

The Nice News

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Greetings! I am enjoying sunshine and fresh snow on the mountains as I look out my office window. The winter always brings rest and time together as a family. With the busyness of summer at camp, we always look forward to winter time where things slow down and it is nice to spend time at home by a warm fire. The new year brought a full schedule and a chance to minister to guest groups again. Camp has been full every weekend since the beginning of January which is a huge blessing. Within the past 2 months, we hosted 2 winter camps as well. One for high school students and one for junior high students. It was a great time to catch up with some campers and spend time together playing and worshipping the Lord. During the jr. high retreat, campers were challenged to look at their own sin in comparison to the holiness and glory of God. The high school students were challenged in the book of Luke to notice what happens when Jesus comes around. Camp is blessed to have a bunch of speakers who love the Lord and desire to teach young people about who He is!



We will continue our full schedule this Spring with more church groups and another retreat that we are hosting for our 3rd to 6th grade campers. On May 5th there will be a 5K race at camp along with a time to celebrate the Lord's faithfulness as we break ground for our new facility. It has been exciting to see the money come in and plans come together for this project. Along with getting ready for our weekend groups, I spend a lot of my time in the office getting ready for the summer; hiring staff, planning camp, finding speakers, etc. Spring brings a lot of excitement as we look forward to the summer!





We feel incredibly blessed to be expecting another baby in the end of July. We know that children are a good gift from the Lord and we anticipate this addition to our family with much excitement. We ask that you join us in prayer for a healthy pregnancy and baby as well as parenting Abram and Naomi and soon this little one. I (Amanda) am so grateful to be able to stay home with the kids and enjoy every minute of this short time that they are little. There is no room in the day for boredom and we are very much looking forward to the day where we have green grass and can run around outside all day long.

This April will be 4 years since we moved to camp. Our family has been so blessed to be a part of Big Sky and to continually see how the Lord provides all of our needs. One of those ways He has provided is through those who support us financially. Amanda and I are overwhelmed by the support we have received from people and want to thank you for giving us the chance to serve here. We are often asked what the best way is for people to support us in that way. If you would like to support us financially you can go to www.bcmintl.org. BCM International is Big Sky's parent organization and they handle all of our support. We are thankful for the work they do to help out camp and us. One thing that we have struggled with over the years is knowing how best to stay in contact with and get people involved in our ministry here. A simple way for people to be involved is through prayer. Think about how often prayer is talked about in the Bible. Jesus was constantly finding a quiet place to pray. Paul opens his letters to the churches by saying he is praying for them. It is important to us that our ministry is covered in prayer. Each month, Amanda and I will plan to send out a prayer letter through email that briefly shares what you can be praying for. We also want this to go both ways and have you share how our family can be praying for you. If you would like to receive these monthly emails, please email us at ranice420@gmail.com and we will add you to our list.

