

# The Purdie's Post

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**H**appy December and Merry Christmas!! We have had a very full and busy summer and fall. This past summer we saw around 1200 kids attend our various summer camps and 81 of those accepted Christ as Savior while attending camp! Teddy stayed very busy with Wilderness camps and keeping things running and functioning all summer. I kept things going at home while also continuing to help out in the accounting office a couple mornings a week.

**T**his fall started with a new group of students in the School of Discipleship. We have 18 first years and 9 students that stayed on for a second year position. Tucker (2nd year) and Luke (1st year) joined our family this year. We have been enjoying getting to know these young men and look forward to seeing the work that God is doing in and through them. Tucker is working in our

operations department and Luke is in the horse barn.

Our fall retreats included: an alumni retreat, a horse lover's retreat, 2 Ladies' retreats, a couple of Christian school groups, our Harvest Party and a hunter's retreat. All were very well attended and we got to spend time with some family and good friends as well.

**W**e were sad to say goodbye to our friends and Co-workers, Chip and Sandy Hungerford back in August as they retired. Chip was our Accountant and Bookkeeper and they had been here on staff for around 35 years. Chip was my boss in the office and I really enjoyed working with and for him. In his absence, myself along with another staff wife/mom, have been (trying) to fill his shoes. In our summer letter, I asked for prayer for wisdom as I take on some responsibilities in the bookkeeping office as well as taking

care of my family's needs, putting them before my work.

While I really enjoy the responsibilities that I have in the office, I am finding it hard to split time and still find joy in everything. Thank you for praying for wisdom. Now, please pray that God would bring an accountant/bookkeeper to fill the need so that I can step away for this season and focus fully on my family.

**I**n this non-summer camp season, Teddy has been closing things up from camp, making sure the ranch is up to date on all permits and things for his area and various building/maintenance projects.

**O**ur kids are always learning new things and keeping us laughing. Hannah has been doing Pre-K work and is loving it and soaking it all in! She enjoys Cubbies at our church's AWANA program, memorizing and remembering

so many verses and lessons. Praise God for faithful leaders who love our kids.

**R**uby is a ham and does not want to be left out. She is memorizing verses alongside Hannah and is so ready to be in Cubbies as well. She is now fully potty trained and it was much easier than I was envisioning. She has been learning her ABCs, and shapes and colors and even writing a couple of letters. I'm praying that the desire to learn continues throughout their lives. The girls both really love having students over to our home and we are thankful for so many wonderful young people who are so generous with their time and attention.

**J**ustin just turned 9 months and has been crawling everywhere and standing up at anything and more recently walking along stuff. His favorite places to go in our house... the bathroom and the hallway/mud room. 😊 Lots of gross things to eat in those places. Haha He is just so laid back and happy. It is such a joy to watch our children grow and learn, we are so thankful that God chose us to be their parents.

**I**f you are ever in the area or need a place to go for a few days, let us know, we'd love to have you for a visit!

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Love,

Teddy, Noelle, Hannah, Ruby &  
Justin Edward



## Help Wanted

### Praises

- For the many salvations over the summer season and the clear Gospel that was shared
- Continued spiritual growth among the staff and students
- Healthy and growing kids!

### Prayer Requests

- For a new accountant/bookkeeper for The Ranch
- For the students to lead by example and grace as they head home on Christmas break
- For a refreshing time as a family this Christmas season

