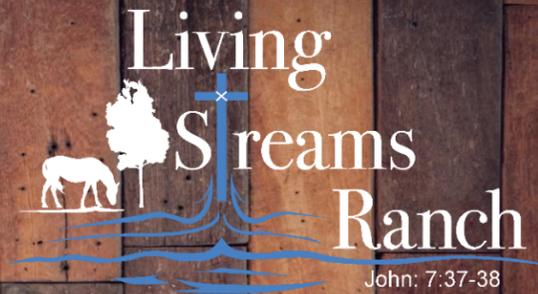




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Ranch Roundup



★ Jesus ★ Hope ★ Horses ★ Healing ★

Fall 2020

On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within them." John 7:37-38

Happy Fall everyone!



It is amazing to me that we have almost completed our 4th year of ministry. We have seen God's hand work in amazing ways, bringing children and women freedom from fear, anxiety attacks, nightmares, depression, self-harm, suicidal thoughts, self-hatred, shame, guilt, hopelessness, doubt, anger, and the effects of trauma.

One common theme individuals share about is self-condemnation. We talk about how powerful our thoughts are, towards ourselves and others. It is helpful to name them, then look at what the word of God says about our thoughts. Philippians 4:8 (as pictured) reminds us to think about what is true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable, excellent or praiseworthy, to think about these things. These



things named all point to Jesus. The book of Hebrews 12:1-2 reminds us "...let us throw off everything that hinders us and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith..." This is the opposite of self-condemnation. We are the Lord's masterpiece who He takes delight in, and He wants us to see and think about ourselves in the light of who He says we are. We can repent of these negative thoughts and believe the truth of God's word. When we believe we are beloved children of the King of Kings, we find freedom as our hearts and minds are transformed. He created each of us, on purpose, unique by God's design.

In the woods we have a "Truth and Lies Trail" filled with specially painted slates. The lies we believe are painted on one side, and the truth of God's word is on the other (see pictures). Individuals have received much revelation and freedom when they fix their minds and hearts on the truth of what the Lord says, versus the lies they believe or are told.

We praise the Lord for His holy word, which gives us new perspective and transforms our hearts. We thank you Lord Jesus that you are the way, the truth and the life!

Blessings – Deb Rotelle, Executive Director



To hear how this ministry got started go to our website www.livingstreamsranh.org and click on the live podcast by Tyler Hunsberger.



May the Lord keep you safe and fill you with His peace!



2018 sessions – finding freedom



2018 sessions

Written by Shelby

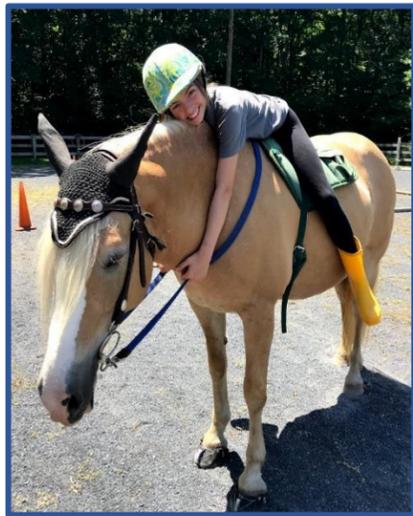


2020 Liberty University Equestrian Team

I came to Living Streams Ranch when I hit rock bottom my junior year of high school. My parents were recently divorced. I was struggling with depression, anxiety, an eating disorder, self-harm, and suicidal thoughts. I remember almost having a panic attack on my way to my first session.

I had no idea what to expect and I had never been around horses before. I remember the sense of calm and peace that came over me when I rode for the first time. It's like the world stopped and it was just me and the horse. My wondering thoughts paused and I was just able to just enjoy the moment I was in for the first time. I wasn't anxious for my future or depressed over my past - I was just enjoying the moment I was in.

Over the course of the next few months I saw rapid change. I was able to stop using food and self-harm as a coping mechanism. I began reading my bible and praying consistently. Fast forward two years and I am now competing in intercollegiate horse shows on Liberty University's equestrian team completely free from all of my negative coping mechanisms and a much stronger relationship with the Lord. Attending Living Streams Ranch changed my life.



