



Financial Needs

*An additional \$5000.00 is needed to purchase the water filter for our new pump house that was constructed this past summer.

*Our Summer temporary Employment Program grant or STEP grant will be coming to an end this summer. Pray that God would raise up donors to fill this void in our budget.

Prayer Requests

* Pray that God would fill our Camps in 2020.

* Pray for our summer staff as we begin the hiring process for 2020. Pray that God would bring the people he chooses to camp this summer.

* Pray for the 200 plus kids that came to camp last summer that the Gospel message heard might continue to take root in their lives.

Merry Christmas. I hope and pray that this advent season is filling you with the wonder of Jesus and his abounding love.

Wilderness Ranch has been a whirlwind of activities in 2019, particularly at Mountain Valley Ranch. Some major dirt work was done to level out a playing field and develop a spring for a source of clean drinking water. Although the water project is not yet complete the playing field was heavily used and the new sod was ready for a break by the time summer came to an end.

Along with exciting “new” projects there are always many ongoing and upkeep tasks that aren’t usually quite as glamorous or flashy (cleaning a chimney, fixing a washing machine or repairing a vehicle to name a few.) Although the small smattering of maintenance tasks can seem overwhelming as I am trying to fix them all at once, the time and energy spent to repair or maintain pales in comparison to the initial investment that many made to transform Wilderness Ranch from a vision into what it is today. Wilderness Ranch has been built on the investment of God’s faithful people. It is humbling to be looking after this investment.

The other day I was listening to the Dave Ramsey radio talk show. Dave Ramsey is a Christian financial coach who teaches godly money management principles. This particular episode he was talking to a self-made millionaire. As this millionaire reflected on some of the successes and failures of his financial journey he made a statement that I thought to be quite profound. He said, “early in my career I was a good saver but not a good investor. It wasn’t until I learned to properly invest that I began to see real financial success.” I believe that this statement rings true to many Christians today. Not simply with our finances but more so with the gifts that God gives us. What gifts have you been investing? What gifts have you just been simply saving? A few Sundays ago our pastor preached a sermon on the servants who were given 10, 5, and 1 minas. The master rewarded the servants that invested wisely and rebuked the servant who simply saved his one mina. I believe that God wants us to invest; invest in his kingdom. You don’t have to look far to find another ministry that needs your financial investment. In fact if you are receiving this letter you have already made a financial investment in Wilderness Ranch and for that I can’t begin to thank you enough. However, I want to challenge you a little more. What people have you invested in lately? What relationships? How much time have you invested in prayer? What other gifts has God given you? Are you taking time to invest them into God’s kingdom?



Saint Irenaeus said, "the glory of God is man fully alive." I believe that God wants to see his church and his people fully alive. I believe as his creation, we are the most alive doing that which our Lord and Father created us to do. God created us each differently and gifted us each differently. Your gifts are unique to you, it doesn't matter what they are, what matters is that you are investing them. Just like the widow who gave her one copper coin, it didn't matter the amount, it mattered that she

gave.

As we enter the Christmas season and another new year I encourage you to invest eternally. I encourage you to invest eternally not just with your finances but also with your gifts and talents. If God puts it on your heart to give to Wilderness Ranch we are thankful for your partnership; our vision is not just for next summer but God's eternal kingdom and the lives that might be changed by the work we do each summer. May God show to you this Christmas season what talents he needs you to invest into His Kingdom. God bless and have a merry Christmas.

Wilderness Ranch has a new website:
www.wildernessranchalberta.com

The more traffic we generate to our new domain name the easier it will be for others to find our new website when they are searching. Do us a favor and go check out our new site. If you have any comments, concerns, or things you would like to see on our website email the director at: kennethdavidolson@gmail.com

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