

1. **February in Review**
2. **30 Wheelchairs for Haiti**
3. **Operation Welcome Home**
4. **Red Barn Remodel**
5. **Helping Hands Needed**
6. **CrossRoads Horse Ministry at Castner Riding Arena**
7. **Calendar**

1). **February in Review:** February 2010 will go down as our busiest February on record...126 cars parked in our parking lots on February 20th...1450 people from the following groups spent time at Ironwood in February: Rockpoint Church, Quilters Quarters, All in Stitches, Pine Needles, North Heights Lutheran, Crossroads College, Saylorville Baptist, Scout Troops, Prairie Lakes from Northern Iowa, Key Clubs, Ryan-Friesen Wedding, Happy Trails, Hope summit, Outback Steakhouse, Emmanuel Covenant Church and New Creation Church youth.

SNOTUBING: 65 different outside groups came tubing totaling more than 2093 people, plus many other folks just dropped in.

PANCAKE SUPPER: We served about 400 people and raised \$3500 at this annual event.

Online Charitable Giving: Our website www.ironwoodsprings.com is secure for charitable giving through PayPal. Marlin Hofer with Edward Jones is also working with Ironwood in the area of charitable giving (Marlin.hofer@edwardjones.com or 507-288-5472).

LAWSUIT: This is regarding the woman who slipped on the ice five years ago. She chose to sue the ranch rather than her insurance company. We lost that trial and now we are counter-suing her insurance company to recover some of this huge loss. On March 15th our lawyer will present our case to a judge and she will determine whether or not this case will go to trial. Pray for this decision.

Camp Needs: Six picnic tables, six 60" round tables for the Miracle Lodge, pony harness for a llama.

NEW: A nine-station Frisbee Golf.

February Donors: Cornerstone Baptist of Mesquite, TX, Scott and Deysi Forsberg, Dean and Jackie Harder, New Beginnings in Christ Church, Mike and Luann Olson, Crosswinds Church, Larry Larson, Scott Rieke, Kelly King, Steven Timberross, Teigen Paper Supply, Theolyn Price, Caledonia United Methodist Women, Nancy Miyasato-Kaya, Tubby Smith, Deb Scheide, John and Jodene Avant, Boyd and Lois Brue, Canadian Honker Restaurant, Robyn Anderson, Wal-Mart Foundation, Eastwood Bank, Vic and Peggy Ching, LaVerne Boe, Jeanne Bardwell, Lighthouse Community Church, February donations totaled: \$27,611.91

2). **Wheelchairs for Haiti: Keep the wheelchair drive alive!** 30 chairs so far; 70 to go! I plan to have 100 wheelchairs collected by mid-June in time for the wheelchair sports camp. Agencies involved: Salvation Army, SCORE International (Serving Christ Our Redeemer Enterprises-Chattanooga, TN), Baptist Haiti Mission, EFCA Touch Global, and the National Guard.

FUNDS NEEDED: We will need funding to send these chairs to Haiti. Donations received for this mission so far: North Heights Lutheran Youth, Tubby Smith Enterprises, and Joe Powers. When sending checks or using credit cards; please indicate Wheelchairs for Haiti. If you could be a "drop site" for chairs in your community, let me know! Dave Kiley is collecting on the east coast, Craig Blanchette on the west coast and Sharpening Iron in Duluth. Shipping will be sometime this

summer or whenever agencies/hospitals or missions need them. Chairs should be in good condition.

3).Operation Welcome Home! Our three 2010 retreats are filling to overflowing. 25 couples have signed up for April 30-May 2. Several soldiers registered while still in Iraq, not wanting to miss out on this retreat! We are privileged to serve our soldiers and happy to give back to them our gratitude, appreciation, and God's Love.

\$275 sponsors a couple. To date we have 14 couples sponsored. Eleven more sponsors are needed. We encourage sponsors to come Saturday evening (May 1st) to decorate a table and help serve the candlelight dinner. We always look forward to the ladies from "Quilts of Valor" bringing quilts for each of the soldiers. Pray for Chaplain Morris and the programming staff. We have a color flyer available if you would like to help promote this retreat. Contact Steve, Miracle Lodge manager, at Steve@ironwoodsprings.com or 507 533 6007 to get involved.

WOUNDED WARROR weekend ☐ **May 14-16:** We are opening up this weekend to anyone with a disability.

4).The Remodel of the Red Barn. As weather warms up we are anxious to get started. Our plan is to renovate the box stalls, feed and saddle rooms into meeting space and new siding on the outside. We have the sawn lumber drying and will be ready for volunteer help this spring! Consider planning a mission trip to Ironwood to work on the barn. Should be fun!!

5). Helping Hands: March 29-April 6. This is the week designated for MIRACLE LODGE spring cleaning. We want to move beds, vacuum, wash windows, deep clean, etc. If you can spare a couple hours, bring a friend or group, we will provide meals. Call Steve 533 6007 or Steve@ironwoodsprings.com

6). CrossRoads Horse Ministry at Castner Riding Arena - Saturday April 3rd, 4pm - Admission is a freewill offering: Watch as BJ takes a young colt from wild rebellion to trusting submission as he develops a relationship with the horse. Listen as he explains the relationship between the trainer and the horse and how it parallels to our relationship to Jesus Christ. Learn why the horse begins to trust as BJ rides him for the first time. As you witness this awesome display of grace and trust, you will learn how it applies to your own life and your relationship with our Lord. Whether you are a believer and fully committed to Christ or in a stage of rebellion...CrossRoads Horse Ministry will touch your heart and soul; bringing you even closer to God's love. Visit their website...www.crossroadshorseministry.com

7) Calendar:

- | | |
|-------------------------------|---|
| * Apr 23-25 th | 3 rd Annual Turkey Hunt for disabled individuals |
| * May 13th | 26th Annual BENEFIT AUCTION ☐ you can make your donations now. |
| * May 14-16 th | Wounded Warrior Weekend with turkey hunt |
| * May 28-31 st | Memorial Day weekend and cookout |
| * MIRACLES HAPPEN FESTIVAL II | July 30, 31-August 1. |

www.GoodSearch.com : Thank you for using this Good Search engine.

Spreading JOY- changing lives
Bob Bardwell
www.ironwoodsprings.com
www.miracletodge.com