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Leadership Training for the Fatherless

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BUT GOD...

2020 was not quite the year that anyone expected BUT GOD...

Romans 8:28 tells us that our God is able to take all things and work them together for the good of those who love Him and who have been called according to His purpose. For the first summer in 10 years we were unable to have camp as usual. Camp is something that we always look forward too and while we missed it terribly, God allowed us this time to get some things done around the ranch that needed to be done. We were blessed to do them with the help of some dear friends and a former camper. We cherish the partners and family that God has brought alongside us in this ministry.

Pedro Salazar, one of our former campers, had planned to join us this summer as a counselor. When he found out that camp was cancelled he decided to keep his plans and came to spend some time with Papa Joe and Mama Rosie. Pedro spent a month with them before heading off to join the Army Reserves. During his stay he kept busy doing some maintenance mechanic work on our camp vehicles and some clean up work on the property. He has become family to us and while we wish him well in his

new pursuit, he knows that he is always welcome here at the ranch. Over the Labor Day weekend, Faith Bible Chapel, came down for their annual work weekend. Led by Paul and Kris Pelican, over 30 people camped out for 3 days to help with some clean-up and building projects. These are some of the hardest working, biggest hearted, people that we know and they too have become like family to us and to this ministry. We all worked hard, from stone work to staining the deck, cleaning out the barn, splitting wood enough to last the winter, and mitigated the property. The work that this group does every

...Now to Him who is able to do so much more than all we ask or imagine, according to the power at work in us...

year is so much more than just physical and manual labor. They bless us and minister to our hearts every time they are here.

God has added a new facet to the ministry in the form of a workshop we are teaching called "Key Behaviors of a 24/7 Dad", developed by NFI, National Fatherhood Institute. We continue to seek the Lord for direction in ways that we can expand the ministry to reach not only the kids who are affected by broken homes but their families as well. We are considering ways that we could proactively encourage families to stay together and stay engaged in each others lives. We are excited to see the doors that God opens as we look to the future and as always, we are so thankful for your prayers and support. So many of you gave generously to our Giving Tuesday fund raiser on Facebook and many others have generously supported us throughout the year. Thank you so much as we can't do what we do without you.



Ephesians 3:20

Lord willing, we plan to have camp this summer, June 13-July2nd, so please mark those dates on your calendar and keep them in your prayers. We are trusting God to do exceedingly more than we can even think or imagine and we are prayerfully seeking his direction with every step. Thank you for joining us in this!



Directors Note...

2020 has certainly given us challenges. Even though we were unable to have camp this year we have been able to accomplish several projects. A year ago, the Lord led Rosie and I to sell our home in AZ and buy out my siblings at the ranch in order to develop N-X Ranch into a full time ministry for the fatherless. As we look forward, we are hoping to add a girls camp, retreats for dad's to reconnect with their children, retreats to encourage single moms and any other facets that the Lord leads us in as this is His ministry. The doors that God has opened for the "Key Behaviors of a 24/7 Dad" workshop have given us the opportunity to help dads become the best father that the Lord has called them to be. We would love the opportunity to present this workshop to your church, business, or even just a group of dads. Contact us if you are interested.

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