## Spring 2023

Greetings,

Spring has surely come here to the ranch. I have been able to do a lot of spring cleaning projects around the ranch in getting ready for summer camp and the many ranchers to come. There are over 1,100 young people that will come to camp this summer! This is very exciting that many will come and hear the gospel while having fun and getting to experience different things.

This past February I got to go to a conference called Faith Biblical Training Conference with the second year School of Discipleship students and other staff to learn more about counseling others. I found it very helpful! I also got to go to CCCA which stands for Christian Camp and Conference Association. It is a gathering of many different christian camps in this region to get more training for camp ministry and encouragement in meeting with others. I found this to be such an encouragement to me!

We have had multiple retreats this past spring. We had a Mother Daughter retreat, Father Daughter retreat, and a Horse Lovers retreat just to name a few. With these retreats and others we hosted around 300 people! I praise the Lord that many could come and enjoy a weekend here at the ranch and learn more about God and His Word!

The students have finished their classes for the year and are getting settled in their positions for the summer. I have seen how God has worked through their lives this past year and it is so neat to see what God has done and how they have grown in the Lord this year!

This summer I will have the opportunity to lead volunteers ages 13 and up in cleaning projects each week. I am so grateful for these volunteers as I could not keep things going without their help! Each week we have a Bible study time in the afternoon for the volunteers that have come to help in various departments here at the ranch for the summer. I am excited to share with these volunteers where our identity is found in Christ for one of the weeks!!

As you have read there are many things happening around here and with these many events and the cleaning I do in between these events God has been revealing to me that He is the one that I need to be looking to when I am faced with many projects. I have a tendency to think that I have to do it by myself but He has been gracious in reminding me of who He is, that He is God! Also that I can ask others for help as we work together in this ministry!

## **Prayer request**

- Pray that God would work through me this summer as I lead volunteers in cleaning projects and the many conversations I will have with them.
- Pray for wisdom as this is the first summer where I am in this position and I am sure it will take a few weeks to get into the swing of things with the many tasks that will need to be done each week.
- Pray that all who come to the ranch this summer including any volunteers that don't know the Lord will put their trust in God!
- Pray that the hearts and minds of the students and staff here would be centered on God as we go into this summer!

## **Praise report**

- For all that God has done in the students life here through this last year.
- For the ways God has provided for me and led me in my time of being a housekeeper here.
- For the many projects that got done through the help of many to be ready for summer camp.

I thank God for your support and many prayers!

In Christ,

Melissa Beckman

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