



MAJESTIC VIEW MINISTRY

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Dear Family and Friends,

Merry Christmas to each one of you! What a beautiful time of year it is!

One of the things that has always been important to us through the years is to share God's Word and to let the Lord do the work in each heart. Not all come to Christ in the same way. Some know instantly they need a Savior, and others have to think for a while. Our kids are examples of that. Most of them asked one of us to pray with them when they knew they wanted to obey Jesus and ask Him into their lives. Another one had some very deep questions and after thinking through them, he sat on some steps and asked the Lord into his heart on his own. Our responsibility is to share the Word and leave the results up to the Lord. Sharing about the Lord should be a natural part of our lives—from praying out loud in a restaurant to sharing Christ in the parking lot with a hurting community member. As Clyde frequently says, "You'd better be ready to pray, preach, sing, or die at a moments notice."

From the beginning of this ministry we knew that Majestic View would be different than what most people think of as a "typical" camp. We wanted to be a camp for families and churches, but had no idea how the Lord would use the work camps to bring people into His Kingdom. As we saw how the Lord was working, we realized that it was kind of like our lives on this earth. Everything God allows in our lives is part of the process of growing and becoming what we should be for Christ, but if we ever reach the perfection we strive for, we will be looking at our Savior face to face. We see the building of the camp facility as a way, a process, God is using to build lives. Perhaps our facility will never be complete as we think of most camp facilities, but through the years we would never trade a changed life for a completed facility.

We have been seeing a change in our ministry to more retreats and family reunions. Again, this may not be typical as most tend to see camp as week long experiences for kids. However, many who have come share that they like the quiet, relaxed atmosphere, away from cell phones, with an emphasis on God's Word. There is a need for a place that is "different" and we are thankful God has used this ministry for that purpose.

Another way the Lord has opened the door is through the fire services. Our camp facility houses much of the apparatus for our area. We have had inter-agency trainings and meetings, as well as regular trainings and meetings. We want to show Christ to the community.

We are also thankful for the building progress. We have been able to use the Plate Cabin, more work has been done on the Carolina Cabin, and the fire hall has a larger wood shed and the septic tank is in. Many of the scruffy trees have been cut, but there are still many more to go.

Reminder

Just a reminder that we are sending out a newsletter via post office only at the end of the year. Other newsletters will be posted on our website periodically to give updates. This was something we started a few years ago to help save on office supplies and postage. If you would rather have us e-mail you a letter (PDF) please send us an e-mail to let us know. Also, it is difficult to write a letter every month as much of our ministry is of such a personal nature that it would be inappropriate for us to share. The things we do—plow snow, work on a building, having a group here, etc.—are easy to write about, but the things taking place in hearts are not always ours to share. We appreciate your prayers and support. God is at work!

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear; having a good conscience, that when they defame you as evildoers, those who revile your good conduct in Christ may be ashamed. For it is better, if it is the will of God, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.

1 Peter 3:15-17

Family News

Abigail is 15 with a birthday on January 22nd. She will be graduating from high school this coming spring. She is looking at several colleges, but her parents won't let her leave home until she is 18. Abbie made her first major purchase this summer, a 1996 Buick LaSabre. She gets a lot of teasing from her brothers about having an "old lady" car. Abbie enjoys acting, dancing, and singing; although, due to pneumonia earlier in the year, she hasn't done much of singing lately. Abbie especially loves her kitties; she's the crazy cat-



Nathaniel is 17 with a birthday on April 11th. He also is graduating in the spring. He has plans to go to Santa Rosa Junior College for fire-fighting. Nate enjoys the theater arts as well, and has been in several local plays, including the Nutcracker. Many people could not believe that he had never taken ballet before the play. Nate shaved off his long standing facial hair this summer, but despite protests from his sister, is looking to grow it back to play a confederate soldier for another play.



Luke is 18 with a birthday on March 4th. He is still at Job Corps and hopes to work for the Forest Service when he is done. He gets to come home occasionally, but we missed him this summer as he spent that time in New Mexico on a wildfire. He decided fire wasn't exactly his favorite. We think with a bit more training he would make a great fire-fighter. Luke loves being outdoors.

Alex is 19 with a birthday on March 28th. He stays busy helping anywhere he is needed. He's our #1 wood splitter and housekeeper. He trains with the other fire fighters and seems to be quite comfortable using a bladder bag and helping with other wild land type fires. He also enjoys playing card games and is getting much better at them; He's even beaten his mom on a few games.



Between injuries, taking electrical jobs, being fire chief, directing the ministry, and the getting wood off the hill, it has been a very busy year for **Clyde**. Clyde is having surgery on his shoulder (rotator) on December 16th.

Janet has enjoyed doing several baskets retreats and is thankful for Abbie's help this summer when she got pneumonia about the time Abbie began feeling a bit better. Janet also likes being outdoors using the Kawasaki Mule to plow the snow. The family took its first non-ministry vacation this fall to look at colleges for Nate and to go to Grand Canyon, as well as Yosemite. It was a fun time for all.

Grandma (Carolyn) Hudlet continues to help all she can at the ministry. For Mother's Day she found out that her 79th birthday present from the children and grandchildren was a trip to Hawaii to swim with the dolphins. Three of Janet's sibling went with her. It was a time she will not forget; she loved every minute of it. Grandma tried something new this year—surfing behind a boat. She got some help from her son, but it just proves one is never too old to learn something new.



We appreciate all of you who have been such a big part of who we are and what we do. May God bless each one of you. Have a very Merry Christmas as we celebrate the birth of our Savior and a new year filled with God's richest surprises.

*The Miller Family
Clyde & Janet
Abigail, Nathaniel, Luke, and Alex*