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New BABR Leadership; God Still Moving

Greetings from New Mexico, my brothers and sisters...!!! As Nanette and I get older, we see more and more how incredibly gracious and merciful the Lord has been to us, and how much we truly don't deserve it. Now that Caleb is a high school senior and Josiah is entering his third year at Indian Bible College, we continue to be exceedingly humbled and indebted to the Lord for all that He has blessed us with, knowing that He deserves all the glory for anything and everything that we accomplish.

What a summer we've just had...!!! Thank you all for your prayers and for all the support for NAIM and for our ministry. It was the first summer with our new camp director Ty Platero at the helm and he did a tremendous job. In fact, every person on the full-time BABR staff stepped up and delivered when we needed it most. Our summer staff was remarkable as well, but more on them later. It was also the first summer that our youngest son Caleb became a summer staff person, rather than just one of the staff kids, so the whole family participated in summer ministry together (Josiah was a counselor all summer), and it was a summer that I'll never forget. What a privilege and an honor to step into our roles of lead counselor, knowing that our entire family was



taking part wholeheartedly in what the Lord had put before us. It is truly humbling to see God at work in the lives of our sons; we give the Lord the glory for drawing our boys to Himself and for using them so mightily this summer.

We entered our 23rd season of summer camp confident that the Lord would see us through, but with all the concerns that come when there is a transition of leadership, we knew that we'd encounter some things that we couldn't prepare for. In every instance, we saw the Lord grant mercy, grace and discernment at strategic times every week. Like I stated before, our full-time staff and our summer staff really took the bull by the horns and through the Lord's help, gave all they had to make this camp season so successful. So many stories to tell, but here are a couple of them.

One staff person was overcoming some issues that had plagued them for years. They had been to work at camp before, and the Lord began the process of helping them deal with the issues. This summer this staff person was completely on fire to be at camp and that resulted in seeing so many campers under their charge see Christ in their life and many them responded to Christ because of this person. Another staff person was dealing with personal loss and concerns that had dogged them as a child. They started down the path of spiritual healing and saw the Lord do some mighty work in their lives. Another staff person prayed so very fervently for one their campers to come to know Christ and was able to lead that camper to the Lord before the week was out. The excitement they had when it all occurred reminded me again that nothing is impossible with our God. There are other stories to share, but I am so proud of our summer staff and the way that they trusted the Lord this summer. My prayer is that they take these experiences and allow it to help build their faith, and that it grows them closer and more intimately acquainted with our good and perfect heavenly Father.

Please continue to pray for us as we enter into fall ministry. Thanks again to you all for your prayers and support of NAIM...!!!

Dino



The Butler Family July 2023



BABR 2023 summer staff

Prayer Requests

Pray for Nanette as she cares for her 93 year old mother, Mildred Chavez.

Pray for Caleb as he enters into his senior year of high school.

Pray for Josiah at Indian Bible College(IBC) as he moves into more leadership roles at the school.

Pray for Nanette and the Bible studies she will lead this fall, as well as the women she is mentoring and teaching.

Pray for Dino as he continues to mentor BABR staff off-season, and for his role as worship leader at our church in Gallup, Grace Bible Church.

Nanette's Corner

Hello, Brothers and Sisters in Jesus Christ. Again, thank you for praying and making intercession for us before our heavenly Father. We know that it is His work and we are privileged to be a part of it. We are so grateful to be in partnership with what He is doing here at Broken Arrow Bible Ranch. The Gospel is very powerful; it may be impossible to us, but God takes the impossible and through the gospel makes it happen. We saw young people come to know Jesus Christ as their Savior and open up their hearts to Him. It was so beautiful to see our summer staff grow in their relationship with Christ and see Him work in real time and see that His grace is sufficient for them. When He calls us to do His work, He supplies everything we need.

This past summer, we were under new leadership. The transition took place right before our camp season started. Praise Jesus, that He is our source and power through it all. Despite how I felt about our transition, the Lord carried us to the finish.

It has always been on my heart to raise up other leaders. I mentored eight summer staff ladies and I had 8 ladies who mentored 1 or 2 other summer staff women. What a joy to see that come to fruition...!!! May the LORD give those young women a vision for His work.



Ty and Moe and their son, Asher,
at the Staff Banquet BABR 2023

This particular summer, I was deeply encouraged by one particular young lady that I mentored. The depths of ministry the LORD has given me runs very deep into root issues in the lives of these young ladies. Oh how His heart cries from mine to see these young people thrive in the resurrection power of Christ. Many of these young women struggle with so many traumatic issues from their past and present situations; some want to take their life, some feel abandoned because of parents who struggle with alcohol, violence in the home....the list goes on. Still, God brings them to us and calls them to do His work. I was privileged to see God mend "broken wings" in the life of one particular young lady.

She sought the LORD deeply to find her freedom in Him. He opened her eyes to see how shame had defined her because of the trauma in her life. Christ helped her to see that worthlessness from circumstances or her situation did not define her, but that her worth came from her Creator. As things were brought into the light of His presence, she was able to grieve and forgive, and the chains that had held her for years came off. She had a breakthrough to find her place and position in Christ truly as a "daughter of the KING." Jesus became her Sanctification, her Source, and Power. Please pray that this young lady will continue to thrive in her relationship with Christ and will continue to follow Him all her days.

This fall, the LORD has brought another young lady to me. Her name is Brenda. Please pray for discernment, knowledge, wisdom from God as we work together. He is the Great Physician. Pray for protection from the enemy because there are some deep spiritual warfare issues. May The LORD break down strongholds and may she see her identity in Christ and see the freedom He has brought for her at the Cross.

Nanette



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