

The Purdie's Post

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Happy August! Well, a lot has happened since we last wrote a newsletter. Our winter and spring retreat season was well attended and we enjoyed being involved as much as we were able. This year we added a second Quilting/sewing retreat in March and we look forward to both weekends growing to capacity in the future. I was asked to speak at a friend's camp near Coudersport, PA for their Quilting/Sewing retreat that they started up this year. I had a wonderful time meeting new people and challenging each other in our Christian walks from Ephesians and Philippians.

Teddy's days were filled with ground prep and starting the building of the Ranch's new playground area! It is looking amazing and he was able to get it to a "finished-for-now" place until summer camp and family camps are finished for the season.

Our summer camps were very well attended and we heard of just over 40 salvations and many rededications and decisions to read their Bibles and pray regularly! Our theme this summer was Christ the Cornerstone as we studied and memorized 1 Peter 1:5-7 and Acts 4:11-12.

Our students, Sarah and Keturah, graduated from the School of Discipleship on August 15. Sarah spent her summer as a counselor and was grown and challenged in many ways as she shared the Gospel and Christ's love with her girls each week. Keturah worked in the barn and was a vaulting (gymnastics on horseback) instructor this summer. She really enjoyed getting to know the kids in her vaulting classes each week.

The wilderness camps that

Teddy runs went well and they had so much fun being out in creation and exploring and learning. We were able to visit them out in the woods sometimes during the weeks.

I was able to mentor one of the girl counselors as well as co-host half of the girl counselors one night a week for fellowship and prayer. We had a wonderful team of summer staff and it was fun to get to know some of them just a little bit more.

Hannah is just about to turn 7 and enjoyed both of our Buckaroo camps this summer. She is eager to start 2nd grade in a couple of weeks and is so very helpful around the house and around camp.

Ruby turned 5 in May and is pretty excited to start kindergarten. She said she's so excited to start reading! She has

picked up a few more chores around the house and is usually pretty joyful to do them.

Justin is 3 and continues to be very active and a bit of a daredevil. He jumps at every opportunity to ride a piece of equipment with Teddy and is thoughtful and most often excited when Hannah reads him his chores for the day.

Ian just turned 1 on August 11 and is so smiley and most often happy. He is on the verge of walking and loves to climb most anything. He is learning to communicate some things and it is so exciting to see him grow and change.

Another change since our last update is that we moved to a different home on the Ranch property. In early February we moved into a home that better fits our growing family's needs. While we have been "moved in" for 6 months, we are still unpacking some things and settling/figuring out where things fit best. We are so thankful for God's provision for our needs and have already been able to host groups of students and staff in our larger hosting space!

Thank you for your prayers. We are so blessed and encouraged by our family and friends in this busy season of life.

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!

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Love,

Teddy, Noelle, Hannah, Ruby,
Justin & Ian

Help **W**anted

Praises

- For the work the God did through salvations rededications this summer!
- For safety as Teddy worked on the new playground.
- Our kids are healthy and growing well

Prayer Requests

- Wisdom and patience =) as we continue to homeschool
- That we would be able to minister well through the fall retreat season.
- That the new students coming in September would settle in and be open to all that God has for them this year.

