



Hannah's Spring 2024 Newsletter

Dear Friends and Family,

Spring is slowly arriving here on the mountain. Amidst the snow that still likes to pay its respects there is green starting to peek through. I am excited for the warm days ahead and have enjoyed the ones that we have been blessed with already!

Winter was a quieter season here at the Ranch. In November and December we hosted just three events and the students had Thanksgiving and Christmas break. During breaks I was able to travel home twice for the holidays and a cousin's wedding. In January we had two retreats, SALT and Youth Winter Blast. SALT is a retreat for young people ages 13-20 where they get to learn more about our School of Discipleship program by working in different departments at the Ranch, hearing about classes, talking to current students, and participate in morning worship. It is also a great time to recruit staff to work for the Summer! In February we hosted a Men's retreat as well as a Couples' retreat. It has been many years since the ranch has held a couples' retreat and it was very successful! In March we had three fun retreats! Cowboys for Christ, Quilters retreat, and Family Fun Weekend. We are looking forward to a busy spring with many activities including a Solar Eclipse retreat where we expect a very large crowd! Before we know it Summer will be here and we will start running to keep up with the busy schedule!

The School of Discipleship students are currently on spring break. 17 of them are on the annual missions trip to Mexico! Prior to leaving they all applied for their summer positions. Three students will be working in the kitchen for the Summer which I'm excited about! I have been enjoying my year co-advising with the Benedict family. It has been great to get to know them better as well as our students. Emily is a second year in the media department and Katrina is a first year in the barn.



Our advisor family at the Christmas party!

Life in the kitchen has been going well! We have had two students this year, Niyah a second year and Jolene who is in her first year. They have both been a lot of fun to work with and teach! We have been going through a cooking textbook and recently learned about making bone broth! Several weeks ago our large walk-in freezer broke. We are currently raising funds and praying that a new one could be provided quickly!

In February I attended the Christian Camps and Conference Association conference held at White Sulphur Springs. It was a really nice time to relax with the Ranch staff and get to know workers from other camps. I was able to attend several interesting and encouraging seminars.

I still attend church in Erie when I can! It has been nice to have a community there and get to know people outside of the Ranch. I also continue to help lead a youth group in Corry. It has been one of the highlights of my week! In February I was able to attend two activities we planned for the kids. We took the older kids to a youth retreat at Bethany Camp in New York and we had a blast with them! The following weekend we took the younger group snow tubing and then made personal pizzas and hung out. The kids are such a riot and I enjoy spending time with them every week.



Snow tubing with the youth group kids!

Items for prayer:

- Pray that I will serve faithfully and diligently in my work here
- Pray that I will continue to invest in the relationships I have here with the other staff and students
- Pray for the students, staff, and friends of the ranch who are currently in Mexico
- Pray for the students to finish the school year well and their prep for summer
- Pray for the kids I work with at youth group for their salvation and discipleship and the home life of several of them
- Pray that funds will come in and we would be able to fix our freezer soon
- We are in need of a new worker to serve in our financial/bookkeeping department. Pray that the Lord provides someone to fill that position.

In Christ,
Hannah Landis

In February I was also able to get a puppy. Gemmi has filled every empty spot in my schedule but she is fun to have around! She has been coming along to help with barn chores this week and has loved it! I love that it tires her out! In March my sister Elisabeth got married and I spent a week at home for that. It was a great time of celebrating her and Tyler and I loved being able to see so many family and friends at one time!

I just want to thank each of you that have prayed for and encouraged me while I serve here at Miracle Mountain Ranch. It's a blessing to know that so many support the work of the Lord here! If there is any way in which I can pray for you please let me know!



My family at Liz and Tyler's wedding.

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