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THE WILD SIDE OF MINISTRY

By: Samantha Means

“Ministry” means a variety of things depending on who you ask. At EMBRACE, we see ministry as living out of a state of being with the Lord, and doing everything as though we were doing it for Jesus.

When we see a recovering addict we don't see bad choices and criminal charges: we see Jesus. When we see a woman stepping out of sex trafficking, we don't see hopelessness: we see Jesus.

Often when we connect with the hurting we initially don't experience Jesus because hurting people hurt people, but it doesn't change the fact that “as you did to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me” (Matthew 25:40). Still - following Jesus and sharing his love doesn't exactly come with specific instructions for each person.

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Instead, we take the owners manual that is the Bible and ask Holy Spirit to guide us in every situation.

What's so wild about being in ministry? Moments when a broken heart is willingly laid bare before you in a horse session, with tears streaming down her face and hands trembling because of the fear of what you might say in response to her open heart.

It's wild to know that another human being would be so transparent with you - a practical stranger. It's wild that you would have such influence in her heart and life. It's even more wild that the God of the universe who knows that broken heart so well, would guide you



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in how to respond in just the right way. When we ask the Lord for help, He answers. He guides our mouth and provides the words that, as our volunteers can attest, we often aren't able to remember right after they were said!

Our God is a wild God, who cannot be tamed, controlled, manipulated, or fully understood. He is to be followed, loved, loved by, enjoyed, and worshipped. When that relationship is nurtured, everything about ministry is wild. Hearts and lives are changed forever.

What's most amazing is that our life is our ministry, whether we like it or not. Ministry is not something you clock in and out of, but something you live day-to-day. How's your ministry?

GOOD LOOKIN' MUSTANGS!



Chadash arrived at EMBRACE submissive to his herd-mate Se'bo. He began his relationship with Renae fearful, reactive, and defensive. His safest place was being with the horse who came with him. Sessions were slow and very intentional.



Today Chadash has been working with both Renae and Jenna Nostrum to learn trust and submission. He stands for the farrier and can be tied. He's extremely athletic and is going to be at least sixteen hands when he finally fills out!



Se'Bo came to EMBRACE as the leader of the herd. He showed himself to be exceptionally smart, wary of people, and hesitant to make any kind of a connection that didn't involve him receiving treats!



Se'Bo has been worked with by a handful of EMBRACE volunteers. He moves off of pressure, stands for the farrier, can be tied, and has a favorite scratch spot! He is also very curious!

UPCOMING FUNDRAISER

HORSEMANSHIP CLINIC

Polish your horsemanship with JoLinn Hoover. Have you ever wanted to better communicate with your horse? Do you struggle with moving your horse's body parts (hips, shoulders, and ribs) or how to do things like side-pass, counter bed, or back through obstacles? JoLinn can help!

The first day of the clinic will cover all of the basic to intermediate horsemanship skills that will improve the relationship you have with your horse on the ground and in the saddle.

Day two will cover more advanced techniques often seen in ranch riding and ranch trail.

JoLinn has earned multiple championships in AQHA Versatility Ranch Horse & Stock Horse events, Mountain Trail & Cowboy Challenges. She's an ASHA carded judge and clinician as well as a Cowboy Dressage Clinician.

100% of the proceeds from the clinic go to EMBRACE.

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100% of clinic fee's donated to Embrace Equine Ministry to benefit women & children healing from trauma associated with domestic violence & trafficking abuse, addictions, homelessness, and other life altering situations.

October 29-30, 2022

Embrace Equine Ministry * Athol, ID

Sat: Session 1 9am-4pm Groundwork & Horsemanship Essentials
Effective use of hands, legs, and body position for connection, balance & timing

Sun: Session 2 9am-3pm Practical Application on Trail Course & in Arena
Refinement, collection, challenging obstacles, patterns, problem solving, focus, biomechanics

Both sessions will include time in the arena and on the obstacle course
Rider Fee - \$150/session ~ Clinic Audit \$20/day ~ Lessons: \$55/hr
*Extra fees may include stalls & camping * Contact host for facility directions

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WELCOME NEW VOLUNTEERS!



Shelly Hubbard

Shelly wears multiple hats within EMBRACE as a devotional leader, craft leader, and is the head of fundraising.



Jenna Nostrum

Jenna is one of EMBRACE's exceptional horse session leaders. She has experience in showing, eventing, as well as training wild mustangs!



Jacob and Katie Shaver

Katie is one of our horse session leaders and her husband Jacob serves with Children's Village in a variety of capacities.

WELCOME NEW MINISTRY EQUINES!



BOONE | QUARTER HORSE TOBIANO PAINT GELDING

Boone was rescued from a kill auction in Texas in 2016, moved to Washington state, moved again in 2020 where he gave his best as a heeler in a roping team. Unable to measure up to the standards of his owner, she started searching for a more appropriate home for him.

After having a variety of names he finally came to Buffy's home in August of 2021 where she gave him the name he has today, which means "blessed." After working with Boone from August through the spring of 2022, Boone finally came to EMBRACE to see how he'd do as a ministry horse. You can meet Boone on Tuesday mornings when he's loving on ladies from HRC Spokane and Thursdays with UGM!



ZILLA | WARM SPRINGS HMA | MUSTANG MARE

Zilla is a mustang from Warm Springs, Oregon. She was gentled through a trainer but was otherwise a very green horse when she came to Rebecca Ward. Yet from the beginning Zilla showed herself to be a gentle giant. She loves little children and long before she was tested for ministry she would often be the horse in the pasture following session participants around as they mucked.

Zilla is highly in tune with the emotions of others, kind, easy to train, and eager to be worked with. She passed her test in July 2022 and is often used for Wild Hope as well as EMBRACE. When she's not doing ministry she can often be seen carrying Rebecca, her husband or children, or lesson kids around the arena.



MONA | MOLLY MULE

Mona is EMBRACE's first mule on the ministry team! Mona thrives in the mountains on the trail as well as a pack mule. She's traveled some of the most beautiful terrain and managed some of the most complex trail systems with an impressively level head. When she was diagnosed with arthritis in her joints the vet advised Mona stick to walking. Since her pasture-mate, Robi, was doing ministry, her owners, Karen and her husband Les, decided to see if she'd like doing ministry as well.

When Gayle Stegmann with the Gem State Mule company offered to help get Mona ready for the testing process, Karen and Les jumped at the opportunity. Gayle spent countless hours working with Mona in a variety of scenarios and in August 2022 Mona became the first mule to join our active duty team!

NEEDS LIST

Piranah Fly Spray
Swat
Fly Masks with ears (horse/average size)
All Stock Grain
12:12 Mineral
Selenium Blocks
Durafork Muck Rakes
Gorilla Muck Wagon
Rubber Mats for horse pens
Grooming kit (hard and soft brushes, curry comb, mane and tail brush, hoof picks)
Horse shampoo and conditioner
Funds for vet care (\$50 per trim per horse)
Winter blankets (call for size)



OUR MISSION

Teaching Bible-based principles for life, EMBRACE Equine Ministry serves anyone with a desire to learn how to restore, renew or rebuild healthy, trusting relationships. We provide group sessions as well as opportunities for one-on-one time with session leaders.

