

Christmas 2018

From Clyde's Heart

Greetings to all of our praying, giving, and thoughtful friends and family. This has been one of those years in ministry and life that we have to look back and ask the Lord, "Have we been accomplishing the work which, You, O Lord, have called us to do?" Few groups, very little finances, and much help needed. Then we have to remind ourselves WHY we are here. Our purpose is to "Help strengthen and encourage individuals and families in the Word of God, through Christian camping." I have to ask myself the question, "Have we been accomplishing our purpose, and the answer is a resounding "Yes". Success is not measured by the number of campers that register and attend each year, or by the amount of donations we receive each year. Success is measured by how obedient and effective we have been in sharing, living, and encouraging individuals in the Word of God. Remember, we are the message carriers and God is the one who changes lives. When we were building buildings, it was easy to see that progress and share the ministry through that aspect. When the building is in the lives of people, it is not always as easy to see, or to share in a newsletter. Some of what we are doing now is what Grandpa Hudlet envisioned us doing in the ministry. Ministry may change in some aspects, but the purpose and goals that MVM was established has not. Scripture tells us how important it is that we share and live out our faith to those around us day by day. May we all be grateful that God chose to work through you and me, to bring others to Him. Despite physical, emotional, and financial struggles in our lives, God is still at work in the hearts and lives of those people in which we come in contact with day by day. Thanks for your faithful prayers and financial support.

Romans 10:13-17

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?

And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good things!

But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Esaias saith, Lord, who hath believed our report?

So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Joy Comes in the Morning



The year began in a way none of us expected. What we thought was our normal "Christmas Crud" was not that for Grandma Hudlet. In the early hours of January 2nd, Carolyn, slipped into the arms of Jesus. She had been our dishes and desserts person since the beginning of the ministry, which she and Grandpa Herb Hudlet helped establish. Picking up the slack for all that she did for the ministry has not necessarily been easy. From the little things like putting out the morning drinks at the pavilion, or the salt and pepper shakers at the Retreat Center to spring cleaning both kitchens, pulling lots of weeds, doing tons of "little things" Grandma is greatly missed. She was one of the most "behind the scenes" worker we have ever witnessed. When Grandpa Hudlet passed away suddenly in 2005, the word in scripture that kept coming to mind was "ROCK". When Grandma Hudlet passed away, the word that kept coming up was "JOY". How special it is that God made us all unique individuals who all need Him, yet we can each serve Him in the way that He has created and gifted us.



Miller Family & Other Staff

For the most part the Miller family is doing pretty much what they did last year. One event was in March when Abbie, Luke, Alex, and Janet were rear-ended while stopped at a cross walk. We are thankful no one was seriously hurt, including the people in the vehicle that hit us and the one who was about to cross at the crosswalk. However, Abbie and Janet, who were in the front, had quite a few visits to the chiropractor while the two boys fared well after the shock of everything wore off. It totaled the family car, so Janet is driving a new vehicle which is something we were not planning on for a few more years. God used the accident in ways we would not have expected, and are thankful that He accomplishes His plan in His way.



Abbie is now a paramedic and works in the Kalispell area part of the time. She is also home as much as she can be and is an active member of our fire department as an engine boss and captain. She spent part of her November in southern California on the fire at Malibu. Abbie is probably the most like Grandma with her sense of humor. She is still the cat lady.

Nathaniel is still in California but was able to come up with his girlfriend for Thanksgiving, even with the fires in his area. The sad thing was that Abbie went to southern California and did not expect to be back by Thanksgiving. When the fire was contained and the Montana engines were able to come home, the siblings did get to spend a couple days together. They were fast but fun days. There was a lot of laughing taking place. Nate will not be able to come home for Christmas so we celebrated a little Christmas with him on Thanksgiving Eve. He is probably most like Grandma in budgeting, saving, and spending his money wisely.

Luke is still attending the local community college, and he worked fires this past summer. He's been helping get firewood for the winter for our house, Aunt Bonnie, and the fire department. He bought a truck this year and is experiencing some of the benefits and responsibilities of ownership. Luke enjoys writing cards and letters and wants to be like Grandma in sending cards and letters to many people.

Alex has been staying busy with too many things to name them all. He helps around the house and camp, as well as neighbors. He has been using his chain saw quite a bit more this year also. He also was a sub on a local fire this year. Alex is probably the one most like Grandma with his servant's heart, working behind the scenes to get things done, mostly for others.



Janet is doing about the same things with the camp, fire, and EMS. Although not planning to go out on fires this summer except to sub, she was out for 31 days, including about a week of that with Abbie as her engine boss. In June, Janet had cataract surgery on both eyes. Although present before the accident, the cataracts progressively got so much worse after the accident that she quit driving in the dark and then even during the day for a short time before the surgeries. Janet has decided that she is taking after Grandma in area of wrinkles. Grandma always had a sense of humor about hers, and Janet is needing to develop that same sense of humor.

Clyde is doing much better, health-wise, than he was last year. The accident in which he was rear-ended took its toll on him last year. It is amazing that the impact did not take his or the other driver's lives. Because of all that he went through, and the chiropractor Abbie and Janet went to, Clyde is now off most of his prescription medications and taking natural ones instead. He has more energy and is able to think more clearly than he had been able to since the accident. He stays busy as always. He is like Grandma with aches and pains. For those who have seen his offices and shop, you will understand why we all wish he took after her in organizational and clean-up skills. He knows where everything is, but the rest of us don't.

Bonnie Hudlet, or Aunt Bonnie, as she is known at camp and the fire department, has been a big help. She is like Grandma in that she is also an Energizer Bunny, as Clyde called Grandma Hudlet. We appreciate Bonnie's energy and enthusiasm. She has changed from working with kids one on one to working with Clyde on his projects. She takes photos for us and is helpful in the media documentation category of what takes place around here.

Conner Schuiteman has been a major asset around here. He spent the winter in another part of Montana, but came back to us this summer and is staying on with us this winter. Conner helps around the camp, spent many days out on fires this summer and fall, and works for Clyde with his electrical and other contract jobs. It is great to have another set of capable hands to help where needed.



We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

May God bless each of you as only our Lord and Savior can do.

We are looking forward to what the Lord has planned for each of us until He returns or takes us Home.

