

# CARPENTER CONNECTION

Dear Friends and Family,

Summer camp was well-attended with 1,223 ranchers. What a blessing to watch the excitement week after week! There were 71 decisions to follow Christ and many commitments to deepen their walk with the Lord. The focus this summer was to share the love and hope we find in Christ and encourage others to love God and to love one another. 1 John 4:7-8 was the summer theme. If you haven't had the opportunity to read 1 John lately, we would encourage you to do so. The commands given here are a responsibility for each of us as followers of Christ; a much different love than the world speaks of today. It was exciting to hear stories and testimonies of ranchers and staff realizing just how much God truly loves them.

OPERATIONS:



We are so thankful for the numerous donations and many hands that led to the new bunkhouse being ready for summer camp. We also had help

remodeling and residing several of the older bunkhouses.

We had many young men volunteering their time this

summer to mow lawns, bring in

hay, and help with other projects.

We had a blessing of one of our

young men realizing his need of a

Savior! Praise God for the work of

the Holy Spirit within his life! We have had 7 retired

volunteer couples helping

out on various ranch

projects; accomplishing

many tasks that we have had

on the docket for several

years. We have 4 other couples that will

be helping from now through October.

Hay production was a little less than last

year, but should be sufficient to last



through spring. It was all good quality and should keep the horse herd healthy. Praise God for many volunteers who helped keep the equipment running.

MEXICO:

The bus got the group down and back safely with no mechanical issues. The group was able to accomplish several tasks at the orchard in Rio Chico while others performed mechanical duties on several vehicles. The trip to Babicora went very smoothly. The daycamp and ladies ministry was very well received in Babicora. Another well was successfully drilled in El Burro. It flow tested at about 6-7 gallons per minute and should produce what's needed for the greenhouse. We also repaired some other problems at another well site. The other site that we had hoped to drill at this spring will have to wait until this fall. Please pray that this trip will come together and continue to pray for Alex and his family as they minister to the needs of the village.

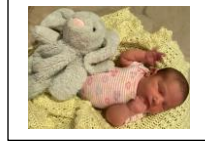
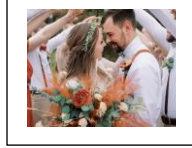
STUDENTS:

Our boys from this past year, Kyle and Matthew, graduated in August. Ben, who was helping us advise, got engaged and will be leaving in December. Matthew went home, but we are excited to announce that Kyle will be staying on as Marketing Manager and will also be helping us advise our new group of boys on Tuesday nights. We have a second year; Jacob Means from Towanda, KS and two first years; Isaac Buck from New Paris, IN and Tucker Smith from Shinglehouse, PA. We just had our first meeting September 13<sup>th</sup> and really enjoyed our time with them. Looking forward to growing in the Lord together!



## FAMILY UPDATES:

We now have 10 grandchildren! Tirzah Filomena Rega was born September 4, 2022, in the car! Mom and baby are well. Zack and Lindsey's wedding in May was well-attended with nearly 300+ people! They are doing very well and live in Corry. James, the last of our six, graduated from high school in May. He works full-time for Carpenter's Auto.



Thank you for your continued prayers and financial support. We could not serve here without all of you. We feel so blessed to have your partnership in the work here and we pray God will continue to bless each of you.

In His Service,

Mark, Shari, and James Brian



## PRAYER REQUESTS

- Spiritual growth of students and staff
- Fall Mexico well drilling trip
- Finances for mobile home installation

## PRAISES

- Completion of new bunkhouse
- Volunteers and the work accomplished
- Arrival of Tirzah

## UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

- Sept. 23-25 – Horse Lovers Retreat
- Sept. 30-Oct. 2 – Ladies Retreat
- Oct. 6 – Homeschool Day
- Oct. 14 – Dinner Trail Ride
- Oct. 15 – Harvest Party
- Oct. 20-21 – Church Camp Meeting
- Dec. 3 – Christmas Party

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