

MEGAN'S RANCH UPDATE

Greetings from Miracle Mountain Ranch!

What's been happening

As the seasons have changed, so have our events. When we don't have summer camp our days are spent running retreats. Men's Retreat, Horse Lover's, Cowboys for Christ, and winter camps. This previous holiday season blessed fellowship of those who joined us for our Harvest Party and Christmas Party. December seemed to feel like the calm before the storm with everyone gone to see family for the holidays. In January I had an opportunity to visit Texas for a few days to see my sister and her family, as well as see some friends made there a few years ago. It was a wonderful time to rest and refocus before jumping back into busy season. _

I was assigned to host our Youth Winter Blast camp; this was my first retreat to organize alone. I was very excited and yes, nervous, I wanted everything to go well. We looked like we would have snow for sledding, but a drastic swing in temperature left us with a ton of rain. All snow we had leading up to it had packed down into slick ice. Even with the tough weather it was encouraging to see how kids were having fun finding creative ways to cross the ice, playing relays in the gym, and building gingerbread houses instead of sledding. We were blessed to have some of our second year students speak and present the gospel during chapel. When I spend a lot of time in the office



working on rewriting outdated paperwork and organizing supplies, I can get distracted from the heart behind why I serve here. Getting to have that weekend with the kids and share the joy of salvation with them was greatly refreshing.

(The staff and students that attended the Faith Biblical Counseling Conference)

Soon after February was full of travels. I was blessed to attend the Faith Biblical Counseling Conference in Lafayette, IN. We drove back, had one day to repack before jumping back on the road for a camp conference hosted down in NC at The Wilds camp. It was such a memorable time listening to great teaching, enjoying time with our students and staff, and meeting people from all over the country.

Being Refreshed in God

The past few months have been packed full of great teaching and many moments of conviction in my pursuit of Christ. The time at Faith Conference was good, feeling like I left with countless useful methods for working in ministry and how to disciple others. A reoccurring theme throughout the sessions was to ALWAYS share truth with the counselees and direct them back to the Bible. Trusting God means relying on the unchanging character of God and the promises found in His word. I have found it vital to hold tight to that truth as the world is figuring out how to address COVID-19. It is easy to let fear and worry consume your thinking, but God has control over everything that is unfolding. He will be glorified through the trials and triumph. Changes will always come, but we can never be overwhelmed if we place those changes in God's hands instead of attempting to control things in our own strength. I can find peace in knowing that my life rests in the hands of my Savior, who is unchanging. Dwelling on His unwavering character and His promises is where I can find rest and peace. (Isaiah 41:10)



If you would like to pray for my ministry at the ranch here are a few areas to keep in your thoughts:

Praises

- Lots of helping hands to help on expanding our staff housing.
- Great turnouts in our winter retreats.
- That the kids that braved the rough weather and arrived at camp safely.
- All of our students arrived safely at home to encourage social distancing and they will get to continue classes online.

Prayer Requests

- Summer Camp preparations and our summer staff as we build our team for summer 2020.
- Monthly support. Currently I am at 40% of my needed monthly support.
- School of Discipleship, as they are figuring out the departments they will be serving in for the summer.
- For the leadership at the ranch and making decisions of how best to respond to the ever developing changes due to the virus.
- New bunkhouse fund, we are still trying to raise money to build a new bunkhouse housing unit.

Myself and all the staff at the ranch raise mission support to cover expenses. If you would like to partner with me in this ministry you can send a check to: Miracle Mountain Ranch 101 Rodeo Dr. Spring Creek, PA 16436 and include a separate note stating "Megan Cox Support". For further information, you can contact our main office at (814)664-7673. Thank you for your prayer and support,

In Christ's service

Megan Cox