



Merry Christmas from Majestic View Ministry

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As we look at the fresh blanket of snow on the landscape it reminds us of what our Savior Jesus Christ did by dieing on the cross for our sins so that we can be white as snow and can enter his heavenly kingdom someday.

We are thankful for friends, family and faithful supporters who have helped us share the vision of this ministry with eternal values in mind. We pray that the ones who attended the eleven weeks of camp, along with those who have shared in our shorter retreats, will have a renewed sense of the shortness of this life and that only what is done for Christ will last. We need to be looking for the blessed return of our Lord and Savior when those of us who have received His free gift of eternal life will be caught up with Him in the clouds. What a day of rejoicing that will be to see our Savior and to be with those who have gone before us.

"This same
Jesus, who was
taken up from
you into heaven,
will so come in
like manner as
you saw Him go
into heaven."

Acts 1:11

Computer Problems

Normally we would have written a letter in the spring to let you know what we would be looking forward to for the camp groups and one in late summer/early fall to tell what actually happened during the summer. This has been the year of computer problems. Janet had a letter started for the spring and then the computer went down. We weren't able to get it back until June and by then were too busy with camp to do another one.

After camp we had another problem with the computer which took a while to figure out. By that time we didn't want to send the next letter until the county sent us our new "updated address" sometime in October. Now we hear it probably won't be until after Christmas.

All of this is to explain and apologize for not keeping you informed on what has happened this year.

Financial Needs

As the ministry grows, so does the need for more funds. Right now Clyde is working longer hours to help pay for these needs. We pray that others might step in to help with this so Clyde can spend more time at camp and less on other jobs. Regular maintenance, vehicles, property, new buildings, along with utilities have all increased as the ministry has grown. We are having to increase our fees because of the rising costs but it still doesn't cover all of the need. Thank you for your prayers in this matter.

He (Jesus) said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered and said, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Matthew 16:15-16

The theme this year was

Ask Me About Jesus.

There were 68 verses on the sheet. Quite a few quoted all of them and went on to quote from the book of 1 John. There were several who got to chapter 3 or 4. It is always refreshing to hear God's Word and it warms the heart to hear it from young people to older adults, many who thought they couldn't memorize. We pray that all who came will be able to share who Jesus is. Christians need not be ashamed of the One who loves us so much that He died and rose again to provide a way for us to share eternity with God.

Changes Around Camp

In the spring we planned to tell you about the van change, but even that has changed again. The infamous white van that has been around since before the beginning of this ministry and has taken us on several trips back east to see many of you was traded in for a "newer" white van. However, the last week of camp, that van was involved in an accident when someone tried to pass it while it was turning left into the camp drive way. The van was full with 15 people coming back from the sawmill, but thankfully, only the driver was hurt enough to take a trip to the hospital. Several kids, including Abbie, hit their heads on the windows, but no one was seriously hurt. The driver was checked over at the hospital and "took it easy" the rest of the week. The cost to fix the van was more than it was worth. To make a long story short, we now have an even newer van—only 4000 miles. The cost was about half of what it would be brand new, which was an excellent deal, but we are still short funds to pay it off.

There is a new sign for the camp out on the highway. The rock has been laid around it for the planter but landscaping and lighting is still needed. Since the sign will be lighted we have jokingly called it "Fred's sign" because of a man who tried to find the camp at night and missed our smaller (unlit) sign—several times.

The pole building to store the fire trucks is up and under roof, but we ran short of time to finish the sides and lacked the funds to pour the floor. We are hoping to get the sides up this winter or spring and the building is good storage for the larger equipment this winter.

The Carolina Cabin on the most north side of the property was framed the last week of camp, is now under roof, and should be totally closed in sometime in December.

The camp sign on the hill now has a water feature below it that is not only refreshing to hear, but it also attracts the wildlife.

Through a good friend and supporter who has given a low interest loan, the ministry was able to purchase the 25 acres to the south of us. The camp now has 67 acres. We are still trying to get the 10 acres to the north and the 10 acres to the east (next to the highway) so that we can keep a buffer around the camp to protect our borders from the growing population.

Miller Children



Abigail is 11 years old with a birthday on January 22. She is doing 8th grade ABEKA DVD school and loves it. She especially enjoys her English and Health teachers, although she can be heard laughing at the acting out illustrations of the History and Bible teachers. Abbie continues to sing when she has opportunity and sang a song in church that she wrote. She enjoys writing songs, poetry, and stories, and can sing or repeat almost anything she has heard just once or twice. She has even written to Bill O'Reilly a few times hoping to get on the mail segment of the show. Abbie is also becoming quite good at basket making and needs much less help than she did just a short time ago. She enjoys softball and will be playing basketball for the first time this year. She is a green belt in TaekWonDo and we have really enjoyed her backrubs with her fingers strengthened from doing fingertip pushups. She also is looking forward to taking hunter safety next year so she can hunt next fall.

