



November 23, 2022

Greetings from the WLD Ranch staff!

*“All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.” (2 Cor. 4:15 NIV)*

One of the greatest things about serving in camp ministry is the opportunity to see God’s grace at work in the lives of the people who come here. During summer camp, we see God’s grace in action as campers come to understand the good news of Jesus and by grace through faith become part of God’s family. I think of one day in particular, after the evening meeting, when several kids stayed after dismissal to talk with their camp counselors. As I watched from the back of the room and prayed for these young people, one of them finished with her counselor and came back directly to me with tears in her eyes and excitement in her voice to tell me that she had just prayed to receive Jesus as her Savior. What a joy to see God’s grace reaching campers! We also see God’s grace in action as campers who are already followers of Jesus dive deeper into their understanding of God’s Word and their need to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus. The summer staff too experience God’s grace at work in their lives as they focus on trusting the Lord and living for Him as they serve the campers.

We are drawn to praise God for what He is doing through the ministry of WLD Ranch year round as we have repeated opportunities to share God’s grace with our campers and guests. It may be a church retreat where we watch as teens or adults are drawn closer to the Lord through the intentional time the leaders take to invest in their group. Or it may be a horse retreat where we show Christ to kids through our lives and our words. It is also our horse lessons when we share with sixty or more students each week about who Jesus is, how to have a relationship with Him, and how to live for Him when you are a Christian. As we reflect on a year of ministry, our thankfulness overflows to the glory of our God whose grace is transforming lives through the ministry of WLD Ranch.

We often use the concepts of place, program, people, and purpose to describe what is involved in camp ministry. WLD Ranch is a place utilizing a variety of programs to welcome and serve people with a purpose of guiding everyone who comes here toward Jesus as the Truth in life. All four aspects must have our attention in order to thrive as a ministry. We care for our *place*, maintaining and sustaining the facility and grounds of WLD Ranch through ongoing projects such as the small barn addition, door and window replacements, and a faithful crew of volunteers who keep the facility and equipment in working order. We act intentionally based on our *purpose* as we consider what to include in our schedule and how to design our programs. Summer camp is such an important focus of our ministry because we relish the opportunity to present God’s Word and proclaim Jesus to our campers day after day. We carefully consider how to improve our *programs* and the processes that support the implementation of those programs, making thoughtful adjustments to our programs as we strive for excellence. (A new registration process for 2023 will also be noticed by summer camp families as we seek to improve every aspect of

our programming.) Finally, we focus on *people*, seeking to make a difference for Jesus in every life touched by this ministry, whether summer campers, retreat guests, horse lesson students, families attending community events, school students learning about teambuilding and horseback riding, or the staff and volunteers that make this ministry possible.

It amazes me how God provides for the needs of the place, program, people, and purpose of WLD Ranch through partners like you. Every year, I am amazed at the generosity of people who value WLD Ranch's ministry. Your donations, whether big or small, frequent or occasional, are constant reminders to us that God provides by using kind and generous people to supply the necessary resources for this ministry to continue and to thrive.

As this year ends, we are reminded that God has sustained us in the past and we trust that He will continue to sustain us in the future. We want to thrive as a ministry dedicated to the *purpose* of guiding campers and guests to Jesus as the Truth in life, sharing the hope of Jesus with thousands of *people* for years to come. There are always ongoing operating expenses year-round regardless of how many campers and guests we serve, and donations of partners like you allow us to continue to serve and develop the ministry of WLD Ranch.

There are also aspects of the Ranch facilities and equipment that need to be improved to keep the *place* and *programs* functioning well. Donations to enhance the ministry will enable us to keep the place of WLD Ranch in its best condition for serving the people who attend various programs, all while carrying out the purpose of WLD Ranch and helping people see Jesus and get to know Him more deeply.

Thank you for your relationship with the WLD Ranch and for your past involvement and interest in this ministry. As we approach 2023, how will you partner with us in sustaining and advancing the ministry of WLD Ranch? Will you donate to WLD Ranch for your first time? Will you give a year end gift in addition to your other gifts this year? Will you consider giving more frequently than you have before? Will you be a part of what God is doing at WLD Ranch? Whatever you decide, pray with us and for us, and join us in giving the glory to God for His grace that is reaching more and more people.

In My Lord's Service,



Joseph Preston  
Director of WLD Ranch

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