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- [0 : 0 0] We welcome you to the media ministry of Bethel Community Church, knowing Jesus, making Jesus known. And, but before that, I do ask for your prayer.
- Yesterday a situation developed and I don't have the time to go into it, but definitely ask your prayer and you can talk to my mom about it afterwards. But I want to praise the Lord for his people and the upbringing that he has brought to them, his word and everything.
- It was very prevalent last night. And for those people, thank you. And you don't know how much it meant to me being able to make one phone call and everything was taken care of.
- Before I get into the word, let's pray. Anyway, dear Heavenly Father, we just thank you for this day that you've given us to come before you, to worship you. Father, I pray that the words that I'm about to speak are not my own.
- They are from you. Father, again, thank you for your people in this body of believers here. It's in your name we pray. Amen. So I've been, I was just reading through Matthew.
- [1 : 1 3] Matthew, and the chapter we're going to be at today is Matthew 8, and we're going to look at verses 5 through 13. So I'm just going to go ahead and read it. Most of you know the story.
- It's about the centurion asking for his servant to be healed. So in Matthew 8, starting in verse 5, it said, When Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him and asked for help.
- Lord, he said, my servant lies at home paralyzed in terrible suffering. Jesus said to him, I will go and heal him. The centurion replied, Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof, but just say the word and my servant will be healed.
- For I myself am a man of authority with soldiers under me. I tell this one, go, and he goes, and that one come, and he comes. I say to my servant, do this, and he does it.
- When Jesus heard this, he was astonished and said to those following him, I tell you the truth, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith. I say to you that many will come from the east and the west and will take their places at the feast of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven.
- [2 : 3 2] But the subjects of the kingdom will be thrown outside into the darkness where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then Jesus said to the centurion, go.
- It will be done just as you believed it would be. And his servant was healed that very hour. I was just reading through this, and it's a very interesting story. Just kind of some facts about the centurion.
- He was a guy in charge of 100 Roman men. 80 of them were soldiers, and typically 20 of them were servants. So that's what we're talking about. We're talking about not only just out of these 100 men.
- We're talking about the 20 servants. He was probably very well off. He probably had some money with him. And just as history has revealed, the Roman army was not known for being nice.

They were definitely known for dealing harsh punishment to their soldiers and to their servants. And so just right off the bat right there, this story is kind of odd that this centurion is asking help for his servant.

[3 : 37] So in verse 6, where it says, Please help my servant. He is paralyzed. He's basically going against everything that we know about a centurion. He's asking for help.

Usually they were rough, tough men that would do it themselves. Not only that, he's asking help for his servant. Now this man had money, so he could have called any doctor or anything that was in his realm, but he decided to go to Jesus instead.

He was asking for help for his servant. He could have gotten a new servant very easily. So it does make you think that maybe this servant was special to him. We're not given any real other information about the servant other than he's sick.

He also, what I thought was very interesting, he acknowledges Jesus as Lord. He acknowledges that Jesus has some sort of authority, and we'll get to that here in a little bit.

And I am going to go through this quite a little bit quick just because I do want to get to updating you about Turkey Hill. But this was just something that had been laid on my heart. And in the Roman Empire, obviously, Jesus is not a man that they would consider to be an authority.

[4 : 49] They don't really consider him to be anything. They mainly consider the religion to be a pest. And so it's very interesting that this man, this high-ranking man, is going to Jesus.

In verse 7, Jesus has a normal response. Typically, Jesus would go to the sick person, or the sick person would be brought to him. He would touch them or just say that he was healed. So Jesus responds and says, I will go and heal him.

There's nothing out of the ordinary about that. But where it gets kind of extraordinary is verses 8 through 9, when the centurion says, Lord, if you say it'll be done, it'll be done.

This is a pretty cool part of the story. The centurion understands authority very well. He understands his own command, where he can command a soldier, and he understands that there's people above him that can tell people to go.

So what you have to do when you're respecting authority is you have to submit to that person. You ultimately have to do what they're saying, and then that person who gave you the task has to have faith that it's done, that it's going to get done.

