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A Spring of Transition; New Adventures Await...!!!

Greetings from NM and from the movement we are experiencing out of a tumultuous winter into a spring that promises to be beautiful and lovely as any we've had in the last few years. I'm told by those who are my elders that hard winters bring incredible springs and summers and that is what we are looking forward to as we venture deeper into 2023. Thank you all for your prayers on our behalf and for NAIM. Lots of things happening around us in the world that would turn our hearts towards discouragement, but we are confident that the Lord is still on the throne, and moving His plans forward, despite what we are seeing happening around us. As the beloved hymn goes, "though the darkness hide Thee, though the eye of sinful man His glory may not see...", our God is still God, and He has not relinquished His governance over mankind.

We are entering into our 23rd summer with the Broken Arrow Bible Ranch and this summer will prove to be one of change and transition, but adventurous nonetheless, as we are seeing a change in leadership at our camp. Long-time camp director Steve Knox has decided to move on from this ministry and has assumed a pastorate in California after 34 years at the helm of BABR. Nanette and I will always be grateful to Steve and UIM for giving us a chance to become the lead counselors at the place that has tremendous spiritual meaning for the both of us. Grateful for the opportunity to serve the Lord using the gifts He's given to us and to impact young lives for the Kingdom. Thanks to them and blessings on Steve and his wife Ann as they pursue the road ahead....

Please pray for our new director, 29 year-old Ty Platero (as well as his wife Moe-nique and son Asher) as they step into this new role. Ty grew up here at BABR as a camper, teen summer staff, and UIM missionary since he was 8 years old. The Lord has truly gifted this young man with leadership and wisdom and I am confident that the Lord will lead and guide him as he leads us forward into this next chapter of what the Lord has for BABR.



New camp director Ty and Moe Platero

This transition has also reinforced for Nanette and I more and more the critical importance of what we doing here at camp: to mentor and train young men and women who come to work in the summer as staff, to help them grow in their faith, and to foster a vision for what God would have of them in the future. Pray that we will continue to pursue the calling that He has laid on our hearts, and that we can help this transition to be as smooth as it possibly can be, for the sake of those that need to hear the gospel, for those that need healing, restoration and renewal, and for those potential young leaders to rise up and accept the challenge of leadership.

This summer Caleb has felt led of the Lord to become part of our summer staff at BABR. We are excited to see what the Lord will do in his life as he faces this new adventure and challenge. Josiah is also working at camp again this summer and he will get his Associates Degree in Bible from Indian Bible College at the end of this month. We are so proud of our boys and what the Lord is doing in their lives...!!! Please pray that they will continue to follow His lead in their lives...

Thank you all again for your continued prayers and support; we truly cannot do this without you. All glory to the Lord for what He has done and what He will do in the future. Blessings on you all in Jesus' name....!!!!



Visiting Josiah at Grand Falls Bible Church;
Pastor Bill David and IBC student Aaron Betselie

Dino

Prayer Requests

- Pray for our leadership transition at BABR; for Steve and Ann Knox as they move on to other ministries and Ty Platero as he takes over the helm of BABR.
- Pray for us as we continue to mentor and lead the BABR staff this summer; every summer brings its own set of challenges but we are confident the Lord will show us the way for everything we encounter.
- Pray for Nanette's mom; we are grateful that she continues to do well physically, despite her being 93 years of age.
- Pray for Josiah and Caleb as they work on staff this summer at camp; what a blessing to see them give their lives to the work of the Lord...!!!
- Pray for our summer staff, that they would seek the Lord and allow their faith to grow in an organic and "real-time" manner this summer.

Nanette's Corner

Dear brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ..... Thank you for your prayers and partnership in what God is doing here at Broken Arrow Bible Ranch. I will be gearing up to continue mentoring the young women here at Broken Arrow this summer and also have a team of young ladies who will be mentors along with me.

Please pray for me as I lead them; I need wisdom and discernment and the empowering of the Holy Spirit to know how

Dino and I can come alongside the young ladies' and men in their walk with Jesus. My heart is and will always be to see

these young ladies embrace the calling God has put in their hearts, to see them thrive in their faith, and to disciple them in the way of 2 Tim. 2:2.

These past few months have been a transition period for us here at Broken Arrow. Thank you for praying for us during this time. We are now under new leadership, with Ty Platero becoming our new camp director this spring. I have been learning a lot through this changeover, and the Lord continues to be faithful in the midst of it.

I have been part of an ongoing mentoring relationship with a sister in Christ from our church. We have been walking through a book called "SoulCare," by Dr. Rob Reimer. The book is teaching us a lot about our identity in Christ, true repentance, family sin patterns, and

Biblical forgiveness. We are still on this journey together, but the nuggets we have learned have been stepping stones to making us more and more healthy in Christ.

We are still taking care of my elderly mother. She will be 94 this year. We thank the LORD for he and He has surely blessed her. Remember that you all are a blessing to us.



Spending time with our friend and mentor Martha Gushee:
teacher at Indian Bible College, Flagstaff AZ



Speaking at a high school assembly in Las Cruces, NM

Thank you for your continual prayers on our behalf,

Nanette



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