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Deana: *What do you think world needs to know about Steadfast?*

Ty: How amazing this place is and how much you can learn from horses. God wants us to know about him. If you share about Steadfast, you can help them get to know God through animals. The world needs to know that Steadfast is a good place to be because you can learn about Jesus by bonding with a horse, you can learn about how Jesus saved us from our sin through the horses.

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Ministry Need

Steadfast is in need of monthly financial sponsorship. If you feel led to invest in this ministry, here are a few ways to do so. Thank you for your consideration.

Session Sponsorship—90 minute sessions (offered at not cost for children facing significant life challenges) \$35/session: \$90/month/child

Basic Care of each Horse—\$60/month

Basic Medical for each Horse—\$40/month

Special Care (medications/emergency vet fund)—\$25/month



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Power to Hold On, to Help, to Heal, and to Hope. This has been the focus of our spring sessions. At our recent Easter Sunrise Service we looked at the power of an empty tomb to turn grief to joy, fear to peace, and guilt and shame to power.

If there is one complaint I have about our horses at the farm, it is in regard to all the noise they make when separated. Both the horse being taken out of a pasture and the ones left behind all carry on as if they are dying! I shouldn't get too upset though. This is natural behavior because they are herd animals. They know the power of the herd. They know life is better together. And, I think there is something we can learn from them.

For the last couple of years our world has been increasingly divided, but instead, we need to stand together. We need to be a "herd" in the hard times to divide the struggle. We need to be a "herd" in the good times to multiply the joys. We need to be together to worship as we were Easter morning. We need to be together to join the unique powers God has given each of us to overcome the struggles of the world.

We invite you to be empowered by His joy and peace at Steadfast. It is a place where we belong.

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Interview with Ty:

~Corrie Eavenson

Deana got the chance to interview one of our apprentices, Ty, about his experience at Steadfast. Ty is 10 years old and has been an Apprentice at Steadfast for one year.

Deana: How do you feel about being back at Steadfast?

Ty: Excited because I get to work with the horses again. I like to bond with the horse I work with.

Deana: Which horse do you want to work with?

Ty: Obadiah. He was the first horse I met when I first started with Steadfast and I've gotten a good chance to get to know him and bond with him. He's a horse I can rely on. I can trust him and he can trust me.

Deana: What has Obie taught you?

Ty: He's taught me to be careful and how I need to treat him. He gives me signs that I can understand and tells me how I treat him. Sometimes those signs mean that he's uncomfortable in certain ways and that's how I know I'm doing something wrong and that's when I try to make it better for him. Obie has taught me what it means to treat people the way you want to be treated. Some horses and some people have had bad things happen to them in their past and you don't want to bring those feelings back for them. Kids sometimes have bad lives and I want to make them feel like they belong and I want to be their friend.

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Farm Call: Day of Empowerment

May 14, 2022

1:00-3:00

Joy Arena

Steadfast Family Farm

Join Us for our next Farm Call Day. The theme is Empowerment and there will be plenty do for all ages, especially kids aged 9 up.

Spots are limited so please register early at steadfastfamilyfarm.com

Pre-registering automatically enters participants in a drawing for a two-hour horse experience to be scheduled at a later date.

Activities include:

- Storytellers Exhibition
- Kona Ice
- Horse Painting
- Horse Trivia Team Game
- Yard Games
- Horse Grooming
- Water Color Art Activity
- Hay Ride/Farm Tour

Steadfast Storytellers lead Horse Connection Day

~Deana Bethea

It took me back to the days when my kids were young. Watching my daughter dance, seeing my boys paddle their kayaks fearlessly. It was the same feeling. I was so proud! The Steadfast Storytellers led the Horse Connection Day and they were fantastic!

The Steadfast Storytellers are a new group composed of advancing kids who have previously attended our regular apprentice sessions. Having received mentoring and instruction for a time, the Storytellers are now being tasked to share and tell the story of things learned through work with horses. They led our group of about 20 using four basic grooming tools and explained the metaphor of how each tool represents individual facets of our own lives. Most importantly, they shared how each of these can represent our relationship with the Lord.



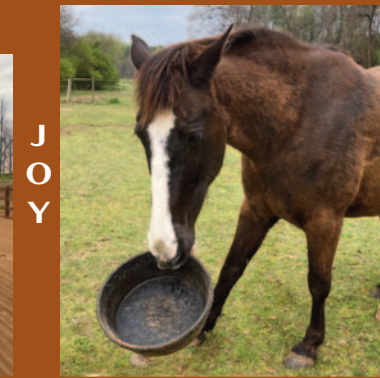
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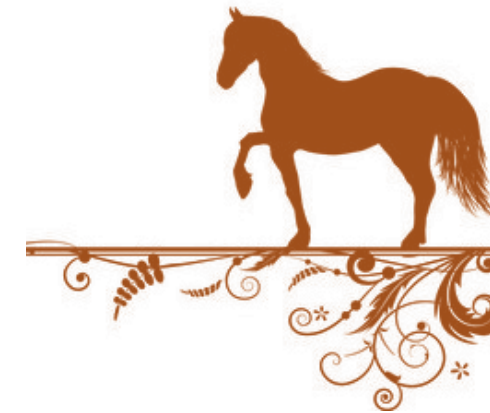


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Peace Pavilion

Ground Breaking- Coming Soon!!! In the next few weeks we hope to see work crews coming in for the building of Peace Pavilion. This 2750 sq ft structure will serve as a multi-purpose area to include a shaded area for horse grooming, an inclement weather learning area, and a beautiful event meeting space positioned on the hill looking up at Currahee Mountain. We will finally have restrooms (We are very excited about that!) tack storage, and a kitchen space near the riding arena. Please pray for this project. Pray that the cost of building materials will stabilize. Pray for the workers who are donating their time. Pray for Habitat for Humanity who is organizing our volunteers into action. Pray that this space will honor the precious gift we have

been given to serve side by side with our wonderful horses.



Featured Equine: Buckwheat

~Corrie Eavenson

Buckwheat is joyful, fun-loving, and capable. He keeps things interesting for horses and humans alike at Steadfast. It's hard not to have a smile on your face when you're with Buckwheat. He can be the silliest horse, always looking for something fun to do and causing mischief. Buckwheat finds joy in the smallest things, like spending time with his horse friends, investigating new things, and meeting people. He loves attention, especially from kids. Sometimes it can be easy to forget that Buckwheat is also one of the smartest horses at Steadfast. It's a joy to watch him with the kids he empowers. Buckwheat plays hard and works hard. He reminds us that joy is contagious and something we should share.



In Memory of a Dear Friend

~ Abby Taylor

Check in on your strong friends.

The ones who always listen, but rarely take up their own space to speak. Who take the brunt of life and make it look easy.

Who give recklessly from their cup like it's overflowing, when they may actually have nothing left.

Check in on your people who seem to be insatiable for life...because we recently lost one of the best to suicide.

Don't let the demons in your head deafen you from the people who love you. I'm sorry we didn't see the signs, friend...we will miss you terribly.

STAND FIRM IN THE FAITH BE COURAGEOUS

BE STRONG REJOICE ALWAYS 1 Cor. 16:13, 1 Th. 5:16