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DECEMBER 2019

- Staff Training
- Winter Break

JANUARY 2020

- Staff Training
- Winter Break
- No January Newsletter

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By Samantha Means

We just want to share the love of Jesus and our horses. That's really how EMBRACE began. Today, four years after it's inception, our team has gotten bigger, our impact has grown, but our intention remains the same. We share the love of Christ through his gift of the horse.

EMBRACE served more than 100 women, teenagers and children from February 1st until November 21st. The majority of those were adolescent girls within a youth inpatient drug rehabilitation facility in Spokane. We also continued to serve the Union Gospel Mission Center for Women and Children, were able to serve a family one-on-one, and had our first year serving children within Children's Village of Coeur d'Alene. We're grateful to be able to continue our relationships with these incredible organizations in 2020!

To date, we received just over \$8,500 in financial donations and \$3,453 between our two fundraisers. These funds have made it possible for us to pay our insurance, and they have also supported necessities like craft supplies, Bibles, journals and training materials for our staff. Everything given to the ministry has gone right back into the ministry and we are very thankful for your support.

Mark your calendar—we are going to do another flower fundraiser in spring 2020, as well as a horse day camp for youth in early summer.

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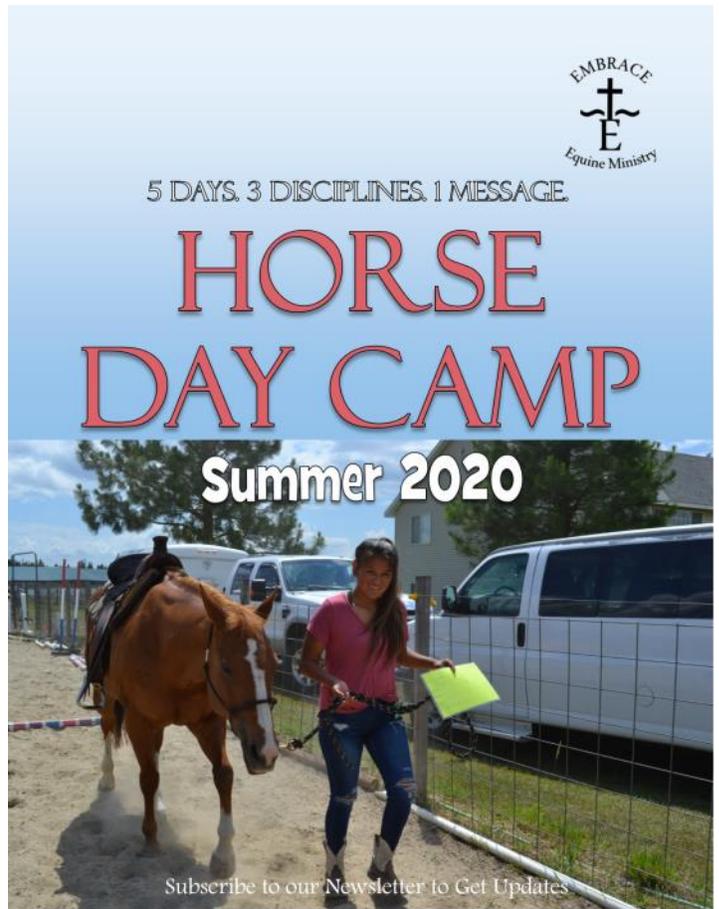
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If you haven't subscribed to our newsletter yet, now is the time. Stay up to date with what's happening and how you can get involved!

We are always looking for volunteers, so if you'd like to help in any form or fashion, fill out a volunteer application on our website and we'd love to get you connected.

Our ministry team is on it's winter break through the month of February. We will not be producing a newsletter for January, but keep an eye out for our February newsletter to give you an inside look at what our team has been doing to prepare for the 2020 season.

Once again—thank you for all you do to support our team. Whether it's in prayer, material giving, financial support or helping to spread the word about the impact EMBRACE is having on the community, we appreciate you.



GOLDEN MOMENT

“The Balance Ball”



L to R: Colleen, Jo, Renae and Deuce end the season learning balance, 2019 © EMBRACE

Each month the Post will feature a favored photo from one of our many horse sessions.

