

Ranch Roundup



★ Jesus ★ Hope ★ Prayer ★ Horses ★ Healing ★

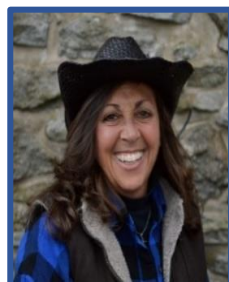
On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, streams of living water will flow from within them." John 7:37-38



Happy Fall y'all,

We give thanks to the Lord for his presence and provision this year. It is such a blessing to see Jesus heal the brokenhearted and draw us all to himself. This Spring we put up a new 8' cross on the property with many names of God painted on it.(see page 2 for more details) These names point to the Majesty of our God. In **Psalm 8:1**, David describes our Lord as one who is gloriously magnificent and absolutely majestic. **"O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth."** David celebrates the supreme power of God, who reigns over everything. The tree the cross hangs on is majestic as well. The base of the trunk is enormous, then it breaks off into three separate "branches", which have grown into very large tree trunks reminding us that the Lord is strong and steadfast.

This space has provided a place where others can come into God's presence and come to know him more deeply as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. As we sit at the cross with Ranchers who attend, we study God's word and pray. We learn new things about the nobility of the Lord, as revealed in all his names. This verse is located next to the cross, reminding us to meditate on the magnificence of our God, for He alone is worthy of our praise. My prayer for all individuals at the Ministry is to come to know the Lord in a deeper way, some for the first time ever. We praise you Lord, for all you've done, and continue to do.



Blessings,
Debbie Rotelle
Executive Director

Staff Testimony



The Cross

The word “cross” has numerous meanings to many people. For me, the cross symbolizes freedom, redemption, the ultimate sacrifice, love beyond all understanding, the doorway to our glorious creator. It was Jesus who gave up his own life to open the “door” and allow us to be with God, in His presence when we pass from this temporary life to heaven. It’s in His presence we are made whole and complete in Him.

So, when Deb & Wayne asked me to design the cross with all the names of God, I was very thoughtful at first. I wondered if I’d truly be able to convey the meaning of God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit accurately and in a way that would welcome all people into the presence of the Lord.

As I researched the meanings and names, I embarked on a journey of personal enlightenment, spiritual growth, and true reverence in which we as humans have been invited through Jesus to partake in with God, our heavenly Father. The time I spent drawing went from the heat of the summer into the crisp fall days. I knew I had to be completely immersed in worship music as I chose the placement, carefully measured the height and width, and reassessed the meaning of each word put on the

cross. As I spent those hours at the barn listening to worship music and drawing, this time made me so much more aware of just how deeply God is entwined in our daily lives. He’s the Creator of the animals we own and love, the wildlife that surrounds us, the trees and the earth we walk on. He makes his presence known in the skies. He made himself very real to me during this time of celebration through the design of this cross.

Each name and description of God brought me closer to Him. I began to understand there’s a much deeper purpose in living for Him, then just going from day to day with expectations concerning myself or my needs. I was learning He always loves us; He’s there no matter what the situation is or however the outcome. Jesus is there to pick up the pieces of our brokenness and make us whole again. Our lives were created to glorify Him, to tell others about Jesus, his love for us, and to help people understand that it’s Jesus that made the way to be with God.

As I finished drawing, the cross wasn’t put together yet. The pieces were still separate, laying in the barn. They needed to be hung on the tree that Deb & Wayne chose. The next time I’d go to the Ranch, the cross would be hanging on the tree, which also had symbolism. Deb sent a picture to me when they had hung the cross in the spot they chose in the woods. It was so beautiful to see the finished pieces, fastened together.

I honestly didn’t get the full effect of this finished piece until I was standing in front of it. The day I went up to see the cross, it was a very calm day. As I started up the trail into the woods, I couldn’t see where it was at first. As I came around the bend of the path, a breeze started to blow through the trees. By the time I reached the cross, the tree branches were swaying softly. I felt the awe and presence of the Lord as I stood there, taking in all the sounds of the woods, the breeze through the trees, and the cross with its inscriptions. In those moments of standing there, I felt a completeness, like the cross was placed as it should be. All the names and descriptions of God were reaching out from the cross to comfort and minister to those who will stand before it experiencing the weight of this life.

