

◆ The 777 Ranch Report ◆

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Summer Report

June began with a great group here for **Barn Raisin'**, including a teen group from Iowa, a missions team from South Carolina, and individuals from California. Later in July a group came from Michigan, too! So much was accomplished, and to those who were here, we say a great big "thank you"! The week ended with our annual **Cowboy Poetry Gathering**. It was exciting to see some new folks come from our county and the next one over. We're hoping the changes we made for it to be a Family Fun Day and concluding with the Cowboy Poetry Gathering and BBQ will draw more people next year.

Our friend from France returned again this year for the **Adult Horsemanship Extravaganza**, in addition to a couple other returnees. This is what they had to say about the camp:

Good horses, beautiful scenery, delicious food, comfortable accommodations, and expert instruction make it great for riders of all ages and experience. —Jeff Gore from Texas (speaker)

It's horsemanship at any level—from very inexperienced to very experienced riders. Instruction was well-communicated. You really learn! —G.S. from Utah

Excellent teaching! I feel secure to go out with the instructor because of the teaching. Beautiful trails, a variety of activities, horseback games in the arena and out on the trail. Good housing and good cooking. You can even bring your own horse! —D.M. from France

Maybe you'd like to join us next year during the second week of June for a great time outdoors horseback and around God's Word!

Please pray for the three young men who were part of the **ranch hand program** this summer that the Holy Spirit will continue to work in their hearts, using what they heard from the Word of God to meet their individual spiritual needs. The young man from an LDS background who accepted Christ last summer returned. If he attends college about forty-five minutes from us, he's planning to come back some on weekends. Continued exposure to the principles of God's Word is what will make a lasting difference in each person's life.

During the two **horsemanship camps**, our speakers, David Brock for the first one and then Ron Ehmman for the second one, both did an excellent job teaching God's Word in a clear, practical way. The camps were smaller this year, which meant more personalized instruction given and close-knit friendships formed. There were some good testimonies given at the campfire as to what God had taught them throughout the week. A special word of thanks goes to the counselors—Miss Brit from MI, Miss Liz from SC, Mrs. Jeanne from NM, and Mr. Aaron from CO, who also helps at the ranch during the year.

Our goal of reaching out to our community was met, in part, during **horsemanship day camp** for ages 8-11 as three local kids attended, in addition to some out-of-town grandkids of folks in our church, as well as some of our church kids. It was a fun week with lots of riding time, crafts, games, and life lessons from the horse. By the end of the week, Rick had given the gospel, beginning with creation in Genesis and ending with the story of Christ's death and resurrection. Some of the kids want to come to regular horsemanship camp next year!

And Yet to Come. . .

August 12-14 will be a **ladies' horsemanship/trail riding camp**. One of the ladies who came to our mother/daughter retreat has gotten a group of ladies together to come for a weekend of instruction and riding the trails. She is hoping to use this riding club as an outreach opportunity. On Sunday Rick will be using lessons from a horse's training to communicate biblical truths. Please pray for wisdom and guidance from the Lord in how to effectively reach these women and teen girls who otherwise may never be exposed to the gospel than through this means.

Once again we are hosting an **Al Dunning Clinic**, three days this year, August 18-20. Al is a world famous horse trainer and competitor, as well as a Christian. Each evening he invites those who are in attendance to attend a Bible study. During the day he and two assistants will be giving intense reining and cutting instruction to fourteen riders a day and numerous spectators. If you know of someone who might be interested, please direct them to our website for a flyer and registration form.

Remaining Calendar for 2011

August 12-14

Ladies' Horsemanship/Trail Riding

August 18-20

Al Dunning Horse Training Clinic

September 16, 17

Richfield Bible Church

Ladies' Retreat

Needs List

NEEDED STILL—new PC (Lightning struck one of our power poles, causing it to catch on fire and shorting out our PC at the ranch.)

PRAISE—a large freezer was donated!

FOR THIS FALL—money for more seed and fertilizer

ONGOING NEEDS—money for the remaining bills

FOR NEXT SUMMER—canoes, rafts, or tubes/money for seed and fertilizer

Please note: All gifts to the 777 Ranch are tax-deductible.

Another in Heaven

On June 29, another one of our "cheerleaders" went home to be with the Lord. Genny Benson's mom, Gladys Ward, loved to hear what was going on at the 777 Ranch, even in the weeks just before her death. She prayed and gave to staff and the ministry because she believed in what was going on. Her greatest desire was to see young people come to Christ and live a life of service for Him. We will miss her!