

SNIPPETS FROM THE SNYDER'S

About Us:

We are now in the throes of winter! We have been in the teen and single digits lately and everyone and everything is trying to stay warm. We have not had a lot of snow so far this winter, but we have had some strong winds that we are not used to which has resulted in many branches down and 1 power outage so far. Each year it never ceases to amaze me how beautiful the snow is, and how it reminds me of Psalm 51:7, "Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow." How thankful I am that the Lord washes our sin whiter than snow.

*Judah (6) is in Kindergarten and he is enjoying it. In his exact words, "It's ok, I like all of it, but some of it is not my favorite." He loves to listen to books and he loves his interactive globe that teaches him worldwide geography and interesting facts from those countries.



*Hadassah (5) loves to help me cook and do what I do. She is doing Pre-K work, mostly working on learning her alphabet and learning penmanship. She loves to sing, play dress up, and play with her siblings.

*Jane (3) is also currently learning her alphabet and working on pen holding while I do school with Judah and Adi. She loves to do whatever brother and sister are doing. She can normally be found in a dress; holding a babydoll or a stuffed animal pretending it is her baby.

*David (1) is such an observing child. He watches things very closely and then imitates everything. He is also wildly independent when it comes to doing his own thing, but Mom is still his favorite person by far.

*Kelsey has been feeling much better now. She is 24 weeks pregnant and the kids cannot wait for the baby to "pop out". She wishes it was that simple. She has really enjoyed most days of homeschooling with the kids and enjoys being able to spend that time with them teaching and instructing.

*Nathan has been busy at the shop working on a couple tractors that need repaired, along with doing more organizing around the shop. They are also looking over and fixing equipment that they did not have time to fix at the end of last summer and doing normal maintenance on that needs to be done every so many hours.

Nathan was able to put a lot more work into the shed this fall. We were gifted some concrete which will be a major blessing in cutting down on the amount of mud that will be tracked around this spring. He was also able to put a



door over the opening instead of just having a tarp up, along with fixing some of the holes so it is not so drafty. He still needs to clean some tanks, the evaporator, and put in new R.O. membranes, but feels more ready than this time last year. We are looking forward to this syrup season with much anticipation praying that the Lord gives a yield much like last year.



At the end of November the head gasket went out in our van and since we were in need of a vehicle, we decided to purchase another van. We would appreciate your prayers as we decide what to do next. We are not sure if we will fix the head gasket and then try and sell that van, or if we will fix the head gasket and then try and resell the one we just purchased.

About the Ranch:

The Ranch has been busy working on many housing projects to get staff switched into different and larger housing for the growing families. The Ranch had purchased 2 trailers that needed some work, but they are both finished and families have moved in. There are still a few more housing projects to finish so a few more families can get moved, but the time sensitive projects are finished.

This fall we had the opportunity to purchase an adjacent property to the Ranch that we have been allowed to use for many years. We take many of our trail rides out on this property and we were very excited to have the owners offer it us first to purchase it and have it used as part of our ministry. Our goal is to raise \$338,000 to purchase the land and then renovate the house that in on the property. We were hoping to pay the mortgage off within a few years, but thanks to many donors and one anonymous donor who donated \$200,000, we were able to pay off the mortgage on January 5th. We still are looking to raise \$90,000 to be able to renovate the property, but we are so blessed and praising the Lord for meeting this huge financial need.



Our Students:

Sophia is a student in the media department this year and is enjoying learning many things from Donnie and others. Please pray for Sophia that the Lord would give her strength and perseverance in her school work.

Chloe is a 2nd year in the barn and loves to do ground training with her assigned horses. Please pray for Chloe in growth in the her trust in God in the barn and in her future, whether day by day or down the road. That He will outshine her fear and help her let go of all the things she still wants to control.

We also have many retreats coming up! A few of them include:

Men's Retreat (February 2 - 3)

Couple's Retreat (February 23 - 24)

Quilter's Retreat (March 7-9)

Family Fun Weekend (March 15-16)

If you are interested in attending one of these retreats or week of summer camp please go to mmrm.org and click on retreats to learn more details.

We greatly appreciate your love, prayers, and support for our family as we work here at Miracle Mountain Ranch. May God richly bless you and yours.

The Snyders

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

We Praise God For:

- The purchase of a van
- Your prayer and gift support
- Being able to homeschool
- Getting our roof fixed
- The purchase of the Conklin property
- The student body

Prayer Requests:

- Safety while working with equipment
- Wisdom in raising our kids
- Jane is currently being seen by someone to try and help control her asthma symptoms.
- Our bathroom renovation and other projects.

Support:

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

101 Rodeo Drive,
Spring Creek, PA 16436

Gifts can also be made on-line through the Ranch's website at <https://mmrm.org/about/staff/support/>

Just click on our names.

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