

As summer comes to an end and we enter into fall, we were so blessed to go Portaging with Bens sister and family the end of August in Algonquin Canada. As we look back over all that has happened this year and forward to what will be happening in this next season, we see a Faithful God who has been lovingly guiding the events of our lives to accomplish His purposes through our living day to day and the many challenges that have come with it.

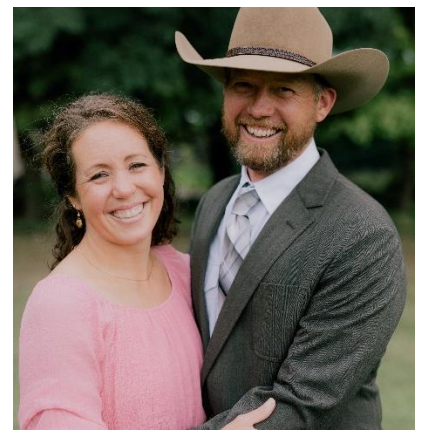
Early in the summer Stephanie and Janessa flew to Louisiana to help care for her mom in anticipated recovery from a knee replacement. As her quick 3-week trip drug into a long 5 weeks, the Lord taught us about abiding in Him as we worked through frustrations of health insurance postponing Mom's surgery and major Delta flight cancellations; He began a process of pruning our wants and desires to His as He walked us through the emotional and mental strain of being separated from each other two weeks longer than anticipated. The Lord has taught all of us many lessons on the importance of His Word being such a part of our lives that it flows into how we think, act and speak to those we had the privilege of working with this summer.

It is a tremendous privilege and joy to serve at MMR for 9 years now! We saw over 70 professions of faith in Christ during the 8 weeks of camp. It is exciting to be a part of the maturing work God has done in the lives of the 25 students who graduated the end of August. And we look forward to working with the new group of 26 students coming into the School of Discipleship September 6th. With the variety of immediate family needs and a smaller class year, we will be taking a "break" from advising as a family this school year. We will continue to have students and staff down for fellowship and Benjamin has his plate very full with teaching the new class and has several Messages to prepare for each week for the month of September.

As we prepare for the rest of the year, challenges will continue to come! Stephanie and the girls will be going back to Louisiana Sept 8-25th to care for her mom who finally did have her knee surgery August 28th. The school year for the girls will begin while in Louisiana. We are anticipating a short trip to Brazil (beginning of October) to help Ben's family with some transitions and travel needs for a brother. We have had more work on the family vehicle than we would like, have a major bathroom renovation that needs to happen, gutters need installed and we have found ourselves in desperate need of new couches since the current ones are fabric, falling apart and playing a major role in aggravating allergies. However, we are seeing in those challenges the hand of God teaching us to Abide in Him.

As always, we are very thankful for your prayers on our behalf and we are humbled by the way God continues to meet our financial needs through your generosity.

God bless and keep you,
The Freemans



(left) Rebekah riding through camp during registration. She served as a wrangler this summer and saw several salvations through the fervent prayers of the wranglers for the kids on trail rides and lessons. She is excited for her senior year and would appreciate prayers as she figures out what is next!

Rachael (right) served as an assistant counselor and was blessed to have been a vital role in the salvation of several ranchers in her bunkhouse. She is excited to have her permit and would also appreciate prayers as she too begins to look at what is next in life.



(left) Esther was Benjamin's right hand in the barn. She helped Benjamin with work projects, shoeing and riding horses and was excited to be the first one riding a training horse, Lucy.



Esther holding Brisket during MFTM



Benjamin preaching for Family Camp MFTM

