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The most important motive for work in school and in life is pleasure in work, pleasure in its result, and knowledge of the value of the result to the community.

Einstein; 1879 – 1955  
Theoretical physicist

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*Dave and Marie Arnold are friends of The Children's Ranch. With six young children and a home-schooling mom, their finances are tight. It was our delight, with your help, to see three school-age Arnold children attend camp. I asked Marie to share her ideas of camp to give us a fresh perspective. Thanks, Marie.*

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**A WEEK OF WONDER** by Marie Arnold

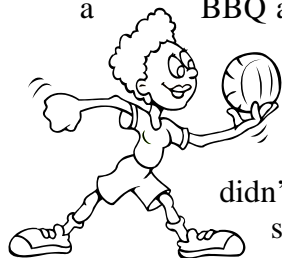
Here we are: another ending to another summer vacation. Very soon school will be in session. Children will have this summer to hide away in their minds -- soon to be a long ago memory. What memories did we give our children, the next generation? There were lots of activities this summer: swimming, BBQ's, camping, vacation bible school, to name a few. Although these are very good things to participate in, my children's, and many others, highlight of the year was CAMP!!! How can you possibly beat a fun-filled week of activities, and learning about our precious Savior at the same time?

Ana asked me to present a fresh view about kids' camp. I felt overjoyed and honored to have been asked. THANK YOU. Please let me share with you that my children are seasoned campers. They have participated in camp since they were old enough to attend. However, this was their first time at Broken Arrow camp. Broken Arrow camp is approximately 45 minutes from Benson, nestled in the Dragoon Mountains near Cochise Stronghold. The view is absolutely breathtaking. There are four dorms for the children: One each for junior boys, junior girls, senior boys, senior girls. They have a dining room, and an outside area with a BBQ, and plenty of picnic tables. The camp is orderly, and neat, yet very inviting. The chapel sits on a little hill, shaded by a huge tree. The whole area had the feel of serenity. You can see the entire valley from camp.

This year's theme was, THE BIG HEIST. Everyday the children participated in fun activities, and were able to make choices, such as swimming or being challenged at trying their hand at archery. They had a choice of a science hike (learning about the history of Cochise, and his tribe), or making a craft. The snack bar was opened at least three times a day for children to purchase from a variety of treats. After breakfast the children went to their bible classes. The juniors class was taught to use their sword (the bible), with visuals such as puppets. The seniors were taught in a different location at the same time, using more age-appropriate techniques. After lunch they went to the chapel for another lesson by different teachers, going along with the overall theme. The boys and girls swam at different times. The girls' swim time is the boys' dorm time. During dorm time kids memorize scripture, pray, and/or share their testimonies about their salvation. After supper they change into nice clothes, and prepare for evening chapel. The children learned new songs, and go over their memory verses. They have the opportunity to earn a token for the snack bar if they are called on by Pastor Thacker for memorizing their scriptures. (continued next page)

## WEEK OF WONDER continued

During evening chapel there are skits put on by the counselors and staff. Every evening a little more of the story is revealed. Thursday night parents, grandparents, other family members, or friends come for the final program. We saw the conclusion to THE BIG HEIST. If you can stay, there is a bon fire afterwards. My husband and I came early. As we walked up the hill to where the kids were having a BBQ at the picnic tables, there was a feel of anticipation, and excitement in the air. We were quickly found and led away by our children to meet their new friends. Pictures were taken; addresses and phone numbers exchanged. Hugs, encouraging words, and tears were shared.



We had the wonderful opportunity to go to chapel with the kids, although we didn't sit with them. (We were warned to sit in the back if we didn't want to get wet.) We sang songs, and then watched a cracker eating contest. The kids had to eat so many crackers within one minute without drinking any water. No one won. Then the finale of THE BIG HEIST: the "bad guys" entered the room wetting most everyone with water, mainly the children. They concluded their skit, using staff as actors, along with the help of a puppet. It was fun and funny. It captured the children's attention. They listened intently. The children were able to get really loud with participation. They learned that they do not have to be deceived. There is a Savior for them. During the week they also learned what they called "A Map to Heaven". The scriptures they memorized taught the children the Roman road to salvation. In the end many children came to the front to give their lives to the Lord. According to my children it was like this almost every day. They had a blast. Let's make sure our children's best memories are those of when they are serving the Lord. And because of your help, they now have those memories.