2018 sessions

Written by Yvonne Prue

Hi, my name is Yvonne Prue. At age 10, I lost my mom to addiction which caused me to feel different emotions. At first, I didn't really care. She was abusive and scared me. But as time went on, I began to miss her more and more. Over that time, I switched living situations in foster care and finally ended up living with my older sister and her family; a transition I am still trying to understand.

I began coming to Living Streams Ranch when I was 11 years old. In that time, I learned how to grieve and how to slow down when life is constantly on the go. I began to grow in my faith. During my 13 years of life I have discovered that my thoughts have such a large impact on my life. Deb Rotelle helped me learn to take that time and think through my thoughts.



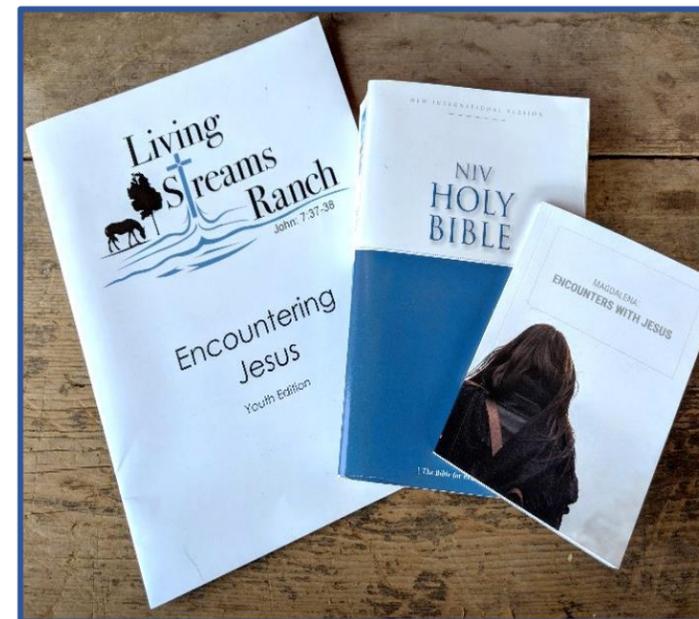
2020 sessions

After my sessions ended, I wanted to come back. This past summer I had the privilege of returning to Living Streams Ranch. Returning to the ranch, I learned how to cope with my emotions in a healthy way and I learned to love myself through God and not through my own actions. I realized how important it is to control my thoughts in order to be headed in the right direction. I finally let go of all the anger and sadness. I discovered God's truth and that what he thinks of me is the only opinion that matters.

I have grown so much as a person through this program, and I am so grateful to have Deb as a mentor. She has taught me so much about my anxiety and how to manage it. I learned so much about my faith and who I am as a Christian.



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Devotionals used at the Ranch



Our Mission

Living Streams Ranch is a Christian Non-Profit Organization founded on the love of Jesus Christ. In faith we open our hearts and our ranch to children and women so that they might find hope and healing through equine related activities in God's creation, Bible study and healing prayer.

Our Vision

Living Streams Ranch seeks to see every person have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, healed from the past, equipped to begin a new life and given hope for the future. Our goals are to share the truth of the gospel, while providing a place where all people feel safe and accepted just as they are. We pray the Ranch will be a place where individuals who come hurting will feel supported through life's difficulties, and leave each week seeing their true identity, beauty and value as a loved child created by God.

Our Core Values

- FAITH: Jesus Christ is our Savior, Redeemer, Hope and Healer
- COMPASSION: Accepting people where they are while supporting their growth in wholeness
- VALUE: Honoring the intrinsic value of each person created by God in a grace filled environment
- SERVANTHOOD: Serving people and doing all things with excellence to the Glory of God
- SAFETY: Maintaining a place of physical, emotional and spiritual safety.