Nathaniel is 13 years old with a birthday on April 11th. When new people meet Nate and find out his age, the usual comment is, "He's a big boy!" Nathaniel is also doing 8th grade ABEKA DVD school with his favorite subject being History. He is also finding that Algebra is more fun than arithmetic. Nathaniel is in the process of buying his own work trailer. He has been doing woodwork in Clyde's shop but is needing his own space as he expands. We are proud to say that Nathaniel has worked enough for neighbors and helping Clyde on various jobs to pay for his own "shop". It will be a work in progress as he adds more tools but he has a very good start for a young boy. Nathaniel still likes anything to do with the outdoors—hunting, fishing, hiking, etc. and still hopes to own horses some day. He is also a green belt in TaekWonDo and enjoys playing baseball.



Luke is 14 years old with a March 4th birthday. Luke is doing home school at a level that allows him to learn to work independently while adding to his academic skills. Luke still likes anything having to do with maps, the United States, Israel, and President Bush. He is also becoming quite the wood splitter and stacker. Luke spent time this spring in a program to help him deal with his anger and destructive issues. We have seen some improvement, although medication and more sleep than most need is required for this better behavior. When Luke is doing well he can be extremely funny and very deep in his thoughts. We pray that these times become more frequent. Luke enjoys plunking out melodies on our piano and Grandma's organ. He is setting some goals for himself and would like to get his GED at Youth Challenge and then join Job Corp or the Army. He needs to be 16 years old to do this.

Alex is 15 years old with a birthday on March 28th. He is also doing home school at a level that encourages working independently while trying to make the things he has learned "solid" in his brain. Alex does best with constant review. Alex prefers to clean indoors but helps with outside work also—getting wood ready for winter, mowing lawns, etc. He is Janet's main errand runner in the summer. Alex also enjoys music and can play melodies by ear. If Luke starts a song on Grandma's organ, Alex will find the right key and play along with him on the piano. Alex always has a smile and is a very willing helper. He would like to get a job working in a store someday.



Older Miller Children

Mark and **Loren** are still on their own. We received a letter from Mark's mother in Romania and we were able to track him through the grapevine to give him the message. He is in Reno. We have not seen Loren but others have seen him in Kalispell. The last we heard he still does not have a job.

Dianna is working at Camp Morrow in Wamic, Oregon, doing various jobs. She enjoys the horses.

Pam (Susie) and **Pete** and the five children—**Hannah** (almost 14), **Erich** (11), **Adam** (9), **Mackenzie** (8), and **Katelynn** (6)—live down the road from us. Pete is still logging, Susie is busy with her business *Bull Lake Creations* making and selling baskets, and the kids are busy with school and sports.

Staff News

Grandma (Carolyn) Hudlet is a very big part of the camp being the “dishes & dessert” lady. She also takes care of a lot of those little things that need to be done behind the scenes. Grandma's health seems to be much better and we appreciate your prayers for her. She has more endurance to do certain tasks than she did a year ago. She has earned the nickname of “Demolition Grandma” from her grandchildren. This is due to hitting a turkey that caused some minor damage. That was just fixed a short time ago and then, while on an errand back from town she hit a deer, or rather a deer hit her. We are thankful that neither she nor Abbie were hurt and that the buck hit where it did as a bit more in front would have probably caused it to break the windshield, set off the airbags, and caused injury.



Steve Webster has been a big help, not only to the camp but also to Clyde in the electrical business. Most of their work is in our “neck of the woods” near the lake. It has been a good source of income to support the work done at the camp, as well as an opportunity to learn new skills. Steve was able to go to Illinois for his youngest sister's graduation, and his mom and other sister were able to come for a visit in the fall. Steve enjoys any time he can spend with his family. He will be with family for about three weeks over Christmas. Our kids think of him as their big brother.



Clyde and **Janet** stay busy doing what they have always done. Clyde not only keeps track of all the camp activities, he has been working out to supplement our income so that we can give more to the needs of the camp. Many of you have asked about his headaches and, unless Clyde lifts more than he should or puts too much stress on his neck and back, they have been less frequent and less severe since he has been on medication to keep his blood pressure down. Clyde has also taken up the task of making bases for some of the baskets that Janet, Pam (Susie), and Abbie are making. It has been a big help to “put in an order” and have Clyde go up to the shop and make them.

Janet has enjoyed making more baskets this year to give away or to sell to help the ministry. She has always enjoyed it, but last year while in NC visited a basket supply store and now has enough supplies to keep her busy. It helps that Nate and Abbie are doing DVD school, as it “frees up” some time to do it. It is also a great stress reliever at the end of a trying day, and it is fun to share ideas with Susie. She was able to do a one day basket retreat and hopes to do more. She is still praying for a someone with a ministry heart to cook for the summers. She doesn't mind cooking but would prefer to spend more time with the people on work projects.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year