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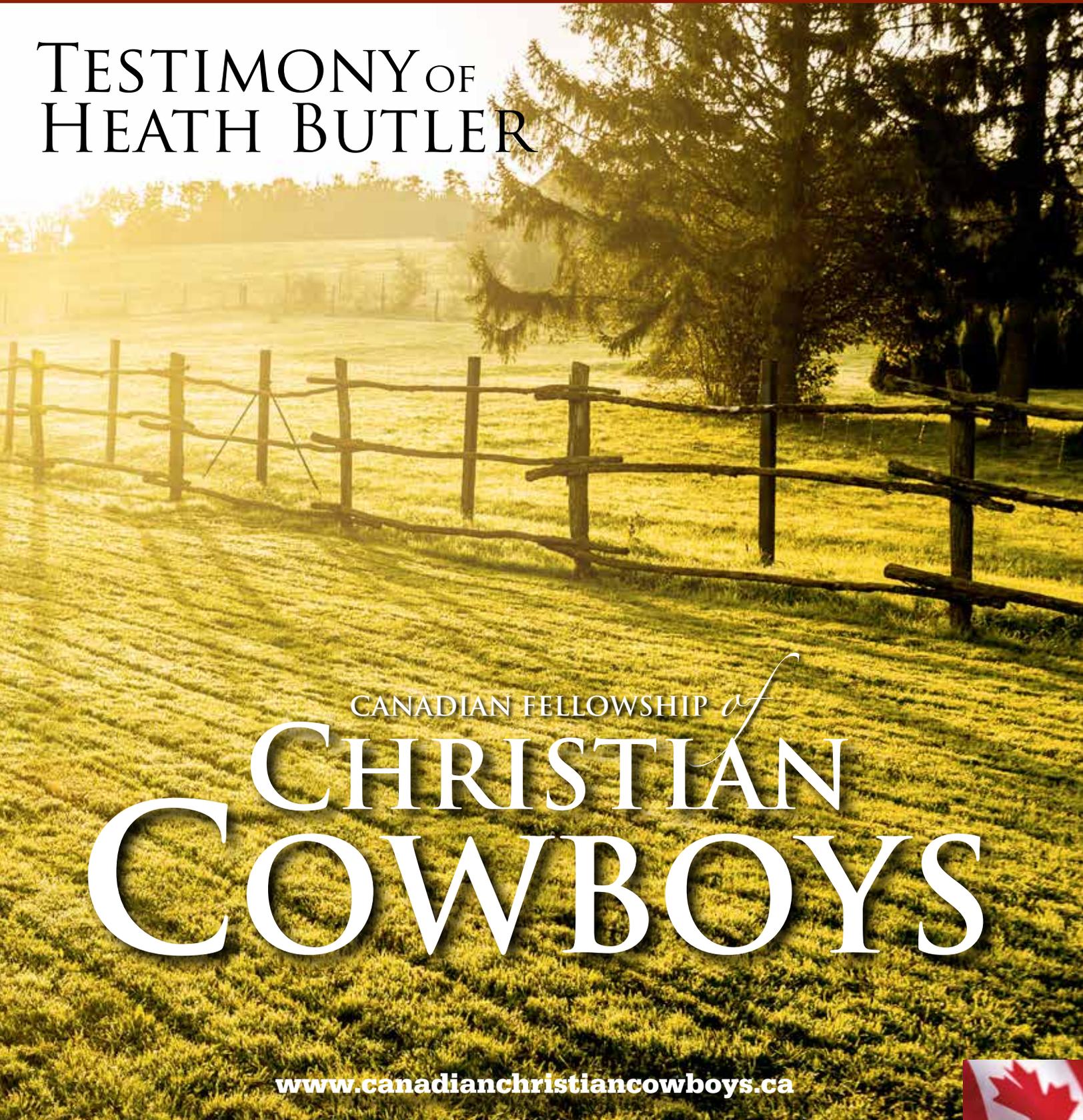
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Anchor J Ranch Free Team Roping School - August 20, 2016

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If you've prayed this prayer, please contact anyone listed on the Directory at the back. We would love to pray with you and send you a free Cowboy Bible and some literature to help you get started on this exciting journey."