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*Remember Nora Vasquez in the last Trail Rider? She had helped with the little ladies' weekend retreat. Well, the Lord freed up her week so she could help during camp, too. (Thank You, Lord.) Nora spent the week in the senior girls' dorm, counseled, prayed, giggled and encouraged campers. (Thank you, Nora.) I asked her to write some thoughts down for us:*

### HIS NAME IS WONDERFUL, COUNSELOR by Nora Vasquez

**This year's camp theme was "The Big Heist." What a wake up call! I'm so grateful for the privilege to have witnessed first hand God's people taking back the young lives the Enemy has attempted to steal away from God's Kingdom.**

**Several years ago the Lord showed me a vision of an army of people yanking children out of a huge dark whole. I believe that represented the Kingdom of Darkness and the army are those that volunteer, sponsor and pray to make it possible for the 107 young lives to be exposed to the Light (God's Word) at this year's camp. The children were exposed to His Love, His Word and His Life for five days because of your obedience.**

**Thank you for making it possible for twenty-nine children from *All The King's Horses Children's Ranch* to experience the Power of His Love and Truth. What a joy to see our young people beam with joy and interact with other's that are also making choices to live and stand for Jesus. I was especially blessed to see the little ones so excited to learn their memory verses and participating so willing to learn and know Jesus! Together we will rescue every child that comes our way and bring them into the Light!**



## IN HIS KINGDOM

The last issue of The Trail Rider mentioned the ministry, *Bundles of Promise*, that was to move into the Palomino. As the Board continued to seek the Lord, He reminded us our vision statement speaks of house parents being traditional married couples. We want the children here to see husbands and wives interrelate. Since Michele is a single parent, we believe her BOP ministry will be established by The Father in another location here in Arizona.



This was not an easy decision for us; and was not an easy message for me to relay to Michele. Please join Michele and us as we pray the Lord's continued blessing and leading for her and her babies – that the Lord will show Michele the very spot in His Kingdom where He wants to place BOP.

## YOUR PRAYERS; GOD'S WORK



*We also continued to seek the Lord's will about our potential first house parents, Brad and Carmen Martin. Well! Their application was approved by the board. Praise the Lord.*

*This is a very big step. And get this - through a series of miracles, the Martins bought a 1999 Oakwood 2150 square feet double wide. They named it El Blanco Caballo, The White Horse, after Revelation 19. The new*

*home even now sits on the property with plans to hook up the utilities and septic. Once that is done, Brad and Carmen will move into it with their three little ones: Two sisters ages 3 & 4 that the Martins are fostering; and a five-yr old daughter they just adopted! In the meantime, Carmen has moved into the Palomino so the girls can start school. Brad is thirty minutes away in Vail and is busy readying their home for sale. God is so good. I asked Brad to share a few words with you:*

## OUR GOD LEADS by Brad Martin

I am glad the Lord has led us to where we are today. Our involvement with children started years ago when we became foster parents to our two great nieces. We have taken in children ever since. Carmen and I look forward to moving to the Children's Ranch to continue our service to God and help all the children we can to know the Lord. God has led us in this direction and we are amazed where He is taking us.

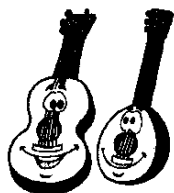


UPCOMING FUND EVENT



*All The King's Horses Children's Ranch*  
presents eight-time award winning North America Country Music Artist  
**DAVE WILBURN**  
at The Children's Ranch  
September 29<sup>th</sup> --- 6:30 p.m.

Dave is from Virginia. After hearing about *the Children's Ranch*, he called me. We spoke awhile and then he graciously offered to put on a concert to benefit *The Children's Ranch*. What a God we serve! Can you imagine that? The Lord is sending folks from the other coast to join hand-in-hand with Him for this vision. If you can make it, *please come* to this open-air concert. Bring friends. It will be joy to see you. On behalf of all you've done for the glory of God, thank you.



And thank you, Dave Wilburn, for your generous heart  
■ for using your God-given talent to bless others.

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