

HAVEN VALLEY MINISTRIES

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Dear Friends and Family,

We are excited to share a little bit of what God has done in the past few months. In the spring months as our camp and event registration opened, we instantly began to see things fill up quickly. We were overwhelmed by the amount of interest and growth! In May we decided to move forward with a whole other set of camp dates for the month of July. We added another Junior camp week, a couple 'Day on the Farm Experiences' and some group events. God filled each of these camps and events full as well!

Over the past few months, we have seen over 150 children come through our events and camps! This has been an amazing blessing and confirmation from the Lord that we are doing His will! This is over double the children we have seen in past summers. We had some wonderful opportunities to share Jesus with these children and many made important spiritual decisions in different areas. It was a blessing to see their excitement in memorizing scripture and learning the Bible stories and lessons we shared!

We were also very thankful this summer for our amazing staff!! We found that having a staff that loves the Lord and has a desire to serve makes a huge difference in how things run during camp! We were blessed to have 7 teenagers apart this year. Each had a love for children and did an excellent job teaching, helping and serving!

A new thing we added this summer was family farm tours and farm experiences. This was a very exciting new event and was very well received. We had around 20 different families involved in this through the spring and summer.

In August we had the pleasure of hosting another Ladies Retreat! Julie's Aunt Cheri was our guest speaker. She is an author and shared her testimony and spoke from the lessons she has learned through her cancer journey! It was truly a blessed day!

At the end of the summer, we had multiple families asking if we would have other children's events this fall. We decided to launch a new program called "Farm Club" for August – November. We are offering two different club times that meet once a month. During these times the children get to come have hands on experience on the farm. Each month we also include a teaching time about a new animal of the month, and we are studying the character trait Diligence together! We were excited to see the club fill up and we look forward to the continued opportunities to work with and teach these children over the coming months!

Another new update that we are excited to share is that we are working to rebrand the ministry name! Over 12 years ago when we began Laborers Together Ministries we were mostly traveling in evangelism and focusing on assisting individual churches with specific needs! Now that God has changed the focus point the last few years of our ministry, we decided that changing the name to something people were more familiar with and that fit our mission would be a better option. Our events, camps and moms group is now all hosted at our Haven Valley Homestead. This location has become the base for our ministry. We are excited to make this change and provide a better option that local people will be more familiar with! As we make this change we are also in the process on make the ministry a 501 c3 Nonprofit. We would appreciate your prayers for this process and that God will provide the funds to cover the expenses.

In September we began a new semester of our Penn's Valley Moms group. We are hosting the monthly meetings in our lodge. Please pray for this group of ladies and that Julie will be able to find creative ways to continue to minister to them. The group is also offering Bible Study options for the women.

Over the summer, Edwin had the opportunity to be the Leader for the kids Rodeo Association Cowboy Church Ministry. This has given him the chance to lead and preach at Cowboy Church during each of the rodeo weekends. We have had 50-60 people regularly attending these services. We also decided to gather resources such as study books, Bibles, tracts etc. to begin to offer at no cost to those that attend. It was exciting to see people take these resources and we hope to prepare even more items to offer for next year!

It has been an exciting year of growth! Over the next few months, we plan to spend a lot of time praying and preparing for next year! With growth comes new and growing financial needs. We are enclosing a list of some of the needs we have in the coming months! We ask that you begin to pray with us for these needs and if God leads you to partner with us in giving, we would be so grateful. There are many exciting opportunities coming and we believe God will continue to provide for our ministry!

December 11th and 12th from 5:30-7:30pm is our live nativity! We would appreciate your prayers for this special weekend! It is our biggest community event each year. We are praying many families will come visit and that it will be a great reminder of the true meaning of Christmas!

We are grateful for each of you and your prayers and support! We believe now more than ever God is providing opportunities to love and serve people! Our desire is to continue to impact others and reach those in our community that need Christ! You can follow along on our Facebook and website for updates and information!

Thank you for being a part of our ministry!

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