



Branding Praise at Glory Reins Ranch

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“THE LORD IS CLOSE TO THE BROKENHEARTED AND
SAVES THOSE CRUSHED IN SPIRIT.” PSALM 34:18



A Volunteer's Perspective

Transformation. This word describes what I get to see every time I am fortunate enough to be apart of God's work at the ranch. It begins slowly as the individual hesitantly disembarks from their vehicle and takes in the scenery surrounding them. Tentative handshakes are given while an exchanging of names occurs, the guest still unsure of what is about to come.

It begins with a one-on-one project. The guest is asked if they would like to contribute to the ranch in some form or another. Usually it's sweeping the barn, pulling weeds, mucking the stalls, watering the flowers, or any other project happening here. Hands are working together to benefit, maintain, and restore external components of the ranch.

It is during this time communication begins. Sometimes the guests are eager to talk and words flow out, allowing opportunities for Truth to be spoken. Other times the guests may be shy and hesitant to begin a conversation, and non-verbal form of communication is used. This can be as simple as an encouraging high-five or reassuring smile as we work together to accomplish a common goal.

One place I'm always reminded of God's amazing grace and transforming power is when a guest and I are pulling weeds from the flower bed. Recently, I was on hands and knees beside an individual pulling out the stubborn roots that were trying to suffocate the beautiful plants blooming in front of the ministry barn. We were working alongside each other when I reached down to pull out a seemingly small weed. As I yanked on the undesirable plant, I was surprised at how deep the roots were beneath. It was easily three or four times the size of the original weed. Instantly I was reminded of how deeply rooted sin is inside each and every one of us. The seemingly small and harmless external appearance shown to the world can often mask the harmful and destructive nature of what's rooted beneath.

This is such an incredible reminder of how Christ can uproot any and all sin in our life, regardless of how deeply burrowed into the darkness it may be. All we have to do it accept Jesus into our life as Lord and Savior. It is at this point when we relinquish control and grab hold of His outstretched hands, allowing Him to unearth the sin in our lives, we are transformed into something beautiful.

When individuals hear of Glory Reins Ranch and the horses used here to assist in breaking down barriers, the thought process may sometimes get wrapped up how these gentle giants are working on the individual. However, this is not the case. Horses are beautiful, magnificent creatures that are a resource in assisting in these areas, but they are not the reason the transformation occurs. That is the power of the Holy Spirit moving within the guests and volunteers heart, beckoning and calling us closer to Him.

And sometimes this does not involve the horse, but instead a stubborn overgrown weed.

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”

You are the salt of the earth.

But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again?

It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out
and trampled underfoot.

Matthew 5:13



Not all of our four-
legged friends at the
Ranch have hooves!



One of our nonverbal visitors
uses sign language to say
"I Love you" to Mr. Fibbs.



Our Programs

The heart of the Session Program is to provide a place of safety where the guest experiences. Hope, even in the midst of the trials that life brings. In each session, through a myriad of methods, there is one main purpose: to Mentor the Guest.

Our 90 minute sessions are designed to be adaptable in order to meet the distinctive need of the guest. It is our hope that through hands-on experiences, fun and laughter, guests will learn the value of faith and family.

All activities are chosen at the discretion of the Session Leader. Activities include:

HORSEMANSHIP | PAINT SESSIONS | GARDENING | PAINTING | GAMES | ARTS & CRAFTS | FAMILY BONDING

Each Session is structured to accomplish our main goal of creating a safe and loving environment to mentor the guest; empowering them to take steps toward healing and personal growth.

GROUPS WELCOME!

To schedule a FREE Session, please call or text Robin Warren at 434.390.9804

Volunteers 2018



You are the light of the world.

A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl.

Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.

In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:14-16



"I have been volunteering with Glory Reins Ranch for several years, and I have loved every minute of it! Every time I come to Glory Reins I am inspired by sense of welcome, love, and joy.



Every volunteer I connect with is always brimming with joy and love that only the Father can give, and I know that the participants feel it too!

Every week the Lord uses the volunteers, horses, and just the nature of the Ranch to speak into people's lives. Relationships are built, walls are torn down, and His love is shown."

-Megan

"Since my first year at Ranch, I witnessed God move in the hearts of those who come to camp days or sessions, but also in the hearts of the volunteers and leaders! It seems when you step foot on Glory Reins Ranch you can feel the presence of God..

