

# IN OUR OWN BACKYARD

Jeremiah's Crossing | Serving Christ in Our Own Backyard | Helping Horses Help Kids

## Serving NWMC

We had the awesome opportunity to serve brothers and sisters in Christ at the New Wilmington Mission Conference in New Wilmington, PA. Serving as dining hall staff and workers gives us all the satisfaction of bringing smiles to the faces of others as they meet for meals in college dining halls. Our family has been serving at NWMC since 1989.

## Serving Jeremiah's Crossing

During the summer and fall, our family assists students and volunteers as we provide weekly horseback-riding lessons for 60+ students.



Autumn, Roger, and Boomer provide a demo lesson at the Port Fun Fest.



## Lessons from the Ranch

Greetings to you from Babcock! Thank you so much for your prayer, volunteer, and financial support. Thank you, also, for your smiles and words of encouragement when we had the opportunity to meet. As 2015 comes to an end, it's a perfect time to reflect on how God has been at work, in our family, and at Jeremiah's Crossing. The most obvious lesson we learned this year is that God provides. We continue to be in full-time ministry at Jeremiah's Crossing. After much prayer, Kathleen decided to discontinue subbing in the local school district to devote her time to the ranch. In concert with the truth that God provides, we have also learned - His timing is perfect. We have trusted Him and have endeavored to walk in obedience to Him. These are lessons we continue to learn. We have not mastered them, but feel certain that by working each day, with our eyes on Jesus, listening for the Holy Spirit, we are living a much happier life.

*"Consider the ravens, for they neither sow nor reap; they have no storeroom nor barn, and yet God feeds them; how much more valuable you are than the birds!" - Luke 12:24*

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "Plans to prosper and not to harm you. Plans to give you hope and a future." - Jeremiah 29:11*



Scedra and Star ~ 2006

## Prayers Please...

### We praise God:

~Our health is good! Except for bouts of tick-borne illnesses for Roger and Kathleen, our family has been incredibly healthy this year!

~God Provides! Our new home is amazing. After an entire year, we are still marveling at this wonderful gift.

~Family is precious! We have had the good fortune of visiting with all of our children and our granddaughter this year.

### Trusting God for:

~Eli's successful surgery in December

~Ministry support for Jeremiah's Crossing

~Missionary support for our family

~Walt's funding for the Urbana Conference

## A Tribute - Answering the Call to Serve

*"Once in every life, someone comes along. And you came to me, it was almost like a song."*

In 2004, a Medicine Hat Paint named Star came into our lives. He captured our hearts within his first week as part of our family.

It was less than a year later that his true calling became evident. Star was asked to serve, at the tender age of seven, as a therapy horse. His first student, only four years old, depended upon him to help stretch her muscles and give her a chance "to fly." He became our very first therapy horse and for the next eleven years, Star served special students faithfully.

In September, the Jeremiah's Crossing family said good-bye to Star. He lost a 3 year battle with squamous cell carcinoma of the eyelid. He fought valiantly, and even until the end, he served faithfully; with grace and compassion.

We miss Star terribly, but we are so pleased that our precious medicine hat paint, the very symbol of healing, left behind the legacy of Jeremiah's Crossing. Our lives will never be the same because he answered his calling and served faithfully.

God bless you, Star.



Scedra & Star ~ 2015

*"And now, O Lord  
GOD, you are that  
God, and your words  
be true, and you  
have promised this  
goodness to your  
servant."*

- 2 Samuel 7:28

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## Family News...

With two Juniors in high school (Eli and Autumn) and a sophomore in college (Walt) all living at home, you can imagine that we keep busy. Walt has found a church home at Crossroads Church in Pittsville, where he is part of the worship team. He is also very active with InterVarsity. Walt is hoping to attend Urbana after Christmas. God is calling him to service; he is answering the call.

Eli finished football season a couple of weeks ago. He totally enjoys playing the sport. We find time on Sundays to spend family time watching games together. It doesn't seem to matter which teams are playing. Rooting for a team, for whatever reason, is lots of fun!

Autumn has found joy in art class. It's interesting to hear her share concepts for her upcoming project. She seems to enjoy almost every medium. We especially enjoyed watching her Native American bead-weaving project take shape.

Our greatest joy is having opportunities to visit our grown children and our grand-daughter. We have taken several trips in 2015. Being able to travel to Rochester, MN to be part of our son Josh's marriage to the love of his life, Krista, was an incredible blessing.

Roger and Kathleen continue to explore and discover new ways to serve those in our community who struggle with special needs. God has opened their hearts these special people and their families and continues to show them ways to help make the public aware of their needs and circumstances as well as ways in which to bring Christ's love to the students and families of Jeremiahs' Crossing. After 10 years of service, they both agree that the journey, in some ways, is just beginning. God is doing a mighty work and it is a privilege to partner with Him, here in Babcock, WI.



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