

Hello Friends,

September 2025

Our summer camp season has come to a close and our fall retreat season is in full swing! This summer was a wonderful time full of the sounds of games, camp songs, long hours, learning about Jesus, and seeing him at work in the lives of the summer staff and ranchers. Josh and I were blessed to get to be a part of it!



Josh had the opportunity to help with wilderness camp a handful of the weeks. He also served as the lifeguard for the ranch pool! He enjoys the time he gets to spend in God's creation, building relationships with the young guys that come to attend the wilderness camps.



The vaulting program was very full and busy this summer, which was wonderful. Every weekly elective slot for vaulting was nearly full for the whole summer, which is super neat. Rachel had 2 girls working with her daily, Alivia, a second year student in the School of Discipleship, and Abigail, a summer staff member who graciously joined the vaulting crew! Rachel also had the opportunity to meet weekly and mentor two other barn staff girls. The time together was fruitful and encouraging as they talked about their walk with the Lord and what areas he was working on in their lives. Most evenings Rachel had the opportunity to play and sing in the chapel sessions. She loves to hear all of the ranchers learn and sing the songs with such joy!

After summer camp ended, we said goodbye to our 2024-2025 S.O.D student body as they graduated and went out into their communities! Gregory and Titus were a blessing to be able to meet with throughout the year and we pray that they may be able to pour into the lives of those they interact with as they head into their jobs, homes, churches, and communities. That they may have opportunities to disciple, love, and share the Gospel of Jesus!



In just a few days we will welcome our 2025-2026 student body, which is super exciting. There are quite a few more students than last year which is a blessing to the program! We will be hosting an advisor group on our own this year and are super excited to meet our students, Bethany and Taten, and begin to build relationships with them! Every Tuesday they will come to our house, share supper together, review their school work, and fellowship with them. It is neat to be able to meet together once a week to see and hear how the Lord has been working in their hearts and minds over the past week.

As our fall continues, we will be busy working with the students, preparing for the fall retreats and working on various other projects to be started before winter hits. Josh is looking forward to teaching welding to some students this year and Rachel is looking forward to playing for morning worship and working alongside and teaching students in various capacities. Josh is leading a maintenance chore every day with the students working on many maintenance projects around the ranch facilities as well as staff houses. He is excited for the time to interact with the students as they work together in serving.

#### Prayers and Praises:

- Incoming group of students
- Continued wisdom in owning/renting Josh's house in Indiana.
- Successful summer camp season, full of sharing the gospel and loving the ranchers.
- Support, we are so thankful for all who pray for us and our ministry here.

In addition to prayerfully supporting us we are also very grateful for those who are able to financially support us as this makes our work here possible. If you have questions about financially supporting us we would love to talk with you or you can follow the instructions below to visit the Ranch's website for more information.

Thank you so much!

*Josh + Rachel*



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