



# Winter 2020 Newsletter

## News from the Pasture

**F**irst, we want to apologize for not getting a fall newsletter out at the end of last year. A lot has happened after camps to the end of the year, so we would love to recap that now.

Let all that I am wait quietly before God,  
for my hope is in Him. Psalms 62:5

The fall 2019 session semester was scheduled to begin at the end of August and go until the very beginning of November. Unfortunately, the week we were to start, one of our horses, Poco, came down with the fly-born illness Vesicular Stomatitis (VS). This extremely contagious virus was all over our state and we were not able to keep from it. Other animals and even people with weak immune systems could get this virus. Because of how contagious VS is, it is closely monitored by the state. Any barn/ranch who had cases of VS were put into quarantine for at least 2 weeks (or when the last affected animal is past the contagious period). Praise God no other horses, humans, or other animals got sick! Poco, sadly, is still in recovery as he got the worst-case scenario - infection on his coronet band (where the hoof meets the leg). He is healing slowly, though, and will hopefully make a full recovery before the coming summer is over! Fall sessions did finally start up in October and went until the second week of November. We saw just 3 kids in this shortened semester, but what we witnessed in these kiddos was nothing short of God's grace, love, and faithfulness! Fear was conquered in mighty ways, insecurities were cast aside, joy was found in the simplest of things, and bonds of trust and friendship were formed. Our God is an awesome God! No matter the hurdles put in our path, God made a way for His love and healing to prevail! He is so faithful!

### Upcoming Events

- Mentor sessions (spring semester) - TBD
  - Weather dependent, but hopeful for March
  - Applications accepted now and available on the website
- Tack sale - March 2020. Stay tuned for the specific date/time
- Spring Fling BBQ and Fundraiser - May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- Fall Harvest - September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020
- Camp HERD - will be announced no later than April 2020. Watch the website, Facebook, and Instagram for those dates.
- Clean up/workdays - These dates will be put on the website, Facebook, and Instagram when scheduled. Please come if you can. Many hands make light work.

In November, after sessions were completed, we had a generous couple offer their pasture to 2 of our horses to stay and eat on for the winter in order to help us out in some of our toughest months of the year. Thank You Jesus! What a blessing this has been! We chose to send Dazzle and Whiskey there because they need the constant food the most, and they have the easiest going personalities of our herd. (There are 2 other horses on this pasture, so we figured our 2 laid-back horses would get along well with the 2 already there.) It was a good fit, and within a couple of days they were all buddies! Both Dazzle and Whiskey are doing awesome - happy, loved, and fat!



The holidays came with all the love, joy and chaos that comes with them. We enjoyed our time with family and friends throughout this time and we hope you all did as well.

However, by far our favorite time was in December when we got to spend it with our community at the Christmas Light Parade. We had many of our campers and session families help us put together our float this year. Thank you to all who came and participated! We couldn't have done it without you all! A special shout-out to one of our campers, Reily Andresen, who drew and painted our life-size rocking horse. Also, one of our camp families, the Seacats, donated the use of their trailer, sound and electrical equipment, and pulled the float the night of the parade. We had an absolute blast building the float and seeing many of the ranch families as we walked down the street that night. We look forward to doing it again this year as well. Also, in December our first horse sponsorship came in. An anonymous sponsor stepped up and is donating toward Whiskey's care. Thank you to that sponsor! If you have wanted to help out in some way and love horses but maybe cannot own one personally, horse sponsorships are an amazing way to be involved with

what God is doing here in the lives of others, and gives you the chance to love on a horse (or donkey) as well!

Now into the new year. Happy 2020! Each year the Lord give us a word that sort of guides the year. This year, He gave us 2 phrases, "Be still" and "Be intentional." We combined those 2 phrases, after much prayer for clarification, into "Be intentionally still." So, what exactly does this mean? Well, this was a question and prayer of ours as well, but God made it clear what He wants from us this year. He wants us to let go and let HIM lead HIS ministry. Proverbs 16:9 says, "In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps." As leaders we have plans, good intentions, and expectations for ourselves, the ranch, and those who help. But God has made it clear that although our hearts are in the right place, our focus has strayed slightly. Jesus! Jesus is the reason. Jesus is our focus. To keep Jesus as the focus, we need to slow down and spend time with Him in prayer. Don't get us wrong, we pray all the time! But God wants us to be intentional and still. So, pray, pray, and pray some more is the plan. The Lord wants to do some amazing things with this ranch and HIS ministry. Our job is to pray and watch Him work through us, through our volunteers, through our donors, through the animals, and through the lives of those who step foot on this property this year and for years to come.



Maybe He's calling you to be a part of His ministry in one way or another. Will you join us in being intentionally still in prayer for His ministry and mission here at RSR? Will you be intentionally still in prayer over where God wants to use you this year? Maybe He wants to use you here at RSR. Maybe it's elsewhere. Who knows? God does! We don't know exactly what's in store for RSR this year. But we do know our God is faithful, compassionate, and completely trustworthy! We are excited to see what God does here at RSR as we commit to being intentionally still and follow His lead. We hope that you are excited as well and will join us in this journey.



Love in Christ,

*Scott and Laura Pfeiffer*

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. You will seek Me and find Me when you seek Me with all your heart. I will be found by you,” declares the Lord. Jeremiah 29:11-14a

## Volunteer Testimony



“Hi, I'm Terri Voglein and it is my first-year volunteering at RSR. What a privilege it has been to get to know the Pfeiffer's and serve the Lord in this great way! It was exhilarating seeing the kids arrive to the camps with smiles on their faces, eager to learn more about their horses and building relationships. Each day was so much fun, but my favorite part was seeing how each child grew in these relationships while learning more about the Lord. My advice to anyone considering volunteering is to just do it, it is so rewarding!”

## How can you help?

- Pray!
- Become a volunteer. We NEED volunteers!
- Become a board member.
- Become a financial donor. RSR is strictly run on donations! Becoming a monthly donor is an easy way to be a part of what God is doing in the lives of those who come to the ranch. Even something as little as \$5 a month can make a HUGE difference! All money donated is tax-deductible.
  - Want your donation to go someplace specific? Just let us know where (some ideas below).
    - Sessions
    - Camps
    - Property improvements (fencing, gravel, landscaping, etc.)
    - Office supplies
    - Shirts
    - Marketing
    - Future meeting place (a structure built on the property)
    - Horse shades
    - Horses:
      - ✓ Monthly sponsorships
      - ✓ Food
      - ✓ Farrier
      - ✓ Vet
    - Events
- Donate items. There are always specific things that we need around the ranch, and some prefer to just purchase these items and donate them to the ranch. Again, these items are tax-deductible donations as well. These are some of the items we have on our want and wish lists:
  - Grass hay (preferably small bales, but we can arrange for the big bales)
  - Nutrena ProForce Senior horse feed (50lb bags, bought at Murdoch's)
  - Alfalfa pellets (bought at Producer's co-op)
  - Folding tables
  - Folding chairs
  - Cattle panels (16 ft ones)
  - 8 ft treated wood posts and boards (for property fencing)
  - Gravel (for the driveway and parking area)
  - Mounting block
  - Bareback pads
  - Saddle racks (2-3 tiered ones would be great)
  - Gift cards:
    - ✓ Murdoch's
    - ✓ Safeway/City Market/Walmart
    - ✓ Home Depot
    - ✓ Hobby Lobby
    - ✓ Amazon