

# Merry Christmas from Majestic View Ministry 2017

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### Way, Truth, Life

This past summer the theme was "Jesus—the Way, the Truth, the Life." As I reflect on 2017, I have to ask myself the question, "Have we and are we accomplishing the purpose for Majestic View Ministry? "The purpose in this ministry has always been sharing the truth of God's Word with those who we come in contact with—to help strengthen and encourage individuals and families in the Word of God through Christian camping. We want those we come in contact with to get a true view of His majesty. We pray that as we share God's Word, it is God who goes to work in hearts and lives. We are thankful for your prayers and financial gifts. We live in a time when churches and ministries like Majestic View Ministry take a back seat to the world's desires. Despite the time, the Lord is still in control. We will serve Him. God and His Word are still the same! ~ Clyde

Jesus said to him,
"I am the way, the
truth, and the life.
No one comes to
the Father except
through Me.



### Well done thou good and faithful servant

It is with a mixture of sadness and joy that we announce that Janet's aunt Eleonore Cummings, or Auntie E as she was known around here, left this earth to enter the arms of her Lord and Savior in early September. Many of you will remember her for her tasty and always delicate looking desserts. She and her husband, Hubert, were very instrumental helping in the earlier days of the camp. Besides all the building and grounds work that they did, Auntie E used her skills as a teacher to help with home schooling the kids when they were young. We probably had the only 6 year old who could name and point out all the countries in the middle east and tell something about them. Janet did not have to teach anything with maps or history when Auntie E taught. She had a way of making it all interesting and fun. Auntie E was a faithful prayer warrior and supporter of many missionaries throughout the years. She was greatly loved and will be missed.

# The year in quick review

This year we had couple work camp, several family reunions, and fire related trainings. It seems that the focus of much of our ministry is changing, just as many other Christian camps we have talked with. We began with a burden for families. The types of camps we envisioned did not happen as we first thought, but God had a better plan. Seeing young and old working together, worshiping together, eating together, and playing together was better than anything we could have imagined. We are seeing changes in ways to reach out to our local community, and much of that started with becoming a part of the local fire department. We have since heard about others who have found emergency services as a way to share God's love. Being there for someone on their possible worst day is a way

to share the Lord's light to those in need. We may have had our own ideas, but God directs the steps. Reaching out to emergency services was something Grandpa Hudlet always wanted to do.

One of our joys this year was having Conner Schuiteman, a former camper come back to work with us. He not only helped at camp, but also spent much of the summer on the fires in Montana, as well as responding with us in district. He is welcomed back anytime! We are happy to say he has found a job for the winter a few hours from here. We look forward to spending more time with him.



#### **Prayer Requests**

- That the Lord and His Word will shine in this dark world.
- That others will see Christ in our lives
- That God continues to open doors for people to hear the Word of God through this ministry
- For more work crews to help with the building and maintenance needs around camp
- For finances to pay off the camp property
- And most of all , that God will be glorified in all that we say and do

We had a lot of snow this year, and the weight collapsed several structures around the area, including part of the deck on the Retreat Center and one end of the fire hall on Angel Island. Clyde was gone at a family funeral when the majority of the snow fell so Janet and the kids did a lot of plowing and shoveling while he was gone for over a week. We all got our exercise. We were also out of power and no phone service for a couple days. Thankfully, we have generators at camp and home, so we still had power.

Montana also had a record number of fires this year so we were kept busy in our own state. Quite a few of these fires were nearby, but not close enough to sleep in our own beds. Nice that Alex and Clyde could visit at fire camp though.

Also, you may have heard that the tree for the Capitol west lawn in Washington, DC came from this area. A little bit of Montana for the world to see. A fun thing for the people around here.

# **Miller Family News and Updates**

Abbie is currently in paramedic school and is dividing her time between home and the Kalispell area. We are thankful for a place that has been made available for her when she needs to be at the hospital or school in Kalispell. She is thankful to have churches in both places to attend if she is not working on Sundays. She is also a Captain and Engine Boss with the fire department and has been very helpful with training newer fire-fighters. When she is home she also runs with the ambulance. The Lord has a way of changing career plans when He wants to. Maybe her writing skills will be used in writing reports rather than in writing articles, at least for now.

Nathaniel is still living in Northern California and was promoted to engineer with his fire department. He has had a busy year, especially with the fires that devastated so many homes this past September and October. His home was not touched, but people he knows lost their homes. Earlier in the summer he drove up to pick up a few things from Montana. Due to being called out to eastern Montana, Luke and Janet were able to meet up and see Nathaniel along the road. It was a short but very precious few minutes to spend together at a freeway exit. Clyde and Janet were able to see Nate on a short trip they took to California for a fire presentation in November. We all look forward to having some more time to spend with

Nate over the holidays.

Luke finished his first year of college in the spring but temporarily dropped out of the fall semester in order to help with some of the Montana fires that were still ongoing after the school year had begun. He liked having his mom on his engine for about 3 weeks of the time he was out on fires. It is nice to have him home this semester to help get firewood ready and to keep things going around here. He has become quite capable with the backhoe and other equipment to assist Clyde in some of his projects. He has also helped with carpentry-type skills and is definitely "the muscle" around here.

Alex has been doing some work for neighbors, as well as working around the home and camp. "Doctor Grumps" takes good care of us when we are not feeling well, and he seems to be able to feel right where those aching muscles need some massage. Alex was a big help

during fire season getting apparatus cleaned, manning the phones, and even volunteering for two days of mutual aid to an Mennonite/Amish area north of us that lost about 40 structures including 10 homes. For anyone who knows Alex, "Grumps" is the opposite of what he is, but he likes the nickname. He still does a lot of smiling.

Grandma Carolyn Hudlet and Bonnie, Janet's sister, helped in the kitchen this year. It is nice to have both of them here, especially with Abbie gone much of the summer and Janet gone for part of it. In July, Grandma celebrated her 85th birthday in Idaho with most of the family having a great day at the lake. It was fun to watch the great-grands learn to ski and tube like their parents did 25-30 years ago and to see them play with Grammy-Great. Grandma visits with patients at the Care Center weekly when weather permits, and Bonnie works with children who need someone with them one-on-one in order to function better. It is fun to get to see some of these kids. They all seem to like the fire trucks and the swings at camp. Bonnie is also a big help getting fire wood done.



Clyde and Janet have had an interesting year. Clyde continues to work at camp, the fire department, and his electrical business. In June he was stopped for construction in his work truck and was

rear ended by a vehicle going full speed. We know the Lord had him there to protect the people in the smaller vehicle in front of him, but he also got a trip to the hospital via ambulance with many doctor visits and even a surgery to follow. He is currently recovering from shoulder surgery where the impact of the seatbelt did some damage. Janet and Abbie heard Clyde call in the accident on the radio, which was on the other side of town, so both headed that direction. Abbie assisted with the helicopter for the other driver, and Janet went with Clyde in the ambulance. Janet also had a first in that she went out for 26 days this summer on wildland fire assignments. Sleeping on prairie grass with cows mooing in the next field or sleeping on a cot with a train going by every hour or so isn't so bad when one is tired. Because of being gone, Clyde had to cook for one of our smaller family groups. Janet was home during the other groups to

do the cooking. Both Janet and Abbie became CPR instructors this year, but unlike Abbie, Janet will stay at the EMT level, maybe with a few endorsements. As she always has, Janet likes the teaching aspect and enjoys preparing and presenting the EMS nights at fire training once a month. We pray you all have a happy and safe Christmas and New Year, looking forward to what the Lord has planned for each of us until He returns to take us Home.