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TESTIMONY: OF HEATH BUTLER

BY HEATH BUTLER

Heath and Becca Butler recently joined our team of directors in the Manitoba chapter of Christian Cowboys. They live along with their 6 children in Roblin, MB, where they are bi-vocational pastors in the Roblin Free Methodist Church. They also work together with a neighbour, running about 200 cow/calf pairs. Heath originally moved up to Roblin to work in a PMU barn, and it was through that PMU barn that God lead Heath into ministry. When asked to share something for the magazine, he offered this story.

A few years back we had a horse we were keeping at our place for a friend. It wasn't the best mannered horse, kind of hard to catch, and just didn't seem to like people much. That being said it was sure a pretty horse, jet black, well put together and a real nice mover. I kind of developed a love, hate relationship with that horse. I loved to watch him move, but any time we had to do anything with him, well you know it was a task. Turns out, one morning I went out to do chores and that good looking black horse was missing. They were in a small pasture at that time, about five acres tops, but hilly. I couldn't find him at first glance, but as I went looking over the hill, here is that black gelding just standing there, right where the fence should be. You guessed it, he had gotten himself all hung up in the wire. Somehow he had managed to get half way over the top wire, and come down with it right between his front legs. That wire had cut him up real

good and at first glance I didn't think there was much hope for that horse. If I'm honest probably the only thing that saved him was that he was someone else's horse.

Not sure if you've guessed where I'm going with this, but as I look back that horse and the predicament it had gotten himself into, kind of mirrored my life. You see early on in my life my parents decided to start attending church and become followers of Jesus Christ, church played a part in my upbringing; I to made a commitment to follow Jesus, but something happened along the way. Before I realized it the best way to describe my life would be torn. I found myself riding the fence, with one foot inside Christianity, and another in whatever lane I felt I needed to pursue at the time. This straddling seemed to carry on into my adult years, even after I experienced the life changing, life transforming Grace of God. I still was struggling with something, I had a huge love for horses, and couldn't figure out how that fit into my relationship with God. It seemed like I just didn't have time for both. If I was pursuing one, the other was being left behind. The result was that for a season I walked away from the horses. I pursued Jesus with everything I had. Doors began to open. Friends and I began to experience God in ways we never thought possible, a passion for prayer exploded in us, a desire for His word, we just couldn't get enough of Him. The result was He changed each of us.

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Not to long into this amazing life of discovering God, doors to ministry began to open, and then God brought the most amazing woman into my life. In a real short time Becca and I found ourselves married expecting our first child, feeling like God was asking us to leave a church family we absolutely loved and also trying to figure out how to be pastors in a new group of people who would in a short time absolutely capture our hearts. It was a whirlwind to put it mildly.

The problem with all of this was that in the midst of all of these amazing blessings God was showering on me, I was trying to process everything, and at the same time wrestle down this growing feeling that I was not being myself. I would still feel guilty for this love I had for horses. For a time I would feel like I was even being unfaithful to God because of this passion. How do I find a balance between living in this world, with its passions and desires, and living for the next with Jesus Christ as the Lord of my life. The place I finally came to, the truth I feel I discovered is that there is no balance. I can't live life on the fence, just like that horse wouldn't have survived long in the middle of winter, in the predicament he was in. There was this irreconcilable tension in my life as long as my two passions were wrestling for the same position in my life. There was no peace. Horses are a love in my life and part of the way God has provided for my family however they are not and will never be the love of my life. That position is reserved for Jesus Christ. It seems for me once that revelation hit it was like being the colt who has just given. He will always be a horse and have a place among the other horses, but there is now this new relationship that seems to take precedence over all the others. This new relationship leads to life and purpose. I am now in a place where desires and abilities God has created me with can now have purpose and meaning. As His training in my life continues, I can start to be of use in His

kingdom. Things like my time spent with horses can now be made available to him to accomplish something for eternity. As these things grow in me I see it as God's healing, he is treating me in such a way as to produce something that can have a purpose.

