

Dear Friends,

As we step into a new year, I wanted to give you an update on our family and ministry at Miracle Mountain Ranch.

We recently set a new goal to build a lodge at Miracle Mountain Ranch to better serve guests. The ranch was established in 1964, and some of the early buildings were not designed to last. On top of that, many were built for summer camp, not for fall, winter, and spring weather in Northwest Pennsylvania. When the ranch started, we did not host winter retreats.



The retreat ministry is as large as the summer ministry, but we don't have the housing and meeting space to match. So we are starting the process to plan, fundraise, and then build a new place that will house about 72 people year-round and have a meeting space for those retreats. Picture a large fireplace with nice windows overlooking the mountainside. Housing that includes a restroom and is insulated.

We are currently talking with the board, staff, and a designer to develop the plan. We have also started the fundraising, as this will probably cost around 2 million dollars. I am active in the project's planning and fundraising. I am sure it will consume much of my focus until its completion. I love a project and a clear goal to work toward, so I am excited to throw my energy behind it. I have already seen God provide some funding and planners to help get started.

We were recently asked to host a Western experience at the Erie Sport and Travel Expo. This helps us tell people about the Ranch. We will attend several outreach events throughout the spring to share information about camp.

I continue to speak for local churches as needed, and I am active on local boards and initiatives. I am serving this year as a captain at Spring Creek Vol. Fire Department.

Tonya and I are mentoring three MMR school students through our college-level gap-year program. Audrey from PA, Geneva from OH, and Deliah from Switzerland.

We finally moved! About 4 years ago, we bought a house about 7 miles from the ranch, and we have been working to renovate it. Just before Thanksgiving we moved into the house. We are still unpacking, but we are here! It is a little sad not to live on the ranch, but at the same time, it is nice to own your own home and create space for a growing staff family. It does not change much; we just drive back and forth frequently.

Our kids are doing well, adjusting to our new home and keeping busy with school and activities. The boys are all playing indoor soccer this winter, getting ready for the spring season. Karis just finished swim team for the Y and had a good season. We have been getting outside, tromping through the snow, and exploring our new property.

Our support is at a healthy level, but we are so thankful for those who do support and pray for us in this ministry. We could not do it without you! Please be praying for Miracle Mountain Ranch, and we would love to have you come visit!

With gratitude,

Donnie, Tonya, George, Cole, Grant, & Karis Rosie

