

MacGill's Meanderings...

It's been a season of challenges. Summer started late in our area. (Camp had to have the road plowed May 31 in order to be able to get in.) This week, it also looks like Summer is leaving early. We had a bit of snow at Ladies Retreat. (Not the first time, we know!) Please pray with us about getting the plumbing and heating and slab in on the new lodge before we get "pushed out" for the winter season.

Summer also had its challenges. Both of our personal vehicles were broken down for over 6 weeks. We were thankful that our town is small enough to walk around but Dick's pickup is usually used for Camp purposes all summer long, so that affected quite a few things through the summer months. But God IS GOOD...ALL the TIME! We are so thankful to have both vehicles up and running before rainy weather set in.

While forest fires were burning in all the neighboring states around us, and we had smoke in the air much of the season, the Lord blessed with no immediate danger from fires here. How thankful we are for the rains and snows that helped dampen or put out those fires.

Work on the new lodge has begun. Progress was slower than we all hoped, but we are trusting that God, who is Sovereign, has His perfect purposes in mind for the timing of each part of the rebuild. It was difficult to watch the remainder of the old lodge torn down and removed, but it has been a joy to see the new project taking shape.

Because of our vehicle situation, we had to cancel one planned Chuckwagon meal for an area church, but God allowed the pickup repair to be complete just two days before the second trip and meal. Though we don't always understand, we know His plans are for the best!

As we hear about difficulties and weather destruction all around our country, someone shared some encouraging thoughts that have been an encouragement to us.

1. It's an absolute truth that God is sovereign in all matters.
2. Our challenge is that we don't know His purposes.
3. Evil things happen because we live in an evil and fallen world.
4. Disasters are a reminder of God's mercy.
5. God uses suffering to remind us to turn to Him.
6. God uses tragic events to remind us that we're not home yet.

We are thankful for each of you who hold us up in prayer as we serve the Lord at Red Cliff. We deeply appreciate the financial support that makes it possible to work here. We want to say a big "THANK YOU!" to those who gave to help with the vehicle repairs. What a blessing each of you are! Please join with us in praising the Lord for His goodness to us each day. The Bible tells us that His mercies are new every morning. We are so thankful!

Serving that others might minister,

Dick & Deirdre MacGill