I pray the cross sheds insight into how great our God is and the love He has for us.

Blessings!

Jennie Fradenburgh

Rancher Testimony

Hello. My name is Missy. I'm an alcoholic/addict in recovery who has co-occurring diseases, meaning both my mental health and my addictions are my primary dis-eases.

I spent almost 18 years in a mentally, physically, emotionally and spiritually abusive relationship. I had time both using and sober in those years. I had time close to God and time I was too angry at Him to speak to Him. However, I recently came to believe that the imaginary friend I'd grown up chatting with, and to this day continue to chat with daily, is Jesus. While I struggled with the Father, the Son was always my best friend. I remember the first time I heard "Footprints." I KNEW why there were only one set of prints before the poem was explained.

To this day it's one of my favorites.

I am also reminded of Isaiah 43:1-2 which says "When you go through deep waters, I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown. When you walk through the fire of oppression, you will not be burned up; the flames will not consume you."

My journey through sobriety and dealing with my very real mental health issues has been this and one of divine timing.

As any "good" alcoholic will tell you, my way was the only way. In AA, we say ego stands for "Edging God Out." I excelled at that and still struggle with it daily. The first three steps of the 12 steps are a suggested (and proven) way to begin living a new way. These first three steps teach us to admit our powerlessness, surrender our will, and accept God's. As Proverbs 16:9 says, "We can make our plans, but the Lord determines our steps."

The Lord determined my steps to lead me to Living Streams Ranch. It was here, in this place filled with the Holy Spirit, I was able to rebuild my relationship with the Father. He is on every trail, in every person helping the Ranch and its mission, and most certainly felt in the power of these horses!

It was by working with the Father at Living Streams that I truly began to heal. His word and His works are everywhere in this place. The more time I spent here, the more I was able to bring bits of that with me. The more healing He blessed me with, the stronger I became in His word no matter where I went.

The enemy is tireless. He will wait for me to become complacent. He loves my human nature. And I am VERY human. I get tired. This is HARD. I fight every moment of every day for the bits of ground I've covered so far. I know this is a lifelong battle, so does the enemy. Luckily, so does my Lord and Savior. 2 Corinthians 10:5 says "We demolish arguments and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ." It is here, at Living Streams, I learned - soaked into my core - that God truly does have my back. He is ALWAYS there. He calls me by name and I am His (Isaiah 43).

The biggest change in my life as a result of my time at Living Streams Ranch is perfectly summed up by Ephesians 6:10-18. "Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people."

On June 3, 2023, I put on my full armor of God and was baptized at Living Streams Ranch. For me, it was truly the death of all things past and a rebirth through Christ's love, grace, and forgiveness. I know now I am fearfully and wonderfully made.

My time at Living Streams imprinted on me the importance, significance and power of asking God for help with every single thing. I continue to learn that not only is it okay to receive His help, but that Christ has already paid for my undeservedness with His blood. In Him, I am worthy.

Thank you and God bless.

Ranch Happenings



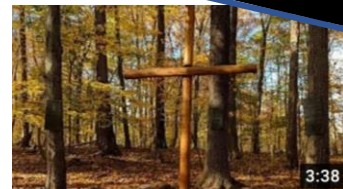
Grace Church youth service project, digging rocks and trail cleanup.



Corn Hole Fundraiser
2023



Hope 2023



Check us out on YouTube!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2yN4Ieiv4>

Ranch Happenings, cont.



Corn Hole Fundraiser

2023 (cont.)



We are on our way to meeting our 2023 financial goal of \$200,000. We are excited to expand the ministry by adding a new horse (a Gentle Giant), along with a 12x28 shelter for the horse, and a new position of Development Officer. Will you consider donating to help us offer our services for free? Every dollar makes a difference in helping others. Please see page 7 of this Newsletter for how to donate.

