June 2026 Newsletter

Dear Ministry Partners and Friends,

As I pause to write our first newsletter of 2026, I am overwhelmed by the goodness of God and everything He has done. We started the year with some winter storms ranging in temperatures from -2 to -16 degrees, causing us to have to cancel lessons in January and take a little winter break for the snow to melt and then for the arena to dry. Then we had some tractor work done to once again level out the ground so we could safely return to ministry sessions. We were finally able to resume full-time sessions in February, and all of us felt the joy of being together, working with the horses, and sharing the love we have for one another!

During the winter storm and snow in January, I had to bundle up and head outside every four hours to give the horses alfalfa and ensure that the heater on their trough was still working so they had access to water. Going out every four hours for a few days made me realize that when we are weathering a storm not only does the Lord never leave us, He is accomplishing more for our good and doing more in our lives than when everything seems to be going perfectly. Psalm 34:18 says, “The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.” Jesus stays CLOSE to us in the midst of the storm! King David shares in Psalm 30:5, “Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning.” This verse is God’s promise of hope and restoration and acknowledges that suffering and hardship (symbolized by weeping) are temporary, while God’s favor and joy are enduring. The “night” represents periods of trial, grief, or divine discipline, whereas the “morning” signifies relief, restoration, and the renewal of hope.

As I’ve watched my ministry children and young adults these past five months and seen the challenges they face, my heart feels overwhelmed at times and burdened to pray. I would ask each of you to stand in prayer with me and stand in the gap for these kids and parents as they face obstacles that none of us can truly comprehend. From my precious nonverbal, Level 3 autistic four-year-old student who is living in the New Home school district (which decided to put funding elsewhere and close the special needs classroom at their school) to a precious child and teenager learning how to cope and heal from childhood abuse—all these children/young adults deserve to be seen, valued, and provided the necessary resources given to other children in order to heal and succeed in their lives. Matthew 25:40 reads, “Truly, I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did it for me.” How we treat special needs children and children who have been through trauma says more about our values and who we are as individuals than anything else. Sometimes it’s easy to lose hope; I have such respect and admiration for the parents who have children in my ministry as I watch them seek equal access for their children. They shouldn’t have to fight for a classroom, they shouldn’t have to fight for resources, they shouldn’t have to fight at all. Saints Under Saddle is a ministry dedicated to these children, young adults, and their families. In the midst of their storms, we can offer a one-hour time each week when they can encounter the Lord in a unique way with our horses by providing them love, hope, healing, encouragement, and shelter from the storms that they face on a daily basis.

I am forever grateful to everyone who supports this ministry through prayer and with their finances. It is my prayer that when families come here, they know the love of Jesus and realize they are not alone when the storms of this life surround them. May the Lord bless each and every one of you for ALL you do!

PRAISE REPORT

I am extremely excited to share that we now have gutters on our arena thanks to a very generous donation and service from ***Nick's Gutters and Construction***. I want to personally thank their owner, Jamey Gregory, for everything that he has done for Saints Under Saddle. Thanks to him our 60x60 arena was constructed last year and now he has installed gutters free of charge. I am continually humbled by the amazing individuals that God has brought into my life that support this ministry and meet our needs!

February was exciting as a big yellow school bus drove up my driveway with 25 students from Lubbock Cooper High School who came to help me move my round pen under the arena and to do some much-needed fence work. I had the opportunity to share my testimony with them and talk about what God is doing with Saints Under Saddle. As a result, two of those students have now decided to come out this summer and volunteer. I sincerely thank Tommy Thompson and Kevyn Thompson for bringing their two classes out to help me accomplish so much. It was an amazing day and I'm so grateful for their help!





ONGOING NEEDS

As the ministry continues to grow, below are some of the ongoing needs for our ministry:

- Funding to put lights in the arena (we are investigating what it would cost)
- Funding to install large fans in the arena which are greatly needed in the summer months
- Funding for Bibles
- Funding for special events
- Ongoing expenses for our three ministry horses (hay, grain, vet bills, farrier costs, fence repair, tractor work for arena management, etc.)
- Miscellaneous expenses directly related to our ministry children and young adults (e.g. grieving bears, presents to bring hope and encouragement, etc.)

SPECIAL THANKS

I just want to say "thank you" for your love, encouragement, and gifts that have supported this ministry. As we are now in our second year, I never want to take for granted that **YOU** are the ones who made this ministry possible. You helped me have faith when the cost of the arena was overwhelming and I wondered if I really had the faith to believe in a miracle that God would provide. You've encouraged me at times when I became discouraged and heartbroken over the things that our ministry kids face each day and wondered if I was really making a difference. And your prayers have upheld not only me but every child/young adult's life that has been touched and transformed this past year! Thank you for your love and faithfulness!

Your gifts have provided a pathway to healing for hurting hearts.

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Matthew 19:26 "But Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, with men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible."