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Dear friends-

Nearly three years ago when the Lord showed me how I was to serve Him and build His Kingdom I was dumbfounded. I didn't know why or how the Creator of the heavens and earth would use someone like me. After all I am no one special; I am not a wonderful speaker or a great theologian. I have a hard time remembering what I had for breakfast much less be able to quote scripture, or even know the order of the books of the Bible. Surely I was missing something. Was I really being called away from the comfort of my secure job into the realms of the unknown? Was I really ready, or for that fact even willing, to make the move from my easy life? From a life centered on the most important person, "ME", to a life where I would be following behind and God would be holding the reins. A life where He would be in control. After all, I had a family to think of, two teenagers with wants and needs, a wife who I was suppose to take care of. How on earth could I give them what they need without a job? Would God take care of our needs? Will I be able to achieve what God has planned for me? What if I let him down?

These are just a few of the things that were going through my mind three years ago and sometimes still do today. But every day the Lord shows His grace and mercy. Every day the Lord shows me ways that He will take care of us. He is showing me day by day that a life centered on Him doing His will is a remarkable life. Never before have I felt so complete. Renewed every day in the spirit of God and always filled with His grace. The journey has not been a cake walk. We've experienced "lows" as well as "highs". As hard as it is to grasp, I know God will take care of our needs; after all didn't He paint the flowers of the fields? Doesn't He know when a sparrow falls? Won't he take care of my family and me? Isn't He the one who laid this ministry on my heart?

The lives God has touched through your obedience to Him is such a blessing. From the people who show up to help when we have groups in, and to the individuals who support the ranch monetarily, our prayers are always with you. And to the people He puts in our path to offer words of encouragement that mean so much to us, our prayers are always with you. Each and every one of you is as much a part of this ministry as I am. And, our thoughts and prayers are always with you.

The last few months have been emotional for me. After praying for three years for direction the Lord continues to make His presence known. So many things have happened; the pieces of Gods puzzle continue to come together. Let me share a few of the highlights that have taken place over the past few months. We currently have scheduled more than 60 kids to come to the ranch already this year, and

we haven't even opened for the season yet. Our web site currently under construction should be up in a few weeks with up to date information about the ranch and what's going on (www.shilohranchministries.org). We have spoken to the counselors and some of the school board in Saline County a few weeks ago. We are getting our information into the public schools! Praise the Lord!! And one of the biggest highlights, one we have been praying over for almost 2 years, the response back from the Federal Government stating that we have been approved for our 501(c) (3) status. We only submitted our paper work on December 31 and we received the favorable response just a few weeks ago. Now not only can we apply for grants but monetary and material contributions to this ministry are income tax deductible. And, stay tuned –

There are some exciting opportunities coming in the next several months in the area of volunteering and giving. God is good!

I know that with the effort and prayers going into Shiloh Ranch God will make it a success. He will continue to bless the youth and families of our area as long as we are obedient to Him. As long as we keep focused on Him and likeminded God will use all of us for building His Kingdom. Even in these tough financial times when we are not sure what is going to happen tomorrow, we can take rest in the knowledge that He is in control and He will provide our needs. We may not be able to see the big picture that God has painted just for us. It may seem like just a bunch of random pieces right now. But God promises that if we are obedient to him he will start to reveal his will for our lives. Isn't it comforting to know that God will provide for us, that he is in control and knows what tomorrow is going to bring? All we have to do is be obedient.

Please continue to pray for the ranch. Without the prayers we would not be as blessed as we are today. Please spread the word about the ranch and what we do here, not just with kids but with their families as well. And of course continue to support us monetarily, or start if you feel led to. We covet anything others are willing to do for us at Shiloh Ranch. We know that through the power of God many lives will be touched here. Please join us in the celebration of the renewing grace of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

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ISAIAH 56:9-11 NIV

9 "As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. 10 As the rain and snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower and bread for the eater, 11 so is my word that goes out from my mouth: it will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.