Support

Living Streams Ranch is a Christian 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organization that relies solely on the generosity of volunteers and donors. The donations enable us to offer free services for all who attend the Ranch. Would you consider becoming a volunteer or making a donation? Volunteer applications are available on our website and we accept online donations at our secure giving site at: www.livingstreamsranh.org. Checks made payable to Living Streams Ranch are also welcomed. Please mail them to: 2375 Schukraft Road, Quakertown, PA 18951

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Ranch Happenings – summer sessions



Written by Sherry Detweiler

I was not raised in the church, but my mom did plant the mustard seed of faith when I was very young. As a teenager I lived life in this world and not with faith. I was raised by a single mom with two other siblings. My biological father left when I was about 7 years old. He was very abusive and an alcoholic. I was also sexually abused when I was about 4 years old by a close relative. I carried a lot of hidden rejection and pain deep inside me that wouldn't surface until years later. I always tried to be happy and joyful on the outside while always feeling unloved, unworthy and rejected on the inside. I married at 18 years old and by the age of 21 years old I had my first child, by age 24 I had my second child and by age 25 years old I found myself divorced and raising my two children as a single mom. See, my husband at that time, was also abusive and an alcoholic. I struggled financially and emotionally to raise my children on my own, having to work full time and take care of them to the best of my ability. At times, I found myself in a very dark and lonely place. Thoughts of suicide crept in every once in a while. Satan knew just how and what to do to have me feeling at my lowest.



I'll never forget the day when Jesus met me head on. I was 28 yrs. old. It was a rainy day and I was driving along, feeling desperate and alone and just wanting to give up. I was crying and realized that I should pull off the road, so I pulled into this driveway and it happened to be a church entrance. (Jesus knew) That is when I cried out to Jesus for help and He met me right there. He let me know that He was with me and I wasn't alone on this journey. He also said "He would never leave me nor forsake me". I didn't know those words at that time were in his scripture as a promise but from that day on I have continued to follow Jesus.

Years passed, my children are adults, and I found myself still struggling with feelings of rejection and loneliness in my marriage and in my life. I felt like I was missing the true joy that comes from Jesus. I decided I needed some help, so a dear friend of mine recommended Living Streams Ranch.

I went there not knowing what to expect, I just wanted to feel the joy again. I wanted to understand why and what was



keeping me from feeling joyful. Again, Jesus met me there, at the ranch, with a horse and a wonderful spirit filled woman who allows God to use her to help heal his children and bring them to a closer, more intimate relationship with their savior, Jesus. Each session God revealed to me something I was holding onto that he wanted me to release to Him. I found HOPE and HEALING at the ranch through God's word, the trails of his spirit and the wonderful cross that He put smack dab in the center of the woods and my life. Thank you, Jesus!! My journey with Jesus continues and I look to him each and every day for guidance and direction. I found freedom at a place called, "Living Streams Ranch". He used a woman named Deb, a horse named Monty and His Holy Spirit that flows through the ranch, the trails, and came alive in me to give me freedom from my past hurts. I feel JOY, true JOY! I praise God every day for bringing special people into our lives to help us know him better. What an awesome God we have!

Blessings,
Sherry

Do you want to help our ministry?

We are on our way to meeting our 2020 financial goal of \$70,000. **Will you consider helping us stack our haybales so that our operating expenses will be covered and our services can remain free?** Each bale below represents \$5,000 and as you can see, we are \$42,000 into our goal. Every dollar makes a difference at the Ranch. Will you consider donating \$20, \$50, \$100, or whatever amount God is laying on your heart? Please see page 7 of this Newsletter for how to donate.



\$70,000 goal



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\$42,000 raised so far!
Thank you for your generosity!

Ranch Happenings



Praise God for new believers in Jesus! Summer 2020 sessions

Ranch Happenings (cont.)



Living Streams Ranch staff training and prayer day 2020. A staff that rides and prays together, stays together!



Grace Bible of Souderton Youth Group's service day. Trail clean up and rock removal. 2020



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So glad to be a part of the community outreach at the Hope Festival 2020.



Blessing Evangelist Joey Perez and family with a day of horse fun.