I can so clearly remember my first "full" day at ranch, as the kids piled out of the van and introductions were made the anticipation of what that day would hold was just buzzing in me.. After we met all the kids we sat down to listen to a song that was picked out for that camp day! The artist was singing about the importance of having a godly remodel, and how his life was affected by the role model he followed before he became a Christian! After he was saved he stopped following those bad influences and turned to Christ who is the perfect example!

As the song kept playing my eyes caught on one of the young men who had tears streaming down his face! My heart broke as I watched him.. I had no idea what he was going through I just knew something in the song broke him! I was sitting in the back of the room so I closed my eyes and prayed over him that the Holy Spirit would work in his heart and he could see his need for the Savior!

To this day he is still in my heart and I pray over his life! I encourage you to pray over the ranch and all those involved.. I know how much it means to have support of others around you!"

-Margaret



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Closing: October 31, 2019

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“Who is She?”

“She was back again. That girl that I love. I could see her walking towards me. Through the field with my blue halter. She is tall and thin, with long brown hair. The scars on her arms are easy to see. Today there are new burns over the old ones. I couldn’t see the cuts on her legs. They were covered by her pants. I wished she wouldn’t hurt herself, although I knew she did it because so many others had hurt her first.

She greeted me kindly as always and gently placed the halter on my face. We walked back towards the barn together. As we walked, I wondered what her week had been like? She seemed sad and lonely.

I heard her tell the session leader some of her story. A story unfortunately similar to many told here at Glory Reins, abandoned, rejected, uncared for, were some of the themes spoken. I heard the brokenness. I listened quietly while she began to brush me. I mean what could I say? I’m just a horse. I heard the lies. Lies she believed, about herself, about her worth. I heard the session leader speak truth, but I could see she still struggled. The inner battle raged. The voices of darkness she still listened to and believed.

We walked to the arena so we could practice some ground work. We were planning to work on some games. The leader gave instructions and stepped back. As my friend began to instruct me, I ignored her request just as I had during all our previous sessions. I ignored her because I knew she needed something more than to know how to play a silly game with a horse. She seemed relieved as I

walked closer to her and placed my head against her abdomen. I sighed as she leaned forward to stroke my neck. We stayed here for a long time. No words were exchanged but I hope she understood what I was communicating. As a horse I am unable to lie. If I don’t want to be with you, I will go away. If you annoy me, I may bite at you. But if I love you, if I want to be with you, I’ll stay. She needed to know she is loved. I hope that by showing her I loved her, she realized how much deeper the Lord loves her.

As my friend and I continued to stand in the dirty arena the session leader prayed. She prayed for my friend’s eyes to be opened to the Lord and His healing grace. As a horse, I can’t fix people. Not in the deep, heart restoring way the Lord can. Sure, we can have fun together and maybe for a time they forget their troubles. But that won’t fix a heart. After our session was complete, my friend drove away. I could tell she felt better than when she had arrived. She seemed lighter, and happier. Like a thirsty plant that had been watered. But still deep down, she was wounded.”

Many people know the verse Jeremiah 29:11, “For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future.”, it’s a good verse. It’s a verse that brings comfort to many. But many people forget about the next few verses. Jeremiah 29: 12-14 “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, ‘and will bring you back from captivity. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have banished you,’ declares the Lord, ‘and will bring you back to the place from which I carried you into exile.’” Just like the Lord, I want my friend to prosper, to have hope. I don’t want harm to come to her, from herself or others, I want wholeness and healing. Our God is a God of wholeness, a God of healing, a God of Hope, and a God of Love. He doesn’t even care the condition of the heart.

My friend needs to find that God. That God is so good. He doesn’t make finding Him difficult. He says seek Me with your whole heart and I WILL be found by you. It can be broken, batter, bruised, or crushed as long as you bring it all to Him. But why the whole heart? Why not just a piece? Why not the part we think is worthy or good? The master cannot completely repair something without all of the pieces. A puzzle cannot be completed without all the pieces. A broken piece of pottery cannot be repaired to its full usefulness and beauty without all the pieces. How kind of God not to be satisfied with you (or my friend) in pieces. He is only satisfied when we are whole. And, He makes it possible for us to be whole when we are completely His. I don’t know where my friend is now. But I hope her eyes have been opened to the repairer and restorer of broken and battered hearts.

I hope next time I see her walking towards me in the field with my halter, I’ll see a new light in her eyes, smile on her face and a sense that she knows who she is because she knows whose she is.



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Girls' Bible Study "QUEST"

