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## Upcoming Events

### APRIL 2020

- All Sessions Suspended
- Order your flower baskets!

### MAY 2020

- Flower basket pickup, May 5
- Sign up for Horse Camp!

### JUNE 2020

- Horse Camp!

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# Trusting Christ during COVID-19

*By Samantha Means*

The impact of COVID-19 is felt all over the world. At the time of writing this, almost one million cases have been confirmed worldwide with more than 200,000 of those in the United States. The numbers are rising quickly, and the temptation to live in fear is high.

We have faith in our heavenly Father's ability to protect and to heal, and we believe that our God is both sovereign and Lord over all that happens in this world. We also believe in being obedient to the word of God, and in an effort to be supportive and submissive to our government officials at this time (Romans 13), we decided to suspend all scheduled sessions and in-person team meetings until further notice.

During this time, all of our volunteers have been keeping each of our participants in our prayers, and we're being blessed to grow in trusting the Lord.

So what does it look like to trust Jesus in the midst of all of this? We continue in our individual and family worship using the online resources available to us. We log into our YouVersion app and do Bible studies together in that way. We also continue our own individual studies. When the media serves news that is disheartening or frightening, we press into

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the Lord and remind ourselves and one another of his promises. He will not leave us or forsake us (Deut 31:6). When we hear of the number of people who have gotten COVID-19, we pray (James 5:14-15). When we and our loved ones get laid off of work and we see the mouths that need to be fed, we ask God to meet our needs because what good Father gives his child a stone when he asks for bread (Matt 7:7-11)? When we find ourselves missing the luxuries we had only weeks ago, we give thanks for what we do have and praise God for his provision (1 Thess 5:18).

We were created to be connected (Gen 2:18). We were created to be in intimate relationship with other human beings. Not through the lens of a camera and on the other side of a screen, but flesh to flesh, eye to eye.

While this season of stillness and separation from people we care about is difficult, we choose to still believe that the work God is doing in this time is going to be worth it. We choose to engage with Holy Spirit in a more intimate way than we ever have before. We can partner with him in our individual families, our marriages, our relationships with our children and roommates and set the example of how to love and be loved the way Jesus demonstrated in his life and ministry.

We trust Jesus. Our horse sessions may be temporarily suspended, but our ministry is not. Join us in this season and press into the Lord. Trust Him with us.

## DID YOU KNOW?

Shopping on Amazon is another way you can donate to EMBRACE!

When you visit [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) you can choose to donate a percentage of your purchase to a nonprofit of your choice, and EMBRACE is one of your choices!

Every penny matters to our ministry, so when you make those orders on Amazon, just type [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and choose EMBRACE Equine Ministry as your nonprofit of choice to donate those pennies to!

**WHEN do we need you:**

- Thursdays, March—November 2020  
*Serving women from UGM*  
12pm—4:00pm
- Tuesdays, March—November 2020  
*Serving youth in substance abuse recovery*  
12pm—4:00pm
- One Saturday per month, June—August, 2020  
*Serving Children's Village*  
2pm—4pm

**WHO we are looking for:**  
Horse Session Leaders, Childcare, & Craft Leaders (supplies & projects provided)

Call our volunteer coordinator, Becca Ward: 208-920-3422  
or fill out a Volunteer Application on our website!

*Volunteers Make the Difference*

## WE NEED YOU



EmbraceEquineMinistry  

# CURRENT NEEDS

- Riding boots for participants; sizes 5-7 and 9-11
- Child saddle; regular horse tree, 13" seat (leather)
- PA system for fundraisers & events; \$750.00 | funds toward system
- Prayers: continued unity within our ministry, protection over our horses, families and supporters, precision during ministry sessions.

**Idaho COVID-19**
coronavirus.idaho.gov


**GUIDANCE FOR GOVERNOR BRAD LITTLE'S  
STATEWIDE STAY-HOME ORDER**  
Updated March 25, 2020

**Self-isolate**

ALL residents of Idaho must self-isolate and stay and work from home as much as possible, unless you work in healthcare, public safety or an identified "essential business" as defined in order.