We were able to cut that horse free of all that wire, and bring him in and treat him, it took a while, a lot of patience and perseverance but slowly that gash began to heal, six months later unless I told you and took your hand to rub it over the place of the cut you would have never known how close that horse came to death. As I think back on that horse I don't have to try too hard to recognize how trapped I've been at different times in my life, although I haven't wrestled with an addiction as some have, or an unexplained loss, or tragedy. I have faced trials of different kinds, hurts, disappointments, and the struggle to discover the truth. We face death each and every day, but Christ came that we might know life in abundance. His plan has never been to leave any one of us in that place of brokenness, but rather to free us from the fence and lead us to a place of healing and wholeness. A place of knowing His will for our lives and finding purpose within that will.

I suppose, seeing as how a situation like that is such a picture of God's intent for my life, it makes sense that one of my favourite sections of the entire bible is found in John 10, the story of the Good Shepherd. The invitation there to find abundant life, freedom in the presence of the shepherd, it kind of falls in line with that black horse and his struggle with the wire. It also falls in line with God's invitation to each one of us, an invitation to know the healer, the one who would set us free.

Here in Roblin we continue daily, to try and see that God remains in the centre, knowing that our future is in His hands alone.

Blessings;
Heath, Becca, Lael, Caleb, Micah, Bethany, Samara
& Daniel Butler

"We face death each and every day, but Christ came so that we might know life in abundance."

REPORT

FROM JOHN FITZHERBERT

HI FOLKS!

A lot of Southern Alberta is quite dry with no major rain at all, just showers. The grain crops look good. Hay is scarce and pastures are sure not what they could be. Another sign of a dry year is there are lots of gophers.

Several years ago four of us were having lunch in Lethbridge after Cowboy Church at the racetrack. Someone said we should have a pray for rain service, so I put an ad on our local radio station. The AG director of that station sent it to all the media in Western Canada. People from the radio and TV stations called me from as far away as Regina, some asked questions and gave encouragement and some put doubt on it. There were churches praying everywhere. I am not sure why it drew so much interest with the media. One lady from CBC said "You sound pretty confident. What will you do if it doesn't rain?" I asked her "Have you got a raincoat?" She said "No." I told her "Go get one!!!!"

That weekend I went to a Cowboy Camp meeting in Saskatchewan. I was driving home alone on the Sunday afternoon through that awful dry country between Medicine Hat and Brooks. I was having doubts, will the Lord hear our prayers and send rain? I was praying as I drove. Suddenly a big cloud rolled in from the west and the rain came down so hard I had to stop driving. A small voice came up inside of me and said "I can send rain whenever I want to." Wow! I knew then that He would send rain, not to make Christian Cowboys look good, but to bring relief to the dry thirsty land.

Eight days after we planned the Prayer for Rain we gathered in Claresholm at the Community Hall

with about two-hundred people, two TV stations and one radio station to cover our event. Four men played and sang praise to the Lord and three people read scripture and prayed. I didn't get in on much of it because the media kept me outside doing interviews. There was a light drizzle coming down, the CBC lady was there and her first question to me was "What are you going to do now it's raining?" I said "Pray." She asked "How much rain are you going to pray for?" I had not put a number on our prayers, so I was a bit off guard, but right away I said "Six inches." It started to rain that night and kept on for about two weeks off and on. When it stopped you guessed it, there was six inches of rain in my rain gauge. Praise The Lord! Many people called afterwards and thanked us for the rain. I told them we just just prayed, the Lord brought the rain. One rancher approached me in the the farm store and he said "Your rain dance didn't do me much good, I only got one inch." I said "That was not a rain dance. It was a prayer meeting. Where you there?" He said "No" I said "You should have been!" A farmer asked me last week if we are going to go to Claresholm again. I said "If we need to." I am praying that the Lord will send rain.

With summer holidays upon us so many people forget about their giving to ministries that they usually support as they go away from home on a vacation. That is not the case with this organization. Some of you folks give donations and give your tithes to the Christian Cowboys in the Province where you live. Here in Alberta I have looked after the money for a long time. Our God has always met our every need through you people giving as you have. Nobody gets paid on our management team, but we have expenses of advertising, trophies and this magazine. I know that you have blessed and will continue to be blessed, because it is a biblical principal.

