

All The King's Horses CHILDREN'S RANCH

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A blessed Labor Day weekend



A big shout out to Pastor Tim Thacker and his congregants from Broken Arrow Baptist Church in Cochise County's outlying area of Pearce, Arizona. They delivered two pews to us from our friends, the Jones; thank you, Kim and Nancy! Those pews are beautiful and comfortable. One is setting on the Palomino porch, the other on the El Caballo Blanco porch.

The whole group was busy Saturday August 30, 2019, spending their Labor day weekend laboring and serving The Children's Ranch. These 20 folks arrived just before 7:00 a.m. and worked non-stop for four hours! That is a total of 80 man hours. If I had worked hard outside for two hours a day, that would have taken me 40 days to complete! And even longer than that, because my pace could not equal these strapping youth's.



Besides all the work, they refused to let The Children's Ranch prepare a meal for them. So at 11:15 a.m., in rolled Pastor Tim's wife, Lisa, with food she'd already prepared. The group cleaned up, unloaded the ice chests and set up the lunch, ate, then cleaned it all up. As goodbye's were starting, Lisa cried out, "Just a minute. Everyone to the sign so I can take a picture!" The banner picture is the result of Lisa's photo-taking.

My heart rejoiced the whole day with the blessing these souls were to the ongoing upkeep of the acreage. Seeing all ages coming together for a time of hard, hot work is a humbling and awe-inspiring thing. Even my conversation with the two pre-teens who were busy making friends with a praying mantis was soul-stirring for me. Trees were trimmed, the fence was painted, the barn cleaned up, various heavy-lifting jobs completed, a trip or two to the city dump ... what an incredible amount of work done in that four hours! And completed before the most intense heat of the day. Thank You, Jesus.



When the teens were painting the fence, I remarked, *“Many times over the months, I’ve prayed, ‘Lord please send someone to paint the fence’, and here you are! You are answer to prayer!”* After a moment of no response, I added, *“Maybe you’re not impressed with being an answer to prayer. But I am impressed to see you here. Thank you so much!”*



And my dear, dear Lord
– Thank You!

***Exodus 35:35
Them hath he filled with
wisdom of heart, to
work all manner of work***

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