

# Broken Arrow Youth Ranch

Helping youth love God, love themselves and love others. Helping families heal and grow.

2020 FALL/WINTER NEWSLETTER

## Rest.Relax.Retreat

Our ranch log home has been converted into a Retreat Centre for anyone looking to get away for some R & R. It offers a beautifully rustic, peaceful place to reconnect with loved ones or get away for some quiet time with God. It offers a COVID19-friendly, socially distant environment. Visitors to the Retreat Centre need only bring their own food.

## Looking to Serve

Broken Arrow Youth Ranch continues to welcome individuals, couples, or church groups who would like the opportunity to serve at a local Saskatchewan mission. Our grandparent position has been vacant for the past two years. We welcome couples over the age of 55 who are financially independent and willing to come and spend a month or so in this capacity. If you are looking for a way to serve at Broken Arrow, come be a grandparent! You can also serve as an extended family member to our Broken Arrow Ranch students and family. Please contact us if you are interested in serving in any way.

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## A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO, TODD MOROZ

2019 - 2020 has proven to be extraordinary in many ways! It's hard to believe we are already on the verge of our 2020 annual meeting. The fiscal year for Broken Arrow Youth Ranch begins on July 1st and ends on June 30th. Many of you will remember an urgent request we sent in July 2019 informing you that we were \$80,000 in debt including bills and salaries that were unpaid. As we entered 2020 COVID quickly became a reality that continues to deeply impact all of us in numerous ways. Last November, along with our board, we adopted a strategy to eradicate our debt. By God's incredible grace, we are so grateful to announce that our debt currently sits at only \$4,700. We thank and praise HIM for the generosity of so many who have given sacrificially even in these difficult times! It continues to be our desire to build up our monthly donor base in order to cover at least ¾'s of our salary budget and be able to hire much needed house parents. Right now we have the equivalent of 298 \$25/month donors. Some have joined on as new monthly partners while others have increased their monthly donations to become \$25/month or more partners. Every little bit helps and we are so very grateful!

With Christmas fast approaching we are faced with greater restrictions. Isolation

from loved ones will make it difficult for everyone. We have truly missed not being able to fellowship face to face with many of you. One real blessing is that a number of you have been taking advantage of retreating here at Broken Arrow. Some have come alone for a personal retreat, others have come to enjoy family time and still others have come with a friend or two. The wide open spaces here provide lot of room for social distancing and fresh air. Our log house is fully furnished so guests just bring their groceries and make themselves at home. Please consider us if you would like to get away to rest, relax, refresh and reflect.

As we enter the advent season, may your hearts and homes be filled with peace from the Prince of Peace Himself. In the midst of uncertainty may we rest absolutely certain in the truth that our Lord is in control and His plans and purposes are perfect. Immanuel lying in the manger that first Christmas night is proof. **"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. He will reign on David's throne and over His kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever" Isaiah 9:6-7.** May the Lord bless and keep you all. In Christ,

*Todd Moroz*

## Administrative Director, Lara Moroz

As we prepare another newsletter, it is a time to reflect on God's goodness and our blessings that we have received from so many supporters. We want to say thank you from the bottom of our hearts to our faithful monthly supporters and those who support us at different times throughout the year. Thank you to everyone who participated in Bushels for Broken Arrow this year. Crops were seeded at 5 different locations. Winter feed has been supplied: round hay and grain bales to feed our cattle as well as small hay and straw squares to feed our small critters. Thank you to those who have donated fencing supplies, barb wire and posts. The ranch completed a major fencing project this fall on our perimeter fences and we are thankful to all who contributed. We have had gravel on our wish list for some time! Thank you to Jeremy Pituley who generously delivered several loads of gravel for our yard and roadways. We received donation of a stock trailer this fall which allowed us to haul some of our own calves to market.

We are beyond grateful for all of you who make up the Broken Arrow Ranch family. You are all a blessing to each of us in this ministry. You are helping families heal and grow. Thank you so much for being generous givers!

As the year 2020 draws to a close I want to make sure that we have your updated addresses in order to mail receipts in the new year. Please call or email me to update your information at (306) 266-2032. *Lara*

# Harvest at Broken Arrow Youth Ranch

*Some plant, some water, some harvest: but God causes all things to grow!*



**Some Harvest.** We are beyond thankful to the faithful farmers who harvested *Bushels for Broken Arrow* this fall: Happy Acres Farm, Limerick; Mackenzie Farms, North Portal; Petruic Farms, Avonlea; and Lievaart Farms, Outram. Special thanks to Straza Farms for the use of their land roller and to Lyle & Gina Stewart for harvesting our crop at Wood Mountain and supplying all the equipment. It was a proud moment as we watched our former student, Thomas K. pull onto the field to swath our crop!

