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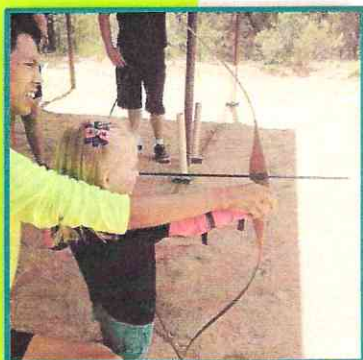


A New Chapter for the Butlers; Fall Ministry Begins

Greetings from 60.35% vaccinated New Mexico!!! The world has changed a lot since we last communicated. Vaccines are being boosted, Afghanistan is under Taliban rule, and mask mandates are coming back. There's a lot to digest and a lot we could be worried about, but we do not look through the same lens as the rest of the world. We look through the lens of our Almighty Creator, who is completely on top of world events as they occur. In this pivotal time of history, we are seeing His hand at work behind the scenes, in ways that tell us He's in control of what's happening. Pray that we all will have the boldness to proclaim the good news, even when those who need to hear it try to prevent us from doing so.



We were able to have campers this summer at Broken Arrow Bible Ranch!!! We decided to have 7 weeks of camp instead of the usual 8 weeks, and we started with smaller numbers. The mask mandate was lifted in NM this summer, so as the weeks went along, our numbers grew to pre-Covid sizes. Every



week, we had campers who told us over and over again, "I'm so glad to be at camp again. You won't believe how much I missed it." It made us feel good to know that we were missed, but even more so when we started to see their lives change throughout the week. Our summer staff was tremendous again this summer, and we were able to continue to train mentors to assist us with our staff again. Thank you all so much for praying for us during this summer.



There are many stories to tell, but the one that is most poignant to us involves Josiah. After working all summer as a counselor, he told Nanette and I that he was thinking about not pursuing the culinary arts, as he had told us before. He said he felt the Lord leading him to pursue Biblical training, but didn't know exactly where. He said, "I really believe that I need to follow this path now. It's almost like I *want* to do this other thing, but I really *need* to do this." Because it was so late in the process, he thought it best to go someplace closer to home, so we inquired about enrolling him at Indian Bible College (IBC). After a whirlwind of applications, references and interviews, he was accepted and started classes at the beginning of September. Needless to say, Nanette and I both have bittersweet emotions. Sad that our son is leaving our home after 18 years, but excited that he is being led of the Lord to whatever horizons the Lord sets before him and begins this new chapter in his life. We are so proud of him and pray that you would join us in praying the Lord's best for him as he goes to school.



Josiah at IBC

Caleb's doing well, but he's also feeling the absence of his brother, even though they still play video games together online...!!! Pray he makes a good transition as well, and that he'll have a good school year. We are so grateful to you all for praying for us and standing with us and NAIM. Thanks so much for all you do for us and we pray that the Lord does the same for you.....blessings!!!!

Dino

Prayer Requests

Please pray for Josiah as he begins classes at Indian Bible College in Flagstaff, Arizona.

Please pray that our septic system gets installed this fall.

Pray for Nanette as she continues to care for her mom here at our house.

Pray for Caleb as he transitions into the school year without his brother; they are very close and though they don't always show it, love each other a lot.

Pray that Nanette and I get some time to "exhale from ministry". We haven't been able to do that for a couple of years now, and the wear and tear is starting to show.

Pray for Dino as he transitions into fall ministry at BABR; leading worship at Grace Bible Church; and one-on-one mentoring this fall.

Pray for our 2021 BABR summer staff as they re-enter their lives after such a tremendous time of spiritual growth and victory this summer.



BABR 2021 summer staff

Nanette's Corner

Greetings everyone. To be honest and straightforward, Covid-19 really affected our youth and many of them were dealing with fear, anxiety, depression, and suicide. Since we had no camp last summer, we didn't know what to expect. We knew that this summer we would be still in the midst of the pandemic and all the mandates, but it was so wonderful to see God at work in the lives of our summer staff. They took up their cross to do His will (Galatians 2:20), so that Christ's life would flow through them, and that those in darkness would find life in Christ. It was amazing to see young campers come to know Christ as their Savior this summer. Some of them rededicated their lives to Christ, and many of them opened their hearts to Him through confession and surrender. Jesus truly is our Source of Hope in this world. I was blessed to be able to encourage and pray with a few of these young people.

On the mentoring side of things, I was blessed to be over 6 mentors (Autumn, Lois, Carolyn, Mo, Madai, Ann, and myself). I met with them weekly. These mentors poured into 1 or 2 other summer staff. They guided and encouraged them in their faith and the ministry God gave them for the summer. In their ministry as a counselor, who took care of the campers every week, or as a wrangler, who took care of the physical needs of the camp, or a summer volunteer, helping in a variety of areas, I was able to encourage, exhort, guide, and pray with them. It was a blessing to watch these mentors pour their lives into another person and see their real training getting used on a daily basis. I shared a lot of my mentoring/ leadership role with a young lady from Pennsylvania named Carolyn Bidding, who is in the process of getting her counseling degree. It was a blessing to see her get more practical experience in mentoring and leadership.



Chapel time with our Teen Week camp speaker

I continued to take care of my mom Mildred during the summer. She will be 92 years old this year. What a blessing to have her pray for us!!! I had asked her to pray for us as we shared Jesus with campers every week and she did that for us all summer.

Thank you for interceding for us. We have seen God unleash His power through your prayers. Please keep praying that the LORD will lead us into what He has for us this upcoming fall. Lord willing, I feel that the Lord is leading me to do another woman's Bible study in the book of Romans this Fall, using the Precepts Bible Studies by Kay Arthur. Please pray for wisdom, knowledge, discernment and the leading and empowering of the Holy Spirit as we begin this study.

We are blessed to have you as prayer warriors in all that the LORD is doing among Native youth/young adults. Praise and glory be to Jesus,

Nanette



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