**Till next time.
God's Blessings To You All
John FitzHerbert**

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

GREETINGS FROM MANITOBA

TERRY BAKER

Well the grass is greening up really nice around here; cows have been out to pasture for awhile and by the time your reading this, haying should be under way. The rodeo season has also started and I have been able to attend some of the local ones. Once again I was asked to pray for the graduating class of the MHSRA at their finals held in Selkirk.....what an honour and awesome opportunity to pray God's Blessing's into these kid's (or should I say, young adults) lives!

We were also invited to do a Cowboy Church and attend the awards banquet where we presented four Trophy Bibles. It's a real blessing to still be part of the MHSRA family even though its been six years since Katelynn graduated. The calendar is starting to fill up as more Cowboy Church services are being requested. Donna will try to keep you informed.

Our Western Weekend slated for July 8 -10, 2016 will have come and gone by time most of you read this, if not, you are most welcome to join us for some Western Family Fun!!!! Throughout the weekend we will be having a "Little Britches Rodeo, a "Working Cowboy Rodeo", and Paul Unrau will be back to do a Cow working/Horsemanship Clinic. Another new event will be "Pool Noodle Jousting" (costumes are encouraged). This should be very entertaining and a lot of fun. There will also be bonfires, music, cowboy church and children s activities and ministry (Ashley is back). More info and a complete list of events can be found on the website or contact us (Terry/Donna Baker). Look for a summary of the weekend and pictures in the next issue.

I am spending quite a bit of time, this summer riding for Dwayne at the McCreary Community Pasture. On a take in day, we had to move the cows from the corrals to make room for the new ones that were coming in. And of course it was raining.... a lot of rain!!!! When we got to were we were going, we discovered that the gates had been left open and as a result, around two-hundred heifers were out grazing anywhere but where they were supposed to be. The three of us divided up and each rode another field and the rain never let up. We didn't get back to the yard for lunch until 2 PM and I had to change just about everything I was wearing. After a quick bite, we were back out.....and yes it was still raining. The next morning, we awoke to (you guessed it) rain. As we were in the barn, getting the horses ready, I said to the boss (Dwayne), "You know according to the "Modern

Cowboy's Act", it's unconstitutional to make a cowboy ride in the rain for two days in a row". Well you know what, we rode in the rain again because around here there is no "Modern Cowboy Act" and the boss still calls the circle. We ride by the cowboy code; things like respect, never riding in front of the boss, never taking another s shot and being mindful of our manners.

The point I'm trying to make here is that the values of the churches are changing to accommodate the "modern world". Things that were once considered wrong in the churches (sins) are now OK, they are being accepted as the new normal. Isa 5:20 states, "Woe to those who call evil good and good evil." Isn't that the world we live in? I don't want to make a list.... just look around. John 17:17 clearly states that, "God's word is truth." Unfortunately, a lot of churches are having trouble with the truth of God's word and want to change it or preach it differently, when their focus should be on changing peoples lives to live up to God's word. They need to be teaching that "Jesus is the same Yesterday, Today and Forever" (Heb 13:8) and the everlasting truths of His word. But so many are exchanging these truths for a lie (Rom 1:25). We need to be the Christians Jesus has called us to be by making a stand for the never changing and everlasting truth of His word instead of allowing more and more of the world into our churches which causing us (the church) to compromise. The truth will set us free!!!

In my life there is no "Modern Day Acts" of any sort. First and foremost, I continue to trust in the Lord and firmly believe in the truths of His word. I also respect the boss and know He calls the circle.

"Blessed are all those who trust in the Lord"



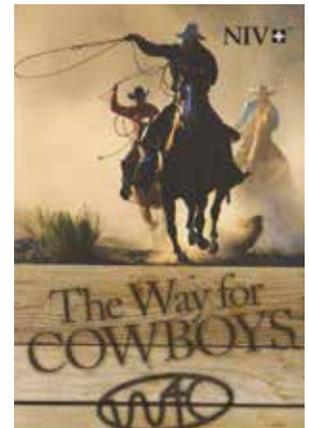


When I look time and again into the gospel writers' accounts of the person of Jesus, and listen to his living words, I ask myself, ... Have I fixed my time to do what Jesus asks of me?... Have I set my heart, my mind and my will to do the things he says I must do? ... I have found that when I obey Christ I experience in that very moment of doing, I know in my spirit what he says is absolutely true, and, I also realize that he said it because it was true; like him ... I also found that if I do not do what he asks of me, I cannot know him more. Then I remember, "Why do you call me Lord, Lord and ye do not the things which I say?" -Luke 6:46