## Horsemanship

The 2020 Horsemanship sessions have been really enjoyable for us! Our ranch student has grown tremendously and gained insight about horses, other people and himself. His motivation, good nature and dedication to becoming a true horseman has been a breath of fresh air. He has learned many valuable life lessons this season:

1. The ability to express oneself clearly, confidently and with respect, while listening intently
  2. True understanding of patience; with challenging situations with others and with self
  3. The skills to make a mental plan, while being flexible and ready with plan B or C
  4. To use creative thinking to problem solve and overcome obstacles, step by step
  5. The maturity to find value in failure; to dig deep to find the courage to keep trying, while letting go of things that immobilize and pull us down
  6. The confidence, kindness and calmness to prove to a horse that one is worthy to be trusted and depended upon for his safety and with his heart.
- Our student has proven to be a talented rider and a gifted horseman-in-the-making.

In closing, we extend to him our most sincere good wishes and all the Lord's best in the years to come. God Bless you all and may you experience a deeper, more intimate Christmas than ever before. God is waiting with His unending supply of peace, comfort and joy. With love and thanks,

*Jill and Cal Jackson*

# Student Success Story

"Broken Arrow Youth Ranch was a life-changing experience for me." TK



Have I not commanded you?  
Be strong and courageous.  
Do not be terrified;  
Do not be discouraged,  
for the LORD your God will be with  
you wherever you go. *Joshua 1:9 (NIV)*



**CATCHING UP WITH A FORMER STUDENT** Nothing fills our hearts with more joy than hearing of what God has done in the lives of our students! Recently Todd had the privilege of catching up with a former student, Thomas Kuksuk (TK). Tom lived at Broken Arrow from Sept. 2013 – July, 2016. From Broken Arrow, he and his mother Bonnie and two brothers moved to Assiniboia. He attended school for one year at ACHS. In fall of his grade 10 year he decided to move in with the Stewart Family and attend Rockglen School. Tom achieved his goal of earning his Grade 12! He graduated with the Class of 2020 from Rockglen High School. He is now attending YWAM, Youth With A Mission, at the Global Prayer House Missions Base in Medicine Hat, AB.

TODD: Can you describe a little bit of what it was like when you first came to Broken Arrow? TK: **It was 7 years ago and I was 11 years old. I was pretty quiet. At times it was scary because I wasn't quite used to the culture change and I was missing family. I was lonely at times also.** TODD: Where was home for you? TK: **I was raised at Arviat, Nunavut and born in Churchill, Manitoba. The weather was so different. The lifestyle was too.** TODD: As you think back over your time at Broken Arrow, what is one thing you have learned that you apply to your life today? TK: **Getting up in the morning, LOL... and doing daily chores, such as feeding the calves, and going to pick up the eggs in the chicken coop in time to get picked up by the bus for school. I wasn't used to getting up in the morning! Setting my alarm has been a good habit for me to make.** TODD: How is that working out in Medicine Hat? Have you been getting to school on time? TK: **Pretty good, LOL ...today I was a bit late because my report was due and I was working on that.** TODD: Broken Arrow describes itself as one big family helping other families. How have you experienced this since moving off of Broken Arrow in 2016? TK: **It was quite an adventure. We saw growth in our family. I stayed in contact - I got help when I needed it. Looking back, I am the only member of the Kuksuk family to get my grade 12 and that is amazing to think about.** TODD: You ended up moving to another ranch with Broken Arrow family members? How was that? TK: **Yes, I lived with Lyle and Gina Stewart and finished my high school. It is awesome being apart of their family!** TODD: Part of the Broken Arrow mission is to help youth love God, love themselves and love others. How have you seen this grow and develop in your own life? TK: **That has been so life-changing. At first I didn't quite understand it at the age of 11. At the age of 12, I decided to get baptized. With the help of the people at Broken Arrow my faith grew stronger.** TODD: Part of it is learning to love ourselves. How have you been learning to love yourself as God created you to be? TK: **One thing I learned is that without the love of God I wouldn't be able to love who I am. There is so much revelation in loving God and being able to put that love towards others and myself.** TODD: Right now you are currently in a study program. Can you tell us a bit about that? TK: **I am going to YWAM in Medicine Hat. It is a 5-month program where you go through a school called Discipleship Training School for 3 months then a 2 month outreach helping others. So far this year there is 6 students. Some schools have over 30.** TODD: Has the school decided where you are going for your outreach program? TK: **That is still in the works. We will be going someplace in Canada. Usually we would go overseas to a 3rd world country but with COVID, we will be doing something in Canada. We will still go out and help others and share the love of God with them. I am excited for that!** TODD: Sounds exciting. I bet the time is flying by! TK: **Yes! I have already been here 2 months and each day is closer to when we will be going on our outreach. I am excited yet nervous. Mostly excited to experience all this.** TODD: We are excited for you Tom. One last question. What are some ways the Broken Arrow family can pray for you and continue to support you in these days? TK: **Pray for courage for me in the next steps. I have been reminded by the Holy Spirit of Joshua 1:9.** TODD: How about ways of support? Texts, cards etc. TK: **There's been lots of financial support and some encouraging texts, calls and emails.** TODD: What a blessing to see how God prompts people to give. TK: **God certainly does provide.** TODD: He is *Jehovah Jireh*, our provider. It has been a pleasure to hear your voice and I am thrilled how God is working in your heart and I know he has the perfect place plan for you.

