

G.R.O.W. in the Son Parent Newsletter

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Lovely Llamas, Wide Open Spaces, And a Place to Plant: The Jubilee Farm Experience



Moments With Miss Gina

JULY, 2010

"He who plants and he who waters are equal, yet each shall receive his own reward according to his own labor. For we are fellow workman with and for God; you are God's garden and vineyard and under cultivation, God's building."

1 Corinthians 3: 9,10

This is a letter of thanks to all who have worked on the behalf of your wonderful and inspiring children.

I thank you parents most of all for believing in us for quality care and for your desire to provide a Christ-centered environment, for thoughtful donations and wonderful follow through at the end of a long day or in the middle and sometimes even the beginning of a day!! OOOh the issues that are woven throughout these days of summertime fun and children on all sides. whoever said "it takes a village to raise up a child," was definitely onto something!!

Oh, our lovely teachers have been so very patient, caring and relentlessly creative in coming up with ideas and solutions all directed toward delighting, comforting and supporting your children during their time away from home. Many, many thanks to our wonderfully strong and capable teachers!!

There are also people behind the scenes that have contributed to the success of the teachers, the children, and the program in general. People like Teresa Todt who provides the framework of this program even while she is "away." Holly Weitfeld who provides spiritual support in so many blessed ways. The G.R.O.W. Board of Directors who have helped us find our way at the crossroads more than once and also for helping us to procure useful assets such as the van and more. Pastor Harre who is one of God's humble fountains of hope and generosity.

This thank you letter would not be complete without a thank you to the congregation of the Trinity Lutheran Church. Many of these dear ones have given of themselves quietly and consistently in many small and meaningful ways over the years.

These acts of love must be given over to God's glory if they are to G.R.O.W. and so I can't help but declaring that I have seen the love of God at work in this place!!

THANK YOU DEARLY! AND MAY
GOD BLESS YOUR FAMILY WITH HIS
MANY GOOD GIFTS!

Miss Gina

God's Love Reaching Out Near and Far: Two by Two & Smile Train



Miss Callarman's Corner

JULY, 2010

"The Lord's hand is not shortened,
that it cannot save; nor His ear heavy,
that it cannot hear." Isaiah 59:1

The book of Isaiah, written in the Old Testament, was a favorite of my Grandmother's. I never had the privilege of meeting her in person because she died way before I was born, but I somehow gain strength in knowing she was close to our Lord. I often wonder what intrigued her most about Isaiah's writings. Was it his poetic form of writing? Was it because he spoke of redemption and salvation for God's people? Was it because she found comfort in knowing that our Lord keeps His promises? Whatever it was that held her captivated by Isaiah's writings I believe it was passed on to me. Isaiah has a unique way of using imagery to expand our thoughts and to discover an understanding that will bring us closer to God. In this particular verse, I am given a glimpse of how mighty and powerful God is. I am reminded that He is always with me through good times and through bad times. God is amazing and I love Him with all my heart, all my soul, and all my mind. God is able and I am His humble servant. Each week of

summer passes so quickly, things are a blur most of the time. I find myself waking up on Monday morning only to hear the knocking of Friday's weekend. I try to grab pieces of good times as they rush past me in a whirl of activities and fun. The month of July was filled with trips to Erin's Pavilion, Jubilee Farm, a luncheon at Culver's, swimming and more bowling. Swim lessons for some were a blast. We had approximately twenty-three children signed up for lessons and things worked out very nicely. God is so good!

It is sad for me to see the end of summer approaching. We have had to say goodbye to some awesome campers already and we can't wait to see them return next summer. I am excited to begin the school year, however. I truly hope that your children are able to take home fun memories of summer during their stay here at Camping on the Cornerstone at Trinity. They are an amazing group of kids!

God's Blessings to all of you!
Mrs. Callarman

G.R.O.W: Joyful Faces, Terrific Tire-Swings, Diving Technique, and Drama!



G.R.O.W. CALENDAR FOR JULY NEWSLETTER

| Date: | |
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| July 30 | Swim Day: All Groups! (12:00-3:00 p.m.) |
| August 2 | Bowling: Groups 3,4 (10:00-11:30 a.m.) Lemonade Stand: Groups 3,4 (9:00-10:00 a.m.) |
| August 3 | Animal Shelter: Groups 3,4 (12-1:00 p.m.) |
| August 4 | Culvers: Group 4 (10:00-11:30 a.m.) |
| August 5 | Decatur Zoo: All Groups! (10:00-2:00 p.m.) Lemonade Stand: Groups 3,4 (3:30-4:30 p.m.) |
| August 6 | Jubilee Farm: Groups 2 (10:00-12:30 p.m.) Lemonade Stand: Groups 3,4 (3:00-4:00 p.m.) |
| August 9 | Bowling: Groups 2,3 (10:00-11:30 a.m.) Swim Day: All Groups! (12:00-3:00 p.m.) |
| August 10 | Lemonade Stand: Groups 3,4 (9:00-10:00 a.m.) |
| August 11 | Awards Ceremony: (2:00-3:30 p.m.) Lemonade Stand: Groups 3,4 (3:30-4:30 p.m.) |
| August 12 | Swim Day: All Groups! (12:00-3:00 p.m.) Lemonade Stand: Groups 3,4 (9:00-10:00 a.m.) |
| August 13 | Swim Day: All Groups! (12:00-3:00 p.m.) |