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Greetings from Northwest Montana. We are thankful for all the Lord has shown us throughout this year, and many of you are a part of that with your prayers and support for us and this ministry. The summer was different in the sense that our camps were all family reunions, along with a couple retreats. When we first started this ministry we had thought that most of our camps would involve mainly families, but God took us on a different path for which we have been very grateful for the friendships and help that He has sent to us through the years. Church work groups became the normal and one that we loved. We praise Him for the many lives that we have seen changed for the Lord. It is always fun for us to have family reunions though and to see families that have been here before and new ones that were here for the first time. It is always encouraging to see families who make it a priority to bring their family together, often from around the country. This is not an easy logistical undertaking, but one that is worthwhile. One thing we have noticed with families who have returned is that there are some individuals who were not here, as they had a new home in heaven, and other families had new little ones to bring smiles to the faces. We all have one life to live, and what is done for Christ is what will last.



View from our deck when the fires first started.

Our summer was also different in the sense that all the Miller family were on fires this summer. We had fires near us that started with



lightning. We were on our deck one evening watching the lightning strikes on the mountains and seeing trees torch instantly. Soon we were getting phone calls from some in our fire district thinking the strikes were starting fires near homes. We spent some time that evening looking for fires, taking care of downed trees, and finding out that most of the fires were further south than it first appeared, which turned into the Clark Fork Complex. Nate was in northern California working with CalFire. Abbie and Luke were



in Glacier, around Shasta, CA, and then back home for the local fires. Clyde, Janet, and Alex were all able to do a few shifts on the local fires. When not out on fires, we were often doing things directly related to it. We lived in smoke for many weeks. The fire had the potential to come closer to home, but many prayed. God answered prayers as the expected weather patterns changed. We are



thankful for this area of ministry that the Lord has opened for us with the fire department to do service in our own community, as well as other parts of the country. The day this is being typed, a gentleman called and thanked us for being there for him. It was good to be able to pray with someone who needed our help and was thankful for first responders, as well as to God who protected his life.



***And whatever
you do in
word or
deed, do all
in the name
of the Lord
Jesus, giving
thanks to
God the
Father
through Him.***

Colossians 3:17



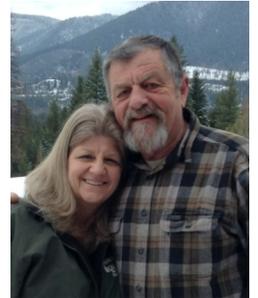
Abbie stays busy working at the college as a recruiter, tutor, and teaching assistant. For someone who didn't want to have anything to do with fire a few years ago, she has become a great firefighter. She is still looking into taking more college courses, but she also plans to become an EMT as well as attend fire academy (structure firefighting). Her long-term goals include getting a degree in law and journalism. We enjoy having her home, even though she spends most of her time in town. She still adds so much sparkle to our lives. Besides, she is becoming quite the baker. We enjoy her experiments.

Nathaniel is living in Northern CA and logged a lot of time with fire duty this summer. He is scheduled to start up again in February, but works with Geyserville Fire Department when he is not with CalFire. He also enjoys doing handyman type jobs. He had two family visitors this year. Abbie flew in for his 21st birthday in April to eat pizza and watch an old Danny Kaye movie (which they have been planning to do for the past 8 or so years), and Janet drove down in November and picked him up and traveled to the LA area for a friend's funeral. We will be happy to have him home for Christmas. We miss him and the time together is never long enough it seems.



Luke has been home this year and has been a big help around the camp and home. He has been busy with a chain-saw as we have been trying to cut many of the trees that seem to grow overnight. He has spent a lot of time cutting and splitting firewood. On the fires this summer it seems he was known for using his GPS to keep track of everything from turnoffs to homes to water pumps, and for all who know Luke, it will not surprise them that he was also known for eating anything leftover in other firefighters lunches. Luke is Luke.

Alex stays busy all the time helping around the house and camp. He does more cleaning than almost anyone we know. He has been busy splitting and stacking firewood. Being out on our local fire was a great experience for him, and he did a great job. It was a bit different than the regular calls he is always ready for in district. He is "Johnny on the Spot" with almost everything he does. We are not sure what we would do without him. He is also faithful to pray for those in need. What a blessing he is!



Clyde continues to do many of the same things. He stays busy with camp, the fire department, and working out on electrical jobs. He has also been busy cutting trees down to clear some areas, get firewood, and to have logs for siding. We are thankful for the equipment God has allowed us to use that helps with all these jobs. Clyde's joints have been hurting more lately, so he would appreciate your prayers for continued health so he can continue to do the work he feels the Lord has placed before him.

Janet still works in the kitchen at camp, but enjoys having Abbie do more of the baking part. She continues to make baskets to sell in the camp store and at craft fairs. She also is part of the fire and ambulance in our area. She got a taste of wild land fire fighting with the shifts she took this summer. Being able to sleep in her own bed was a benefit of having the fires so close to home.

Grandma (Carolyn) Hudlet is still the dishes and dessert lady at camp. She stays busy in her yard, although this summer there were days she needed to stay inside or visit relatives because of the smoke-filled air. She was able to visit the Seattle area a few times, once for a grandson's wedding. She has been reading to some of the patients at the Care Center who are unable to do so for themselves. She likes giving to others.



Bonnie Hudlet, Janet's sister and Carolyn's daughter, has been living with Grandma and helps wherever needed. She works several jobs in town, but is also part of the fire department. As a photographer she takes pictures for the camp, the fire department, town events, as well as family. She helps wherever needed.



From Clyde's Heart



Eighteen years ago Majestic View Ministry began with the purpose "To help strengthen and encourage individuals and families, in the Word of God through Christian camping." In those 18 years, thousands of people have driven up Doonan View Drive to come to camp at Majestic View. Those same people spend an action-packed week with us working, playing, hiking, swimming, rafting, memorizing scripture, and listening to God's Word during the week. Then driving back down Doonan View Drive, most were challenged, strengthened, and encouraged as they headed home. Many made decisions to accept Jesus Christ as their Savior. Friends, your and our efforts have not been in vain. Thank you for your faithful prayers and support. This past year we missed our church groups but enjoyed our family reunions. This past year we have been trying to pay down the land debt. It has been hard since giving in general across the nation has been very low. We need your prayers that God would bring in more monthly supporters so we can continue to minister to people here at Majestic View Ministry. We are continuing to pray for finances to pay off camp land and be out from under that debt. Please pray for this ministry and for our involvement with the fire department. God has opened a door of ministry that includes many of you. Thank you so much for your faithfulness. Merry Christmas to all of you.