[6 : 02] As we're continuing on, and like I said, I am going to go through this kind of fast, another thing that kind of struck me was Jesus was amazed. Jesus was amazed at this man, and he says, I tell you the truth, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith.

This man was not an Israelite. This man was not a Jew. This man was a Roman centurion, probably has done more horrible things than we can imagine in battle, probably has treated at one point soldiers poorly.

Yet Jesus tells us that he has the greatest faith out of anybody that he's found. I just, that, I felt shame when I read that.

Not his disciples, not the high priest, nobody else had as great faith as this centurion that comes to him. We skip down to verse 13, and Jesus does what is requested and heals that servant that instant.

Not two days later, doesn't wait, he heals him that instant. And so, that, I mean, it's just a short little story, and I could go into depth more about it, but that was kind of the, what I wanted to get out of it.

[7 : 14] Just some practical applications from it. Just understanding authority. We understand that we get our, I have a verse here, or Romans 13, one through six, and it goes and talks about authorities of the government and, you know, respect them and all this other stuff.

We have to understand that there is authority above us. There is Jesus Christ, and there is the Lord. And are we submitting? Are we going to do it? And does Christ have faith in us that we are going to get his task that has commanded us, that he has commanded us done?

Kind of like being at, at camp or being anywhere in the workplace. Are we carrying out the Lord's commission? Are we carrying out, are we spreading the gospel to all nations? Are we creating disciples?

Of another kind of a side point is that this centurion had to come and meet Christ. He didn't, he didn't have a car, so it probably took him quite a bit of time.

If you walk anywhere, even if it's just, you know, a mile or so, it takes you quite a bit of time. I imagine he came on a horse because of his status and everything, but even still, not as fast as some of the other modes of transportation that we have today.

[8 : 26] Us ourselves, when we need help with something, when we need help with a trial that we're going through, a struggle, doctrinally, if we want the Lord to show us something, we need to be willing to meet Christ.

I've always been told, you know, we can take a thousand steps away from God, but he's always one step right behind us. And just thinking about that as well, you know, we take, if we take a thousand steps away from God, we're kind of dragging him through the mud along with us.

And that's not something that I would like to do. And so, but he's always right there to be able to turn back to, no matter what, no matter what we bring him through. I was reading in Hebrews and it says, he is not ashamed to call us brothers.

So, we are vile sinners and we have done all these things and we've drug him through the mud, yet Christ is not ashamed to call us his brothers. Just like I do something goofy and Lacey's ashamed to call me her husband.

So, but that's not the case in Christ. Like, he is not ashamed to call us his brothers. And the third point is just having faith.

[9 : 31] Hebrews 11, 1, it says, now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. This centurion knew that if he just asked Christ, Christ could command him and he had faith that his servant would be healed.

And then John 11, 40 says, when Jesus said, I did, did I not tell you that, sorry, did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?

Do we have faith that the things that we ask of Christ, that he'll take care of them? Do we not, do we have faith that Christ is going to take care of things that we don't ask for?

I know a lot of times we can go through little things in life and we don't really necessarily ask Christ to help, but do we have faith that he could fix it if we want to? Some situations seem impossible but Jesus healed a man who was in terrible suffering and I don't, I wouldn't take that verbiage lightly.

I mean, terrible suffering back then meant something. I mean, we see the crucifixion and the cross that was one of the most horrible deaths so when they talked about ailments and they were pretty serious nobody could really help them.

[10 : 44] They didn't have shots or they didn't have many experienced doctors that could help them so Jesus Christ healed this man from who knows how far away so just something that kind of plays into what I'm going to be talking about just having faith, understanding authority and being willing to meet God no matter where you're at.

So that's just my little short message that I had for you all just some things that I was dwelling on and just thinking about and just interesting about hearing from the Centurion and whatnot.

Does the clicker thing actually work or are you going to have to? So anyway, most of you know Lacey and I have been at Turkey Hill. It'll be coming up in a year in May that we'll be working at Turkey Hill.

