted

Prayer Requests

- The Ranch has been given the generous gift of a matching fund toward the mortgage up to \$300,000 if we can raise that by the end of the year. We currently have had over \$100,000 pledged and are praying for the Lord's provision in whatever He desires to bring about. (This is also a huge praise! =)...)
- Please keep the students in your prayers. My students are Jehu from South

Carolina and Richard from Tennessee.

- Pray for the staff, that we would have wisdom working with the students, and take advantage of every opportunity to interact with the students, visitors, and community.

Praises

- That God provided me with the opportunity to work at the ranch.
- Three barns were burnt at the end of last summer, but God opened so many doors through that whole situation. One barn was partially salvageable and is now back in use, one was completely rebuilt to larger and more usable specs, and one remains to be built.

How You Can Help

- As mentioned, the Ranch has been given the generous

gift of a matching fund toward the mortgage up to \$300,000. If we meet this match, the mortgage would be paid in full and save us \$264,000 in interest over the course of the loan.

- As a staff member here at the Ranch, we raise our own financial support. I currently have 45% of my required \$850 a month support level coming in. If you would like to help support me financially, you can do so by sending your gift, made to "Miracle Mountain Ranch" with my name on the memo line of the check. Or you can give online <http://mmrm.org/about/donate-on-center/>. All gifts are tax deductible.



Posing with my look-alike



At a friends wedding



Ice skating with friends

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Thank you!

Sincerely- Teddy!