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# SNIPPETS FROM THE SNYDER'S

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## About Us:

Another summer has come and gone and I feel like this was our busiest yet! David James was born on June 11th and we all love the newest addition to our family. He was 2 1/2 weeks early weighing 8.13 oz, 21 3/4in and has been growing like crazy since! He is now 3 months old, loves to smile and be held by Mommy.



Judah: has started Kindergarten classes this year and is doing well. He loves math, but not writing, and reading books is his absolute favorite.

Hadassah: wants to do school just like Judah so she will sit for a little bit here and there and work on letters and counting and loves doing that. She loves baby David and jumps at almost every opportunity to help care for him. She also has a big imagination and loves to dress up, play with her toy horses, and dolls.

Jane: has her own big personality, but loves to tag along and do whatever else brother and sister are doing. She also loves to be a helper with David and enjoys helping with different chores around the house.



Kelsey: This summer looked very different for me this year as David was born during staff training. So while I may not have been in the barn much doing much of the physical work, I still enjoyed counseling with my vaulting staff and a few of the barn girls. I am enjoying homeschooling Judah, and while I feel like I do not know what I am doing sometimes, we are both learning and enjoying the one-on-one time we get with each other during that time of the day. At the end of October, I will be doing vaulting with the students which I enjoy as it is a time for me to learn who each of the new students are. I also have the opportunity to speak at a ladies retreat the beginning of November and would appreciate the prayers as I prepare to share God's word.

Nathan: The last few months have gone well. We finished up summer camp which was a very busy time and were blessed to have around 6 to 12 volunteers at any given week. As the saying goes, "Many hands make light work," it also can be hard to keep them all busy when we are out in the fields working on hay or other projects. This year we made somewhere

around 700-800 large square bales and around 2,000 small bales. Our second cutting was thin this year as we did not have much rain, but it made it nice to get a lot of outside work projects done.

One of the projects that I will be working on this fall is clearing field edges. Trees are always trying to get more light so over time they continue to grow towards the field edge. So over the course of the last 10-15 years these branches have continued to grow abundantly over the northwest edges of the fields making our drying time take significantly

longer than the rest of the fields. So we are currently going through each of these fields taking care of the low hanging branches and small trees that are trying to take over.

We are excited that we have 2 new (to us) 4 wheel drive tractors. A John Deere 7710 and a MXU 125 that we are using for doing hay and hayrides, but also planning on using for snow removal this winter. I have to admit that it will be nice to have a cab on the cold snowy days! But before that can happen, I will need to create a mount for the front of the tractor that will allow us to hook up the plow to the tractor. There are also some roofing projects that we would like to get done before the snow flies. These are just a few of the things that we are looking at working on this fall going into the winter.



The Snyders

Nathan, Kelsey, Judah, Hadassah, Jane, and David

### Our Students:

We have two 2 students this year:

Hannah Cook who is a 2nd year in programming, and Katriel Furches. We are excited to get to know them over this next year.

Also joining us this year is Melissa Beckman. She is a new single staff who is working in housekeeping. She will be joining us every Tuesday night for advisor meeting.

### We Praise God For:

- Safe delivery of David
- Your prayer and gift support
- Clothes for the girls
- The 1223 ranchers who came to summer camp
- A successful hay season

### Prayer Requests:

- Our van needs some repair work
- Wisdom in raising our kids
- Health of our family
- Bathroom renovation

### Support:

All gifts are tax deductible and can be made out to MMRM, designated for Nathan Snyder, and sent to the Ranch at:  
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Spring Creek, PA 16436

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