So these are just some aerial views of the camp. It's kind of cool to see the old pictures and the new ones. So we have about nine families there. Sonny and Debbie, myself and Lacey, Matt and Erica, Jimmy and Ashley, Steve and Karen, Dolly and Alan, Pam and Rodney, Jeremy Barker, and Jim Fitz.

Jeremy Barker is soon going to be married to Bree Gardner and they're getting married in April so there will be another addition there. And before anybody asks me, because I haven't been asked yet which I was surprised, no we're not pregnant.

[12 : 09] Anyway, so those are the families that are there and there's nine kids there, Jimmy and Ashley's kids and Matt and Erica's kids. And if you guys have any questions about while I'm going through these slides, if you have any questions about camp or whatnot, just go ahead and raise your hand and somebody yell at me so I can answer those questions.

So we've been doing, we had a pretty good camp season this year. I think we had another record turnout. Most of our camps were full, which is about 250 plus campers plus the staff that we house there.

This actually was pretty fun. We did a color run during teen week so we had a whole bunch of the flower with the paint colors. It was pretty cool. So just some things that we've updated and whatnot.

You can't really see it in this picture but we painted all the doors around camp. We added new lighting, just a whole bunch of new lighting so people don't complain about tripping in the dark anymore.

And just with the new addition of Jim Fitz being the new director, Lacey and I coming on, and Jeremy Barker, some board members retired and new board members came in, we haven't taken on any, I would say, big, gigantic projects.

[13 : 25] We've been doing all these little things that have been building up for quite some time and now that they have the extra labor and the extra force we can get these done pretty quick.

So we added a new light at the camp sign so you can actually see it. Just some new grading down at the roads, putting in a new culvert and bridge. You can't really see it there. We had a big problem with this hill.

The water runoff would literally just destroy the hill and you wouldn't be able to drive across it so we put in a concrete bridge and it's been doing pretty good. There's another picture of the doors being painted, just they were an ugly blue and now they're a nice green.

Some more pictures. Fitz put this together and it's literally like 120 pictures or whatever. We poured some concrete down.

This is our storage building that we cleaned out. We spent probably a week doing that because we have a whole bunch of junk, threw a bunch of stuff away. Built new storage up in the loft and the tractor shed.

[14 : 27] Being able to organize all of this stuff knowing that we have to be able to fix things. Those are all the archery targets up there at the top and it's really fun to play pranks on people with them because we have some mountain lions and whatnot.

That's pretty fun. Anyway, that's us building some of the loft. Just some more cleanup down the storage shed.

This is Jimmy and Ashley's house. It's about a 100-year-old farmhouse. We were doing some renovations. I don't know if you can really see it but on the picture over there, that's a hornet's nest.

Incidentally, something you can be praying about because we do have it happen quite often. Fitz found out that he is allergic to wasps. Be praying for that because we do encounter that quite often.

He does carry an EpiPen now. Anyway, as we're tearing apart the upstairs, we find that was just a small piece of it. They had a big, huge hole in their side of their house that all these bugs were in and everything and we spent about 30 minutes trying to kill all these wasps that came out and attacked us.

[15 : 34] So that was fun. But just kind of like seeing, those are actually legitimate two by fours, like they're two inches by four inches and they're solid oak and it's really hard to drill into.

So just some renovations there, taking down the old chimney and redoing that. So yeah, I think that was one of the big holes.

So it went from, everybody was helping out with this from his kids. So it went from that to that. Just kind of redoing the floors. All we did was sand the floors down and stain them again and polyurethane them.

So from that to that. This took us, we just recently finished up adding a new bedroom.

We just recently finished up with this house. It took us about five months because we intermingled some projects and people were gone and all this other stuff. So it took us a little while but it turned out really, really good.

[16 : 31] And I know that they're enjoying it and Ashley is peace of mind not having all the electrical hanging out and kids getting shocked and stuff like that. Just kind of a quick story about that.

Alan Christensen was working on the electrical and all of a sudden you hear a big pop and all the lights go out and Jim Fitz and Matt were upstairs working on the electrical and Alan was downstairs working at the box and Alan had touched the big, huge 120 volt power supply to a metal object or whatever and it shorted it.