I am learning that it is only in 'doing-obedience' that I experience who he truly is and who we truly are in relationship to him as children of God. This doing, I believe is what 'believing' in God is, and this is far beyond believing about God. I understand this to be the greatest need any human heart possesses, and although a person may not realize this, it truly is, the heart's greatest need.

Come to him with obedience saying, "Lord help me to obey you and tell me what I have got to do". Then, turn to the New Testament, look into his words and set yourself to do them.

SEEING DAYLIGHT



Acts 15:9 To God, those people are not different from us. When they believed, god made their hearts pure.

Do you see 'different people' the way God does? How 'pure' is your own heart?

Pray to him to help you, to give you light, then you will know that his light and life has begun to grow in you, and whatever is depressing you is beginning to fade ... You will see daylight knowing God's closeness and enjoy his perfect peace and his rest.

Yes, you are always going to be tempted to run your own life. Don't do it! Commit yourself to him and he will fulfill the desires of your heart and you will be the person God designed you to be when he first thought of you. Do the things that he wants you to do and you will be in for the greatest adventure of your life, far beyond what you can imagine.

It's like coming home.

"Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen"
Ephesians 3:20, 21
Adios, JM

The Benefits of Giving

by John FitzHerbert

2 Tim 1:17 For God has not given to us a spirit of fear but the power and love and of a sound mind. I wrote about this verse in the last two issues, just on the subject of fear. I am sure done with that, but will go on to the second one. That is power. Power to do what? The Lord showed His great power in Exodus by putting all the plagues on the people of Egypt finally drowning the Egyptian army in the Red Sea while the Hebrew children crossed over on dry land. He showed that He had power over the weather when he sent hail. He had power over all the creatures He created when He brought frogs, locust, and gnats upon the Egyptians. He showed His power over life and death when He killed the cattle and lastly all the first born of the people and the cattle of Egypt. God is a spiritual being so we must assume it was a spiritual force that caused these physical things to happen. I believe it still works that way today. Matt 28:18 – All authority (power) has been given to me in Heaven and on earth. Matt 28:19 - Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and The Son and The Holy Spirit. Jesus just transferred this power to us to win souls to Himself. When we are born again and filled with the Spirit we can have this awesome power within us to do as Jesus did.

I went to a tractor pull in June and no tractor made after 1960 could pull. You would think that the tractor with the most horsepower would win. Not so It was the tractor that put the power on the ground through the right tires and proper weights that won the pull. I thought that is just how it is with us. God gave this power to make disciples, but many of us don't do it because we don't know how because we don't know what the Bible says about doing it. In short we don't Know The Word.

Luke 24:49 – Behold I send the promise of My Father upon you: but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high. This was the words Jesus spoke to His disciples just before He went to Heaven, that they were to wait for the Holy Spirit to be poured out on them before they went to do the things they saw Jesus do. We know what happened. They were baptized with the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost, not only twelve disciples but one hundred and twenty people who were there received that power. As we read through the book of Acts we see what happened as thousands were born again. Some healed of sickness, prison doors were opened and miracles happened. Here again we see spiritual power making physical things happen. John 14:12 – Truly Truly I say to you, he who believes in Me, that works that I do shall he do also: and greater works than these shall he do: because I go to the Father.

I find it hard to believe that someone would do greater works than Jesus on this earth but here he reminds of us the words that He said. I must go to the Father so the Holy Spirit can come. To my knowledge Jesus did not open a prison door while He was on this earth, but Paul and Silas did by praying and praising The Lord.

I guess we all need to remember that when things are not going so good, Thank God for the power that He pours out on us. More next time on the power.

