

In the life of Matthew

I am still working at the barn as the operation manager. This winter we have been doing a lot of work in order to maintain the facilities that God has given us. The sub-zero temps this winter have meant many long days fighting to keep drinkers from freezing for our 70+ horses. Due to the amount of snow we have gotten, I have been very busy doing a lot of snow removal. On Thursdays, I oversee a group of students for work projects in which we clean up the barns and do random jobs around the barns. As we work together, I have the chance to not only teach them about how to do the job at hand, but also good work ethics. I am able to invest in their lives and talk to them about the things that God is teaching them, and what they are learning in their classes. For the past two months, we had retreats almost every weekend. During the retreats, I oversee the trail rides for the retreaters and help out with other random jobs that come up. On the rare occasion that I am not battling to keep equipment and facilities functioning in the cold, or helping with retreats, I have the chance to ride



several of our horses in preparation for the upcoming summer season.

In February, I was able to be a part of our men's retreat and join in on the Bible sessions. I had some really awesome conversations with the men that were here and it was really encouraging to see the work that God is doing in the men that were present. I have also been having a great time having the guy students over to my house and being able to fellowship with them. God has been using me to help these guys to be the men that God has for them to be, which has been very helpful to me in my walk with the LORD. It has been good to see where I still need to grow into the man God wants me to be.

In the past couple weeks, God has been teaching me the importance of humility. God has shown me that I am a very prideful person which hinders my walk with him. The book "Humility" by Andrew Murray has been a big help in understanding humility better.

In other news, I will be getting married to Marisa in May!!! To those of you that don't know, Marisa and I have been dating for the



last 3 years and have been engaged for the past year. We are both very excited to be finally getting married. Our current plan is to stay on at the ranch, and we are really looking forward to being in ministry together. Marisa will be graduating from Truett McConnell University's nursing school in Georgia, in Mid May. She is hoping to work in a local hospital this August in Erie which is an hour drive from the ranch. Please be in prayer as she decides which hospital and what department she wants to join this fall.

All staff members at Miracle Mountain Ranch live on mission support. As I look forward to what the future holds for Marisa and I, my financial need is changing. I am currently seeking individuals and Churches who are interested in joining in our ministry at the Ranch through financial support. I am currently at just over 40% of my ideal support level of \$2,000 a month. I am asking that you would prayerfully consider coming alongside us in this ministry. For more information, you can contact me at matthew.mmr18@gmail.com or you can give online directly by visiting www.mmrm.org/about/staff/support/.