So we thought that Alan may have died because that could have killed somebody. But then all of a sudden you hear Alan going and so then you know he's okay.

So it was just praise the Lord for the safety that we had with it. Fitz did get stung but he was able to take some Benadryl and get the EpiPen and he was okay. Alan did, actually he did that twice.

He hit the electric twice and he kept himself or the Lord protected him. There was one time I was up in the tractor loading up the junk and Steve dropped the bucket and I almost landed on a whole bunch of nails.

[17 : 40] So I mean there was just all sorts of stuff that the Lord protected us from in this project and so it was nice. And a quick little story about these doors. These doors have been sitting in Grandma's Alan garage for like seven years and they were just given to us.

These doors cost about like \$12,000 because they're solid and they're big and somebody just gave them to us from an extra construction project and we were able to use it in Jimmy and Ashley's house.

It's pretty cool. So that's the electrical box that Alan shocked himself on. Just a new electrical and everything like that. This is Steve and Karen's house.

So if you don't know Jimmy and Ashley did switch houses with Steve and Karen and so Steve and Karen did a little bit of updating in their house, painting, adding some windows, the new bathroom, new master bathroom, fixing the floor.

Again, I don't know if you can see it but that's actually like the lip there is a two by four and it's cut at such a bad angle because the floor was like you could like sink down into it.

[18 : 44] It was kind of funny. You would trip because you didn't know where you were stepping. But anyway, that's just updating their house. This is Lacey and I's house. I've learned a lot.

I never knew how to do tiling. I did this tiling by myself. Well, with some guidance and whatnot. We painted and everything. I hope Lacey doesn't mind it being intrusive in our house and whatnot.

Oh, you did. So anyway, just painting in general, updating of it and this is kind of just a cool spot that we have in our house.

This is our prayer slash travel room. So on the yellow wall is where we've been and Lacey's much more of a world traveler than I am. But also on the other wall with the picture of the world, we have little arrows that point to different missions and we do pray for them and all that.

So it's a really nice area to kind of relax and meditate on the word and to pray. We put new gutters on the stables because we would have water just running down the side of the building and it causes a lot of erosion and it's not good.

[19 : 53] So just new gutters all the way around. We put in new waterers for our cattle and our horses which is really nice beforehand. They had to just go down to the river.

We actually, a little another story is one day I woke up and Jimmy texted me and he's like, hey, what are you doing? And I was like, well, I'm just working on this project. And he said, hey, can you come down to the field and bring your muck boots?

So that's never a good sign. And so I come down and he's like, one of our horses has fallen over the bank. Now thankfully, it was a miniature pony so it wasn't that big. But she had been down there for a day and a half and we had been trying to look for her and we couldn't find her.

And it was, you had to be on the edge and looking down in order to see her. So anyway, we had to pull the pony out of the ditch. Thankfully, she's okay now and she's doing good. So we put up new signs at the entrance, new signs down to the camp office because we had a lot of people asking actually where the office was and there was like a little baby sign about that big.

We're like, you don't see the sign? So anyway, a lot of scrap metal. So when you're cleaning out a building that hasn't been cleaned out since camp started, you find a lot of scrap.

[21 : 08] We took in, we've taken in probably well over 6,000 pounds of scrap metal since we've been there. Just stuff that has been lying around at camp, maybe stuff that has been donated throughout the years that we thought we would use and we're not using anymore.

So that's where it all ends up and then we take it into a scrap yard, get a little bit of money for it which we put back towards tools. This is the underside of my house or Matt's house, one of our houses and there was insulation all underneath there.

Don't ever ask me to do this job again because it was horrible. It was a hot day and we had to crawl underneath there and you're like working on your back and you're just cutting off insulation and of course it's falling all on top of you.

Anyway, so we did that in order to spray foam everything which is a way better insulator and our house is a little bit warmer and cooler now which is nice. We did some trenching to put in some new water lines and fix some that were broken and then here's Alan again who was in the hole and the hole collapsed and he got crushed.