\$200,000 goal



\$100,000 raised so far!
Thank you
for your generosity!

Rancher Testimony

Written by Jane



My experience at Living Streams Ranch was lifechanging. The grief of my husband's death brought me to the Ranch. It has been five years since he has gone home to be with the Lord. The effects of his death heightened when I became a grandmother of two precious grandchildren within three months of his passing. The sadness engulfed me, and I did not understand it at first. I felt my husband was "missing out" on the joy of being a grandfather. Rocco, my husband, would have been a fun, loving grandfather. My loneliness became suffocating; then anxiety and fear joined the loneliness.

Coming to the Ranch became a sanctified place for me to experience the loving PRESENCE of God. For the first time my grief was valued. God showed himself intimately in the soft sunshine, the gentle cool breeze, and the fine rain drops while sitting on a swing. My session leader spoke words of healing from the Lord. God directed each of our conversations to provide a space of healing. Mostly, I believe now more than ever God is ALWAYS present with me. He invites me to slow down and sit with him, and I experience his peace. I also understand the importance of intimacy with Jesus in a different way. Working with the horses provided a visual to help me remember Jesus' posture of trust and abiding with me.

The loneliness and fear no longer grip me as it did before my time at the Ranch. When those feelings creep in, I sit back with my Bible and read his words. I review the Fruits of the Spirit and "pick" one to savor. I soak myself in His loving truth. **Fear no longer has a grip on me!!** I have a new sense of freedom in Christ!!

Romans 15:13 "Now may the God of hope fill me with all joy and peace as I trust in him, so I may overflow with HOPE by the power of the Holy Spirit"

I would like to share a quote from Mother Theresa: "We need to find God, and he cannot be found in the noise and restlessness. God is the friend of silence. See how nature - trees and flowers, grass - grows in silence; see the stars, the moon, and the sun, how they move in silence...we need silence to be able to touch souls."

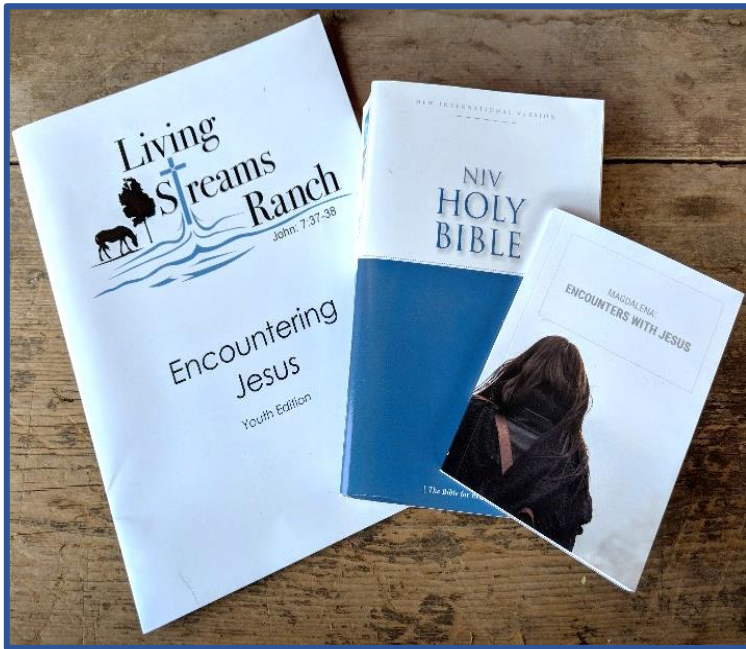


Needs for the Ranch:

- Calling all Handymen to volunteer time to complete projects around the farm: experience in masonry, electric, woodworking, contractor skills and landscaping needed.
- Prayer warriors and intercessors
- Volunteer groups for trail cleanup
- John Deere Gator (bench seat preferred)



Please contact the Ranch if you can fill these needs.



Devotionals used at the Ranch

A very special thank you to Richter Total Office in Souderton PA for printing this newsletter.



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:**

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