

“Count it all Joy!”

So much has transpired since our last newsletter! We are so thankful for the strength God gave to us and our team at Red Cliff enabling us to run summer camp, while also beginning the lodge rebuilding project. It seemed as though nothing was done without difficulty at the end of May and the first two weeks of June. Yet, God allowed camp to run smoothly with our skilled and yielded summer staff!

With camp “out of the box” in so many ways, our family dynamic proved different this summer as well – God provided **Ellie** (21) with a job in town as a day camp counselor. With an online class and that job, she caught herself coming and going at times! God provided the perfect car for Ellie in direct answer to her prayers! Now in her last semester on campus at Maranatha, she plans to graduate in May after student teaching.

Gannett (19) worked two jobs this summer – lifeguard and landscaper. God graciously provided these jobs for him, and he diligently gathered as many hours as he could. In addition, he taught the First Aid classes to our summer staff. This fall Gannett is attending BJU where he is undergoing the rigors of chemistry and college math simultaneously! Thankfully, a couple of pre-med majors have taken him under wing.

Having had a tonsillectomy on May 24, **Isaac** (17) started the summer recovering from surgery. After losing 20 pounds from that and another 10 pounds from the flu, he started the road back to strength about mid-June. Once stronger, Ike lifeguarded at the local pool and worked occasionally for a rancher. With a number of friends working at camp, he often went up and worked there too. Currently, Ike attends Pinedale High for a few classes and plays left tackle and defensive end for the Wranglers.

With three “kids” (2 in college and one senior in high school ☺) in town most of the time, **Lorie** arranged her summer schedule allowing her to stay at home 3 days and to serve at camp 3 days. While at camp she helped in the kitchen, taught staff and campers, and spent time with Dean! In August, she led a 3 day Ladies’ Summit Trails trip enjoying hiking, canoeing, and sharing God’s truth. Perhaps most memorable was the road trip at the end of August to take Ellie and Gannett to their respective schools. This fall Lorie is teaching a British Literature class and is finishing paperwork for substitute teaching in the local schools.

Dean, blessed and empowered by the Lord, effectively prepared our staff to serve campers while also leading our resident staff and interns in the logistics necessary to run camp and begin the lodge project.

To God be the glory! With architect, engineers, contractors, and project manager all needing information, Dean kept busy answering questions while his team, including our son Phillip and his wife Adriana, carried out much of the work of camp. Special times of connecting with our grandbaby, Autumn Chloe, delighted Dean each day, as did visits and prayer times with the speakers. On our road trip to the schools, Dean took Gannett to BJ and enjoyed the hours of driving and talking. Hopefully,

before he heads out on the staff recruiting trip in early October, he will be able to harvest a deer for the freezer.

God continues to grace us, and prune us, and grow us as we seek Him. Thank you for faithfully praying for the Loftus family! We could not serve the Lord here without your help, your prayers, and your support.

Grace and peace,

Dean and Lorie

“My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations (trials); knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience (endurance). But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting (lacking) nothing.” James 1:2-4