Thankfully again, he was okay and we all laughed at him and so, but he is good. Another little funny thing that I can brag on, so when you see Jim Fitz next, you can make fun of him for this.

[22 : 26] He got the track hoe stuck. He was trying to dig and he went too far and fell into the ditch and so we had to get the skid loader, attach the track hoe and pull him out and so you can make fun of him for that.

I don't know, I don't think he has a picture of that but that's him driving the track hoe if you can see it at that big bright light. Really gross thing but a very big, huge answer to prayer.

This is a septic system. Rodney Hain is kind of our poop guy and he's been helping out and doing this so beforehand we thought we were going to have, I'll switch the picture so you don't have to look at it, but beforehand we thought we were going to have to put in a new \$250,000 septic system because we weren't meeting EPA requirements and all that other stuff.

Well Rodney, bless his heart, has been working very diligently to fix them, to meet the requirements of the DNR and everything and now using our old septic system we're able to meet those requirements and not have to put in a \$250,000 septic system which is, camp did not have the money to do that and so we praise the Lord that we're able to do that now.

And so this is just kind of some of that just fixing the piping, cleaning them out which is a nasty job. Again, we put in more lights. This is at the mini golf so you can actually use mini golf at night now when it gets a little darker out.

[23 : 53] Again, that's the storage building. This is after we cleaned it out. We made it a Menard style, you know, pick your boards or whatever and just the material that we have at camp which is great and I'll get to that just in a second if they have the picture.

We bought a new dump trailer. We're going to start doing our own trash. We're going to take it to the dump ourselves because we were spending \$1,600 a month on trash dumping alone and we can do it for about a quarter of that by ourselves.

So we bought this new dump trailer to do that. Just in perspective, I think if we do this for a year, we will save \$2,000 that year if we do our own trash.

The next year, it'll be a savings of \$15,000. So, yeah, that's including the price of the brand new dump trailer. So, it's kind of amazing how the Lord works it out and everything.

This is Jim Fitz's trailer. He lives in it. It's, I'm sorry for you guys that work at Byerly RV but I do not like trailers. They're a lot of work especially when you're living in one full time.

[25 : 03] We had to skirt around the whole thing just to make sure that it was insulated and none of the pipes froze. And then in snow storms while Jim Fitz is in some cruise or whatever, he asked me to go out in a snow storm and sweep off the roof.

So, that was nice. Anyway, so we did that. And I do want to spend a little bit of time on these buildings. So, we built a lean-to off of our mower shed so we can store more of our equipment under a roof to help with deterioration and everything.

So, this building, I'll go back really quick. So, this building and we built another building which I believe there are pictures of. we built these buildings basically for free.

All we had to pay for was the concrete in the pylons which is about \$125 and we did about 20 holes because we were also putting up new light posts. But the Lord provided from materials from beforehand.

We have like almost no wood at camp now again because we built these two buildings. and then when we get to the other building it's pretty cool about how one building down, a pavilion down at the lake was used to build this building that's way more useful.

[26 : 14] So, it's been pretty cool. We had all the metal. I think the only thing we really had to buy other than the concrete was screws because we ran out of metal sheeting screws. This is us just doing leaves, general maintenance, burning them.

Jeremy and I caused quite the smoke out at camp. We're doing some landscaping down at Cedar and just more landscaping. Like I said, the roads were have been pretty bad with washout and everything.

We also had a logging company come in and they've been using the roads and whatnot so we've had a lot of issue with that so just fixing those things. One of our culverts got clogged.

This is right where that concrete slab is that was helping but one of our culverts got clogged and washed out the hill and almost took out one of the brand new light poles we put. it up. So just kind of an interesting comparison to like this is what happens when you kind of let things go and don't take care of them.

We bought some new equipment. Thankfully I'm not digging holes by hand because that's exactly what they were going to make me do but we bought an auger so that's been really nice to have. This is the beginning of that building that we basically built for free.

