

The Purdie's Post

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Hello and Happy Summer! The past 6 months since we last wrote have seemed to fly by. The winter and spring retreats all went really well and we've had absolutely gorgeous weather. With all the beautiful weather this year, Teddy and crew were able to finish the work on our archery pavilion, remove a bunch of dangerous trees and do a bunch of much needed maintenance in our low ropes course.

Unfortunately this great progress was halted by a pretty substantial fall at the end of May. He ended up with a few broken ribs, a fracture on his L2 vertebrae and some pneumothorax in his left lung due to the impact/broken ribs. We are praising God that his injuries were not worse as slight differences in many things could have had a very different outcome. He is healing well, but still has lifting restrictions until the end of July. Because of this, summer is

looking a little different than typical. While he will still be helping out, another staff guy, Josh Snyder, is heading up the wilderness camps.

Our summer staff joined us the second week of June and we are so excited to have so many young men and women who love God and are excited to share the Gospel. It has been so great to get to know them and come alongside them in the work that God is doing in their lives. Summer camp started a couple of weeks ago and we have over 1100 kids registered to attend throughout the summer.

Hannah will be 5 soon and is eager to start Kindergarten in September. She accepted Jesus as her Savior on Palm Sunday and has been excited to tell people and learn more about God.

Ruby just turned 3. She is so friendly and isn't shy about starting conversations with the new summer staff and volunteers. She likes to do school when Hannah does and wants to do Pre-K work this fall.

Justin turned 1 in March and is walking/mostly running everywhere. He is such a happy little boy and is a joy to watch as he learns and figures out new things. Some of his favorite activities are slides, riding on the four-wheeler (or anything with a motor), eating, being outside, and climbing.

This summer Teddy and I get to do one on one discipleship with a few counselors again. I meet with 2 girl counselors and Teddy meets with 2 of the guy counselors. This is one of our favorite things to do as we enjoy getting to know them better and are able to more

specifically and personally encourage, challenge and pray for them. It's always a blessing but also a challenge in a humbling sort of eye opening way. It seems like so often the things that we talk through and challenge counselors on are the same things that God has been working on in us. Proverbs 27:17 says, "As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another." It's such a joy to see God at work.

If 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! Please feel free to write us at: 101 Rodeo Dr Spring Creek, PA 16436 or e-mail at: noellee08@gmail.com If you would rather receive our newsletter via e-mail, please let us know by e-mailing us at the above address.

Love,

Teddy, Noelle, Hannah, Ruby &
Justin

Help Wanted

Praises

- For God's provision for our summer staff needs!
- Teddy is healing well after his fall
- Hannah's salvation and healthy and growing kids!

Prayer Requests

- For a full time accountant/bookkeeper for The Ranch
- For health and strength and perseverance for our summer staff
- For complete healing after removal of 2 of Noelle's wisdom teeth on 7/3