A PERSONAL THANK-YOU

As we wrap up another incredible year of ministry, my heart is taken back to ALL our amazing, irreplaceable donors and volunteers that make EMBRACE Equine Ministry possible every year. Without the support given by all, we would not be able to reach the hundreds we do each year with the HOPE and LOVE of JESUS!!

God has big things ahead for EMBRACE and you each play a vital role in that journey. Our volunteer staff has undying commitment to, and unwavering love for all the beautiful women, children and families that God has given us the privilege to minister to! You are all truly AMAZING!

Special thanks also to all who subscribe and faithfully read our newsletter. We hope you enjoy each letter and continue to follow us and pass along the news of EMBRACE.

The new year ahead holds much growth! We invite everyone to join us in prayer that we would stay in pace with God's will for EMBRACE. We desire to not take one step ahead or behind of His as we grow, learn and minister!

It's been a fabulous 2019!! Much love and thanks to everyone!

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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  

BECOMING PARTNERS

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

A Prayer for Partnership | By Julie Behnke

The last year of training tips have held a consistent theme: becoming partners requires relationship. Relationship requires our presence, and the presence of the one with whom we want to be in relationship. The truth of the matter is, there is only one relationship that we need above all else. A relationship with God. He's always present. Are you?

Let the Word of God speak to you today from the scriptures that were used each month in 2019. Discover his presence in these words. This is my prayer for you as you discover what it means to be in relationship with the most important partner you'll ever have. Read this scripture prayer out loud and watch his words come alive in you. My hope is these scriptures that spoke to Renae, Colleen and myself in the last year will speak to your heart as well.

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Dear Father God, hear my prayer of thanks and praise. Grant me the mind, heart and soul to seek your glorious presence.

My Creator, only you understand my thoughts from afar. Intimately acquainted with all my ways. I behold and lift you up. The one and only God that knows my inner most being, I trust you to lead me in my perfectly designed purpose and destiny. I thank you, all powerful Father, for going before me to prepare my way in kindness and incomprehensible love (Psalm 139).

There is no darkness in you. Let me find all your beautiful light. You created me to shine for your majestic glory. The light of your love is overwhelming as I bask in your presence. Your love is unfathomable. You gave your one and only perfect Son as a gift to the world. So all your children could be with you Father, and have everlasting, eternal life. May I never take this life gift for granted (John 3:16).

Lord Jesus, I surrender all my anxiety, my busy mind, my striving, and I choose to rest in you. I pray for strength to have the priority to pause in your holy presence. Let your spirit pour upon me as I still my mind. I will know, trust and have faith in the one and only God I AM. God exalted above all nations, through all the earth. The mighty Lord of Angel Armies stands with me (Psalm 46:10).

God, your wraparound presence is my protection and defense. You bring victory to me and all who reach out to you. I pray you help me reach for you and seek you faithfully. To be in your presence is my consuming joy (Psalm 7:10).

Thank you for being one with me, connected for all eternity. I pray for your power, strength and courage to follow your Son's footsteps. May the world recognize your Son and your glory in me, so all will know him and have eternal life (John 17:21).

I pray for the knowledge and wisdom to follow your instruction that you teach me through the sword of your word. Your word always brings me closer to you. I pray for complete freedom from self-indulgence. Thank you for the freedom of my heart and soul. As I lay down myself, I am free to humbly serve others in love. For this expression of love completes the love of God. My spirit soars in this freedom (Galatians 5:13).

Thanks be to Jesus Christ that my faith in him guarantees me permanent access into your marvelous kindness and boundless love, creating a perfect relationship with you Father. I pray for patience and endurance to trust your all-knowing timing. My hope in you is not a fantasy but an experience of endless love cascading into my heart through you, Holy Spirit. I cherish the hope of experiencing God's glory (Romans 5:2-5).

Father your presence is a continual feast of joy. Make my life a prayer, giving thanks to the King of kings in the midst of everything that comes my way. May we breathe as one. With every breath I feel your presence (1 Thessalonians 5:16-17).

Father, I am your child, holy and beloved by you. One with you I put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Only your love, shown through the gift of your Son Jesus Christ, shows me how to forgive others the same way you have graciously forgiven me (Colossians 3:12-13).

In your serene, glorious presence I am humbled and quieted in awe. I am your contented child. In this stillness I hear your comforting voice. My soul is forever content in you. All praise and glory to our sovereign God. A God of extravagant eternal love.

In Jesus' holy name I pray—Amen.