[27 : 26] So we paid for the concrete. we had all of the anchors to put into the studs. We had some brackets like heavy duty brackets that we were able to use. We had some gigantic poles donated to us and we welded those up and we had some I-beams laying around.

That's a normal thing for people to have and we put those up there on the front and the straight up and down posts the pylons are actually used from the old pavilion that was down at the lake for however many years that they've just been sitting.

We had to cut up the trusses and then use those but all this wood we found around camp and I don't know if you can really see this but Jeremy was freaking out that he wasn't close enough to the tractor and he was about two inches away from it and so that was really funny but Matt was making sure that he didn't fall off the roof because it's about 20 feet high.

That's just the metal that we have. So we have nicknamed this building Joseph's Building and the reason is is because each side is a different color because that's what metal we had.

This is just some more stuff at Jimmy and Ashley's house just insulating and putting a concrete barrier underneath their sunroof and some drainage tile down there.

[28 : 48] some more landscaping. That's their new puppy and their new deck. And then this is the downstairs so not only did Ashley have to deal with the upstairs being remodeled she had some of the downstairs too.

So we had the downstairs that we were working on and then drywalling painting a little hard to see but putting down all of that.

New floors. New tiling. So that was the finished product basically. Just the new tiling.

It really put the house together and they're definitely happy that they have a very much construction-free zone livable house again. We replaced all of the electrical boxes at Camper Village, put more drainage around buildings, ran wiring, what we do after lunch?

Yeah. More trenching for wiring for our light posts, new light posts down to the lake, keep going on and on, new piping from a pipe that broke, fixing up UTVs.

[29 : 59] Jeremy is our resident mechanic. If he doesn't know how to fix it, it probably can be fixed but, you know. So he rebuilt an entire engine which is a lot cheaper than obviously buying a new UTV or anything like that.

That's the dump trailer again. This is from that logging company. Just to kind of put it in perspective, we had to dip into a lot of savings during this off-season because we don't have any money inflow or anything like that to redo Jimmy's house, to do other projects into just general upkeep.

But the amount of money that we got from the logging company replenished all of that. Cleaned up the areas, widened roads, so it was a benefit all around.

Painting the lobby, we spent the past few days doing that and remodeling. Just updating it. Well, eventually we'll do a big, huge remodel but we thought this would give us a couple of years.

So, here's another big, huge answer to prayer. So, Jim Fitz is living in a trailer and he doesn't really like it either. A lot of maintenance and whatnot to live in a trailer 24-7.

[31 : 10] A church approached us and said, we want to build you a house. We didn't ask for it. We had been praying, you know, that the Lord provide housing but we hadn't asked for anything just kind of seeing where the money went and all that other stuff if we could build our own house and a church came up and said, we want to build you a house.

And so, we're going to, Turkey Hill is going to spend only about \$30,000 to build an entire house. So, Jim Fitz will be living in there and this is where it'll go. It'll go next to Grandma Allen's.

I don't know, there's just some more pictures in there. And that's kind of the end of the slideshow. But yeah, another little answer to prayer is that Jeremy and Bree, when they got married, were going to be in the basement of Allen and Dolly's house.

It's an answer of prayer and I ask you to pray for them. But Allen and Dolly Christensen are going to be leaving camp come end of June 6, which is about the end of July.

And they've just had a real burden to help the people of Jeff City and help the church. So, they'll be moving to Jeff City and doing more of that. They'll still help out at camp if they are needed and if they need to help out with electrical or plumbing or anything like that.

[32 : 22] He'll still come down for the day and help us. But the answer to prayer is that Jeremy and Bree now have a house to live in and Jim Fitz is getting a house and so everybody is going to have their own house, which is great.

So, I ask you to pray for Allen and Dolly as they take this leap of faith, you know, going into Jefferson City. Allen's worked there for a long time and got a little emotional when he told us that he was leaving, understandably so.

But just again, praise the Lord for that. Is there any questions or anything that anybody has? I know that was a lot and that's all the little projects that we've been doing and we've still got more to do before camp starts.

Just some more information. Our first camp is in about a month. If any of you would like to come down and help, we would love you to come anytime. We're having a work weekend March 21st.

