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## Upcoming Events

### MAY 2020

- Pick up your flower baskets May 5th!

- Daybreak sessions start May 12th!

### JUNE 2020

- UGM sessions re-start

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# A New Place to Meet in 2020

*By Samantha Means*



EMBRACE is entirely operated and managed by a group of passionate and dedicated women. Every one of them will tell you, however, that they wouldn't be able to do what they do for EMBRACE without the support of their husbands. One of our volunteers recently experienced this on an enormous scale when her

husband decided to build an indoor arena on their property for the primary purpose of providing a place for EMBRACE to do ministry year round.

This was not an easy decision. He was blessed to retire younger than most people ever get an opportunity to, and he had a financial plan for how the remaining thirty years or so were going to go. He was always supportive of his wife's endeavors with the ministry, but on a hunting trip in 2019, a time he enjoys drawing near to God in the wilderness, the Lord convicted

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New Indoor Arena, 2020 © EMBRACE

him of his need to “be more supportive of the ministry.” The Lord invited him to take a step of faith that would mean surrendering his financial plan for the future and trust God to provide the funds to do what would have been impossible.

He started getting visions of an indoor arena, something that had never before been an option. In the quiet of his camper in the middle of nowhere north Idaho, he began to sketch the plans to build what he believed God would use to save souls.

When COVID-19 hit and the economy began to take a turn, he continued in faith with the plans God had given him. Construction for the indoor arena began

in mid-April 2020 as Governor Little’s stay at home order was in full swing. Thankfully, construction was considered an essential occupation and building continued without a hitch. Within ten days the shell of the arena was complete. When the inside of the arena is finished, it will have a 20x40 insulated warming area and a 60x100 space for horse sessions.

Following God’s calling often means sacrificing our plans for his. We have no doubt that the sacrifices made by this contributor and his family will have an eternal impact. We are so excited to share this space with you when it’s ready.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Shopping on Amazon is another way you can donate to EMBRACE!

When you visit [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) you can choose to donate a percentage of your purchase to a nonprofit of your choice, and EMBRACE is one of your choices!

Every penny matters to our ministry, so when you make those orders on Amazon, just type [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and choose EMBRACE Equine Ministry as your nonprofit of choice to donate those pennies to!

We thank you for your prayers and every contribution you make to EMBRACE. Our horses and staff continue to be ministry ready and we are eager to continue to serve you and our community!



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# CURRENT NEEDS

- Riding boots for participants; sizes 5-7 and 9-11
- Child saddle; regular horse tree, 13” seat (leather)
- PA system for fundraisers & events; \$750.00 | funds toward system
- Prayers: continued unity within our ministry, protection over our horses, families and supporters, precision during ministry sessions.

**WHEN do we need you:**

- Thursdays, March—November 2020  
*Serving women from UGM*  
12pm—4:00pm
- Tuesdays, March—November 2020  
*Serving youth in substance abuse recovery*  
12pm—4:00pm
- One Saturday per month, June—August, 2020  
*Serving Children's Village*  
2pm—4pm

**WHO we are looking for:**  
Horse Session Leaders, Childcare, & Craft Leaders (supplies & projects provided)

Call our volunteer coordinator, Becca Ward: 208-920-3422  
or fill out a Volunteer Application on our website!

*Volunteers Make the Difference*

## WE NEED YOU



EmbraceEquineMinistry  

# GOLDEN MOMENT

*Each month we'll feature a photo that stood out from one of our sessions*

“New Tricks”



Renee and her mustang Deuces Wild, 2020 © EMBRACE

# Flower Basket Fundraiser!

100% of the proceeds go directly to EMBRACE Equine Ministry! Order them before they're gone at [www.embraceequineministry.org](http://www.embraceequineministry.org)

Pick up is Tuesday, May 5th at 3114 E Sable Ct. Athol Idaho 83801

**\$35 each**  
**YOU PICK your hanging basket!**

Make your order and pay online at [www.embraceequineministry.org](http://www.embraceequineministry.org)



# We Have Your Flowers Ready!

Don't let COVID-19 sap your days of color—get a basket! You can pick up your order on Tuesday, May 5th from 3pm to 6pm at 3114 E Sable Ct. Athol ID.

Missed out on pre-ordering? That's okay! You can purchase one when you arrive if you give one of our volunteers notice you'd like to snag one! Just call Tawnya at 208-640-9087

These hanging flower baskets are \$35 each 100% of the proceeds benefit the ministry. We accept, cash, check or card. Just make the checks out to Embrace Equine Ministry.

Pick your colors on pickup day!

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A look at our flower fundraiser from 2019. We're ordering from the same nursery this year! Get your order in at [www.embraceequineministry.org](http://www.embraceequineministry.org)!

# BECOMING PARTNERS

*Each month one of our staff will provide a horse training tip and reflection.*

## *Losing My Equine Partner* | By Buffy Rennie

**Losing:** (being deprived of (a close relative or friend) through their death...) **Equine Partner:** (horse that I depend on, love, support, train, nurture).

May 13, 2007 | Mother's Day

Keno's Royal T Lil' Joe was born. God blessed me with a life-long dream of "making" a horse. I was given the opportunity to breed my beautiful in spirit, nature, and looks, mare, Lacey. I spent the next twelve years of Joe's life and mine, training and loving on this guy. Not every moment was perfect or even pretty, but it allowed for our relationship to grow, evolve, and change. He became an EMBRACE horse in 2019, known as the "Gentle Giant." He was big, strong, beautiful and kind. Those who spent just moments with him often laughed, and loved to love on him. This brought me so much joy knowing that he was being used beyond my own selfish passions.

December 18, 2019 | A Regular Day

I was headed out to the shop to load the truck up with our weekly dump haul. I saw Lil Joe at the east gate. Still. It wasn't normal for him to be there that long, especially without the other horses nearby. Then I noticed that he was only standing on three legs, and his face showed true anguish and pain. It was not such a regular day anymore.

The vet arrived within the hour, x-rayed his elbow three times and determined he had shattered it. I made the call to Washington State University's equine department to see what the surgery would cost to heal him. I learned what recovery looked like and made the impossible decision to let him go. He was put to sleep... I said goodbye...

Hurt. Pain. My heart was broken. I was numb. There was guilt and unbelievable sadness... Job 17:11 "My days are past, my purposes and plans are frustrated and torn apart; the wishes of my heart (are broken)." The twelve years I had with Lil Joe I was blessed beyond what I could have imagined or even asked for. I thank God for what I was given and I thank Him for being with me even as Joe was taken from me. The purpose behind allowing this? I'm drawn to Ephesians 5:17-21.

I may never know the purpose while my feet are planted on the earth, but yes, of course there's purpose.

"I know that You can do all things. And that no thought or purpose of Yours can be restrained." Job 42:2

My biggest question: How am I to be used through the pain and loss? You see, I don't believe this was about me at all. I was created and made with a passion for nurturing and being around God's creations. He made me this way and blessed me with the abilities to live as he's created me. This was about Him who I represent here on earth, in this flesh called Buffy. I don't want to lessen the truths in the book of Job, but I put myself in the conversation between God and Satan in Job 1:7-13.

I have been blessed and the Enemy knows it. He was allowed to "hurt" me. He thought that taking Joe away would make me "curse God." The joke's on you Satan!

### Training Tip:

Don't take any day with your equine partner for granted.