God's Blessings John FitzHerbert



Ranch Fellowship Weekend

September 3 & 4, 2016

Rafter V Ranch (55 km South of Saskatoon)

Join us on Saturday for Kids and beginners Roping/Horsemanship/Cattle Handling Clinics

Sunday Cowboy Church, Ranch Rodeo, Kids Rodeo, wind up supper on Sunday!

Enter a team or pull up a lawn chair for a weekend of fun and fellowship!

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Cowboy Church

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For more info contact Marvin Engel 403-556-0787



WORD SEARCH: BIRDS

Answers in next issue.



PAUSE *Ponder* PRAY

IF YOU ARE IN NEED OF PRAYER OR WOULD LIKE MEMBERS OF THE CHRISTIAN COWBOYS TO ATTEND AN EVENT YOU ARE HOSTING FOR COWBOY CHURCH, TO SING, PRAY OR DELIVER A CHRISTIAN MESSAGE PLEASE CONTACT ANYONE IN YOUR AREA FROM THE CONTACT SHEET ON THE BACK PAGE.

Cowboy Church - Everyone Welcome

Sunday July 17
Teepee Creek Stampede
Cowboy Service
Breakfast available
Cowboy Service 10:00 am

Contact: Kevin Quist
708-568-3510
cell 780-876-4649

Note Date correction





Chinook Country Corner

Magazine

Our magazine mail out is now up to two-hundred and seventy-five. Praise The Lord. Thank you to everyone for your contributions for this and upcoming magazines. Remember you can send articles and pictures anytime and I will file for future issues.

Webpage

The web-page is going well. I have added a page called "The wonders He Performs" I have included here a picture of Holy Cross Mountain. It can be seen from just up the road from our farm. Every spring this cross appears on the mountain and reminds me of His Power and the wonders he performs. Just look around you. His presence is everywhere. Look for those wonderous pictures and forward to me for web-page and future magazine article.

Speaking of "The Wonders He Performs" Let me tell you about "Loonie and Toonie."

Those of you who have calved out cows know that there is always one old girl who is the last to calf and quite often puts on the biggest performance. Well this year we had a fifteen year old hereford cross range cow (she has been so good to us we can not let her go) who has never had a problem, never been handled bring us even closer to The Lord.

It was a Saturday afternoon two weeks ago and Neil had gone out to check the cows. Laying beside the old cow was a little beautiful red and white broccol faced heifer

with on red spot above her right eye this size of a loonie. The calf had sucked so all was grand. Neil came back to house and announced the arrival of this little one and was pleased that the old girl had come through with no problems once again and told me of the loonie shape above her eye. We named her Loonie. Sunday morning he thought he should go out and just check just to make sure everything was OK. There was Mamma and little Loonie doing just fine but there was another little broccol faced heifer beside her, the naval was still wet. The old girl had twins !!! One on Saturday afternoon and one during the night. We named he Toonie!

We brought Mamma, Loonie and Toonie into the corral. Toonie was a little weak and not as big. By now Mammass bag was full of milk and hanging down low as old cows bags do. We put Mamma in the shute and got warm milk into Loonie and Tonnie.

Hot weather, dehydration, cracked noses, and Mamma refused to go up the shute. And to top it off Loonie and Toonie forgot how to suck. All was good, until Monday morning. That's when the wheels fell off. The life of Loonie and Tonnie were hanging on by a thread. To be continued in the fall issue.

Love, Light and Laughter

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The crow flies so high
In the clear blue sky
The cowboy rides on the ground
Not making a sound.

Direction of their travel,
Sometimes is the same.
They see each other clearly
Though don't know the others name.

Neither one want to be first
But have the same in mind.
See they share the same thirst
Love, obey God, be honest and kind.

They travel many miles each day,
Camp all alone at night.
Both pray to the very same
Great God and all His Might.

Both have work to do -
Each and every day.
Both are strong Christian
In their own special way.

Although they have never spoken,
Their friendship formed a bond.
In the blue sky above,
Also here on the ground.

They carry the Word of God
Each and every day.
Gather God's many children
It they shall happen to stray.

The crow with wings
So shiny and black
The cowboy with his horse
And traveling nap sack.

The sun gets low
It's the end of the day.
Before they do rest
To God they do pray.

There's but one Justice,
Much greater than all.
The Great Lord above,
Will make the last call.

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