**TK: Thank you so much!** To continue following Thomas on his journey, you can find him on INSTAGRAM with YWAM PURSUIT INTERNSHIP #ywampursuitinternship. Join us in praying for Tom. that God grant him courage and strength as he prepares to go share the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ. ✨

## A Message from our Board of Directors



Mark Elford, Board Chair

### Ranch Wish List

- **Grain Bin (s)**
- **Roll-up Door 12'x12'**
- **Cattle Squeeze Chute**
- **Carpenter to install backsplash & tile**
- **12 sheets gyprock**

### Program Director, Gina Stewart

The harvest season is one of beauty, filled with the fruit of one's labors and God's provision. Our student and I are continuing to study how God wants us to really love one another. What does *real* love (God's love) look like, act like and sound like? We recently completed our study of Andy Stanley's *Christian, It's not what you think*. This teaching challenged us to look at how Jesus first loved us: while we were still sinners (Rom. 5:8).

As His followers, He calls *us* to love one another in that very same way (John 13:34-35) What does love require of you and I today, right now, in this moment? My hope is that you and I will shine as stars in a dark world. Let us love one another with God's supernatural love: bringing healing to the broken-hearted and restoring hope to the hopeless. May you all experience God's abounding love, joy and peace this Christmas season. *Gina*

What a fall!! Being as where I live, I am faced with the realities of weather, and associated challenges. This summer, at the Elford Ranch, we had challenges at one location with livestock water, and it brings to mind that there is very little that we can control. Without a reliance on our Heavenly Father our lives can be in chaos. We can trust Him to have our best interest at heart. I am reminded of the words of Paul when he writes these words, "*All things work together for good to those who love God and are called according to His purpose*" (Romans 8:28). It is important to remember that "Our ways are not His ways", and what may be for our good, may not be our hearts desire.

This past fall I had the opportunity to have a client from Broken Arrow, a young man, come and work alongside me. It was a time of getting to know this young man, and let him experience some things in a different location. I have been blessed by the opportunity to have input in this young man's life. It cemented in my mind that our main priority at the ministry of Broken Arrow, is to share the Lord. I am convinced that if our clients, regardless of age, come to know Him, that foundational piece will help in all aspects of their future.

We are a ministry. As followers of Jesus we are all involved in ministry in one form or another. A little over a year ago one of my friends had a neighbour show up in his yard. This is a man my friend has shared fence with and lived in the same community for many years. When my friend asked the reason for the visit, his neighbour replied, "I've been watching you, and I want you to baptize me." I share this to say that our mission field begins right at home. We don't have to travel around the world to do the right thing, and follow Jesus' words of loving God and loving our neighbour, or teaching people to be followers of Jesus – using words when we have to.

Broken Arrow has a specific mission that is, "Helping Families Heal and Grow". That mission is led by the words of Jesus, loving God and loving our neighbour. Of course at Broken Arrow specific programming is in place and administered by the staff. We, the board, are thankful for the staff that administer the programming at Broken Arrow, and commend them for their loyalty and dedication. I would ask that you would join us in adding Broken Arrow and the staff to your daily prayer sheet.

In the coming weeks, depending on COVID restrictions the board and management will be looking to the future: short and long term goals in a Strategic Planning session. Our board is very grounded in reality, and I look forward to spending that time with them, working out a plan for the next few years. Until next time, I respectfully submit,


*Mark Elford*

## A Heartfelt Thank You

### from our former student, Thomas

Thank you to my Broken Arrow Youth Ranch family. I think of Todd and Lara, Rick and Maureen, Barry and Ruth, Daniel and Jen, Lyle and Gina. Thank you for all teaching me education I needed, good habits made and operating all of these in love! Teaching me to love myself, others and most importantly God! Because He *FIRST* loved us, we can love those around us and those who need it!

Thank you to my church family. I think of Lionel, Connie, Cal, Jill, Clint, Dawn and all those who came to show me the love of God and showed me how to worship God all TOGETHER! To my Saskatchewan Family. I think of Lyle and Gina, Emily, Brooke and Ross and all the rest!! Lyle, thank you for equipping and teaching me to honour others both in the good and hard times! Teaching me the equipment around farming and ranching! It's hard to have patience when the cows are out when there not supposed to be, but, yet we can operate in love and thank you for teaching me that! Momma G, one of many who took the role of being my mom in SK. Thank you for showing me the love of God through all the hard work around the house, through worship, through your passion to help in my schooling!

I can't believe seven years passed so quickly, but these years with my Broken Arrow family, Church family and Saskatchewan family has taken me where I truly believe God wants me to be! So thank you so much for equipping me to become the young man God sees and wants me to be!  *Thomas*