

# Ministry Update

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Dear Friends and Supporters,

Long time, no update! I know it's been a while, but as the summer winds down into fall, I finally have a little bit of time to take a breath and send out a quick letter! This past year has been a fantastic one. God has continued to be faithful (When is He ever not?) to grow and change me. It seems like every year that I'm here at Miracle Mountain Ranch, I become a slightly different person than I was the year before. The Lord has really been refining my passions for life and ministry, and it's exciting.

In the larger scheme of the ministry, the School of Discipleship here at MMR is perhaps the most enjoyable for me. Mid-August, we graduated 25 students in the 2016 class, and last weekend welcomed a much larger batch of 39. As staff, we get front-row seats to the amazing work God does in the lives of the college-aged students who spend a year here. The day-in and day-out, life-on-life relationships we develop with them offer such a unique opportunity to speak the truth of God's Word into their young lives at such a pivotal time. Each year of students has its own culture and personality--this past week, on about day three, it became apparent that this year's group is the singing class. They sing morning, noon, and night! Looks like we'll be putting some ensemble groups together. I usually take part in organizing and get the pleasure to sing with them, as well!



A rare shot of the MMR Marketing dept. together at once. (L to R: myself, Donnie Rosie, Andrew Smith)

My job description as Marketing & Media Manager over the last year has remained the same, but things are starting to shift gears a bit. The third part of our Marketing/Media department, Andrew, has moved on to a different job away from the Ranch. His role has been an integral one—from his knowledge of websites and code, to running the tech and sound equipment, to his expertise in creating designs with the Adobe programs. The proverbial shoes are hard ones to fill, but the Lord is already providing both the grace for me, and the people to step in and cover the bases. I'm having to be more efficient with my time,

which is always a good thing. It adds more to my plate, but this is just the opportunity for me to step in and really learn, especially the Adobe programs, as my interest in graphic and print design has only grown in the last few years. Despite the loss of Andrew, our department took on a 2nd year student, Maranda. Just in these first few weeks, she's already been an enormous help with administrative things and has taken very quickly to photography, which is an added answer to prayer.

This past summer of ministry was a fantastic one. We hosted 1,196 kids from ages 6-17 over the course of about eight weeks of camp and had an incredible team of summer staff to serve alongside us during that time. Those 10 weeks (including staff training) are an exhausting whirlwind, but camping ministry



Erin and me at the beginning of summer.

## *Prayer:*

- Grace and wisdom for my boss, Donnie, and myself as we tackle this new season of managing things in the office without Andrew
- Good stewardship with my finances and an ongoing, solid base of support
- For the new students as they adjust to life and school at the Ranch
- For our upcoming retreat season and the people who will be coming to attend

is so very rewarding. We saw many kids come to know the Lord Jesus as their personal Savior and many others grow in their knowledge of Him.

Within our own department, a former student, Erin O'Shea, came to serve as our summer media manager. Those weeks served as her college summer internship, but her vital role also took a huge load off my plate (and I gained another sweet friend). Under her management, our team was able to produce a camp video and upload between 1,000–1,500 edited pictures by the end of each week!

Another aspect of summer camp within our department is the Scholarship Fund. All through the year, we work to host events, build community relationships, and raise money so that kids who would not otherwise be able to afford it may attend camp and hear the Gospel. This summer, we were able to extend full and partial scholarships to 271 kids!

At the end of the summer, I was given the gift of a flight back home for a short week to visit my family, with some other dear friends added

into the mix. I brought my friend Cara Rosie, my boss' younger sister who worked as one of my photographers last summer, and a group of our friends from San Antonio joined into the fun. My parents were kind enough to have 10 of us between 18-27 under one roof! We had such a wonderful time enjoying the sweet sunshine and seeing all the beautiful sights. I got to meet up with some supporters, see my extended family and old friends, and even met some new ones.



With my sister, Liz, on Coronado Island.



With the group in San Diego on our vacation.

Thank you to those of you who faithfully support me on a monthly/quarterly basis. As a full-time missionary, it always seems that I could use a little more at the end of the month, but it keeps me dependent on the Lord's provision, which never fails. My car is currently running, for those of you who ask about it! If you would like to become a regular contributor, visit [MMRM.org/about/staff/support](http://MMRM.org/about/staff/support) or call our office at 814-664-7673. All gifts are tax-deductible and may be set up as an automatic Electronic Funds Transfer.

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