Yeah, March 21st we're having a work weekend. We'll be cleaning up leaves, general cleaning and some other projects as well. And this summer we don't have any new programs I don't think.

[33 : 27] We're adding, we are adding another wilderness program or another wilderness camp. So be praying for that. Jimmy and Rodney Hain are going to be going on that one and so I'll be in charge so hopefully nothing breaks down.

So be praying for that. The board wants us to expand the Ranchan program here in the next couple of years to what we're calling right now, if you have a better name for it, we would love to hear it, Ranchan Plus.

Basically a next step after Ranchan, a little bit more horse experience is needed for that. So prayer and provision for that. And definitely more equipment.

Some needs at camp if you know of anybody or just be praying that the Lord provides is one thing is actually toilets. We need some low flow toilets because when you have 200 campers going to the bathroom at the same time and you flush all of them, you lose water pressure and so you can't not have water at camp and so in prayer for that, we're talking about expanding our water tank and maybe getting a booster pump and all that.

But definitely having toilets, new toilets that are low flow would be helping because one toilet takes four gallons to flush, which is a lot of water. So that's one need.

[34 : 45] Another big prayer request of ours is that the Lord provides us with a skid loader and a mini excavator. We have two tractors but tractors aren't necessarily meant to lift huge heavy loads, clean out ditches, dig holes, all that other stuff.

So it can be difficult. We make do and we rent equipment every now and then but the amount of work that we would get done would be expedited if we had those pieces of equipment. Again, prayer request for just us as resident staff just with energy and the spiritual warfare that goes on during the summer and even during the off season.

We just ask prayer for that as well. And again, pray for these projects that are going on such as the building of the house and all the various things for safety and just that these facilities and these things that we do to camp will not just benefit us obviously but benefit the work as a whole which is to spread the gospel and see people saved.

So any questions? Can you tell everyone what you're in a way to do with someone or someone who can do? Yeah, we don't do anything. No, so we, Lacey and I have pretty similar roles.

Lacey is more in charge of the Ranch Hand Program along with Ashley Allen, the Girls Ranch Hand Program. And she will direct camp. She will tell them like hey, we're going to do this this day.

[36 : 13] She'll kind of gauge the riders of the, the riding skills of the campers and select a horse based on that. And so that's what she does most of the time and she's very much involved with the kids and she can tell you a little bit more about that.

Yeah, so we have five girls ranch handlers and one boys ranch handlers. So basically, you know, and I sit for all girls and boys ranch handlers. But the Ranch Hand Program is 10 campers and every week is one horse home.

So my role basically is being an extra counselor just a little bit for knowledge and it's a really deep in the lives of those campers for a week.

And so that's something that for both Westworld and the Grand Canyon is really able to encourage the campers of the world that. For me as a girl's infant, I'm a girl's infant, I used to have two counselors, I got them all from.

And so that's really a awesome opportunity to do with the story. Yeah, and my job as the stables crew, the head of the stables crew, is basically running day-to-day things.

[37 : 47] We bring in the horses, we feed them, we groom them, we do whatever is needed, we work with them a little bit, we run trail rides in the afternoon getting 10 kids on horses and then making sure that they get there safely and come back safely.

So that's basically my main purpose during the camp season is to do that. And obviously I help out, both of us help out wherever is needed. just like when Jimmy Allen is going to be leaving on wilderness, we'll have to step up and do a little bit more around the stables and everything.

I know my time is up and I know I went a little bit over, but if anybody has any questions, you can ask me later. We'll go ahead and close in just a word of prayer. Dear Heavenly Father, we just thank you again for this opportunity to come before you in praise and worship.

And we thank you again for this body of believers that you've brought up in your word and in your teaching. Father, we do ask for blessings on camp and I ask for blessings on this assembly as well of believers and just pray that you would bless them all, Father.

And again, thank you for the ultimate sacrifice that you gave us, the death of your son on the cross so that we can be brothers with you. We just thank you for that.

[39 : 05] It's in your name we pray. Amen. Amen. Amen.

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