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Upcoming Events

MARCH 2021

– UGM Sessions begin

MAY 2021

– Annual Flower
Fundraiser!

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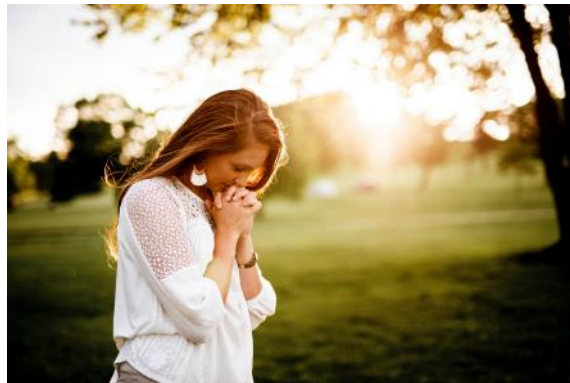
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The Power of Relationship

By Samantha Means



It’s been nearly one year since our nation shut down in response to COVID-19. States have responded in a variety of ways to the pandemic while mandates have been passed and new laws established in a flurry while people struggled to grab on to what is solid and true.

Many have found that things they thought they could depend on—a job, a home, general freedoms of America—are not as stable as they once believed.

At EMBRACE, our aim is to share the good news of Jesus Christ to those we serve. As we attempt to navigate the same trials as all of you, we’ve become even more convinced of the relevancy and necessity of Jesus Christ. Why?

Relationship with Jesus Christ provides us all with hope no matter what

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happens in this life. While we endure losses, disappointments, frustration, discouragement, and suffering, we cling to the hope that doesn't disappoint: a confident expectation of eternity.

As we grit our teeth at choices of some government leaders, we praise God that the ultimate Judge is good and true. While we wrestle with this pandemic's impact on our finances, we rest in knowing our loving Father gives us all that we need.

When we're hurt by the sinful choices of others, we remember that Jesus died to pay the penalty for our own sin against him, and we choose forgiveness. We're not experts in this area, but we're helped by the Holy Spirit who's given to all who have faith in and surrender their lives to Jesus Christ.

We never know when our time is up, and so we use this time to share the truth and the hope that we all cling to in every season: Jesus Christ died to give eternal life and it's a free gift to all who believe. Believe, confess, receive, and watch as your relationship with the King of kings turns your life into the greatest and most purposeful adventure you could have ever hoped for.

So we invite you, as we do with all those we see face-to-face, to get to know Jesus Christ. We're not talking about religion, but about relationship with the greatest man who ever lived, and the only man who ever raised Himself from the dead. He's alive, and He's inviting you to follow Him.

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Every penny matters to our ministry, so when you make those orders on Amazon, just type smile.amazon.com and choose EMBRACE Equine Ministry as your nonprofit of choice to donate those pennies to!

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2021 Flower Basket Fundraiser!

100% of the proceeds go directly to EMBRACE Equine Ministry! Order them before they're gone at www.embraceequineministry.org

Pick up is TBD near Mothers Day at 3114 E Sable Ct. Athol Idaho 83801

\$35 each
YOU PICK your hanging basket!

Accepting cash, check and now VENMO!

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In 2021 **YOU ARE NEEDED**

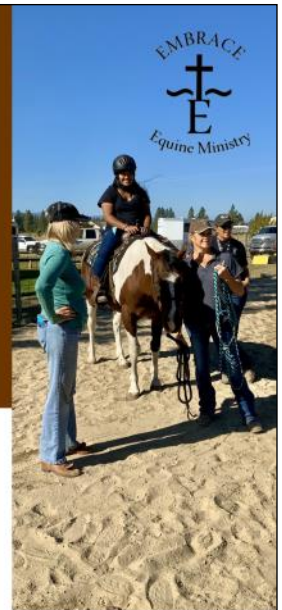
TUESDAYS - DAYBREAK YOUTH SERVICES
NOON - 4PM

THURSDAYS - UGM & HRC
NOON - 4PM

OCCASIONAL SATURDAY - CHILDREN'S VILLAGE OF CDA
1PM - 4PM

WE NEED: HORSE SESSION LEADERS, CRAFT LEADERS (CRAFTS AND SUPPLIES PROVIDED) AND CHILDCARE.

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GOLDEN MOMENT

Each month we'll feature a photo that stood out from one of our sessions

"Eternal Prize"



Jayne and Dixie enjoy Alexis' discovery of the prize in "eternity" | 2021, Chris Halloway © EMBRACE



Madeline Loren and Ed at the EMBRACE Retreat in Montana | 2020, Chris Holloway © EMBRACE

MADELINE LOREN

Quarterly Volunteer

Madeline has been a volunteer with EMBRACE since 2020 and in the last year she has blessed our ministry with her peaceful presence as a horse session leader with her partner Ed.

Additionally, Madeline has provided many innovative ideas for growth and development for the ministry, including being the spearhead for our first major invitation-only fundraiser coming in the fall. Madeline works as a full-time real estate agent serving both Idaho and Washington, serves on the worship team at her church and makes time every Tuesday to bless EMBRACE and those we serve. Thank you Madeline!

DEBORAH'S TESTIMONY

“I’ve known most of these women for at least five years and over the last five years of being a part of their heart, I have seen so many transformations. This is not just about overcoming fear and learning to trust God. It’s about empowering women to be confident in who they are and in who God has called them to be and created them to be. They are so passionate about helping women overcome the traumas and the past hurts in their lives so that they can fully embrace who they have been created to be. God has a plan and a purpose for each and every one of us and sometimes we have to dig deep to find out what that is. These beautiful and amazing women help people do that. I love them and I trust them. They are incredibly beautiful.”



Deborah Lynn, 2019 © EMBRACE

SESSION SNEAK PEAK...

“WHO DO YOU WALK WITH?”



L to R: Friday, Madeline, Satori, Bri, and Renae | 2021,
Chris Holloway © EMBRACE

Each of EMBRACE's sessions has what we call a "springboard" that sets the stage for how the session will unfold. We never know how the horse activity will impact our participants, or what kind of insights our participants will receive, but it's always a beautiful and God-glorifying experience.

Primary Scripture:

“Become wise by walking with the wise. Hang out with fools and watch your life fall to pieces.”
- Proverbs 13:20

Horse Activity:

Part 1: Start out with two riders and leaders per horse. One participant mounts the horse bareback, then tries to help the other person onto the horse.

Next have the person on the ground try to pull the person on the horse off the horse, rider cannot hold on to any tack to aid staying on. Once the rider is off switch positions and do it again.

Part 2: Do the same activity, but this time give the participants counsel and advice as to an easier way to get on the horse. Provide assistance in tools, a leg up, etc.

After both participants are mounted, have one get down and try to pull the other off. This time, the session leaders can defend the rider and help her stay on the horse.

Note to the session leaders: be prepared to laugh!



L to R: Jayne, Alexis, Samantha, and Kylie | 2021, Chris Holloway © EMBRACE

We ask the participants: was it easier to pull someone up, or pull them down? What about the second time around when you had help getting up, and had someone defending you so you couldn't get pulled down?

It's always easier to pull people down, but when we surrender our lives to Jesus Christ, even when the world tries to pull us down, we have a defender in the Holy Spirit and in our fellow believers to help us stay in the saddle.