Residents can leave homes to obtain or provide essential services.

People at higher risk (over 65 and/or health-compromised) should avoid leaving their homes.

Employers that do not provide essential services as defined in order must take all steps necessary for employees to work remotely from home.

**"Essential" facilities & services open**

Grocery stores, healthcare facilities, gas stations, pharmacies, essential state and local government functions, laundromats/laundry services, financial institutions, residential and home-based care, veterinary services, hardware stores, limited child care for essential workers, infrastructure, and other businesses essential to the safety and well-being of the residents as defined in the order remain open. Restaurants open but only for drive-thru, carry-out, or delivery.

**"Non-essential" facilities & services closed**

Includes indoor gyms, recreational facilities, nightclubs, bars, entertainment venues, convention centers, hair and nail salons, public events and gatherings, dine-in restaurants (drive-thru, carry-out, delivery to continue), and other facilities and services not included in "essential" businesses as defined in order.

**Limit public transit**

Only to provide or obtain essential services.

**Limit travel**

All non-essential travel must cease.

**No gatherings**

Limit all non-essential gatherings of any number of individuals outside the household.

**Outdoor activity OK**

Outdoor activity near your home is not prohibited but residents are encouraged to keep distance of 6-feet from others not in their household.

**Practice good hygiene**

Wash hands, clean high touch surfaces, cover coughs and sneezes, and do not shake hands.

Order in effect Wednesday, March 25, 2020, and will remain in effect for at least 21 days  
Governor Little and public health officials will reassess before end of 21-day period  
Final Stay-Home Order will be available at coronavirus.idaho.gov

A reminder for those unaware in Idaho. Effective March 25, 2020

Renee, Paige, and Deuce, 2020 © EMBRACE



# GOLDEN MOMENT

*Each month we'll feature a photo that stood out from one of our sessions*

**"Delighting in the Ride"**



## Flower Basket Fundraiser!

100% of the proceeds go directly to EMBRACE Equine Ministry! Order them before they're gone at

[www.embraceequineministry.org](http://www.embraceequineministry.org)

Pick up is Tuesday, May 5th at 3114 E Sable Ct. Athol Idaho 83801

**\$35 each**

**YOU PICK your hanging basket!**

Make your order and pay online at

[www.embraceequineministry.org](http://www.embraceequineministry.org)



## Our Fundraiser is Still Happening!

We need some color and life and a reminder of spring right about now, so EMBRACE is continuing to sell our hanging baskets for you! Order online, and when it's time for a pickup we can maintain the 6-foot distance (if its still necessary) as our pickup location is outside. Don't let COVID-19 sap your day of color—get a basket!

Hanging flower baskets are \$35 each and can be purchased on our website by clicking "Shop Flowers." Follow the prompts and make a secure donation through PayPal—it's that easy! You can also send a check or money order, made payable to Embrace Equine Ministry, to:

PO Box 313 Hayden, ID. 83835

You pick your colors on pickup day!

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A look at our flower fundraiser from 2019. We're ordering from the same nursery this year! Get your order in at [www.embraceequineministry.org](http://www.embraceequineministry.org)!

# BECOMING PARTNERS

*Each month one of our staff will provide a horse training tip and reflection.*

## *Led vs. Driven* | By Amy Mort

Bubbles is a pony we have owned for several years now. She runs, trots, and bucks just like any other horse. You can ride her, and groom her, and even drive her from behind. But she isn't like most horses. Bubbles is almost totally blind in both eyes. Unless you looked closely into her cloudy eyes you would not be able to tell that she cannot see. She does all of these things only within the safety of her small fenced pasture.

I noticed one day that she responded so differently to me leading her than she did to me driving her with long lines from behind. When I led her she seemed to trust me more. She followed me willingly, staying close to know which way I would turn, stopping when I stopped, looking to me for direction. However, when I would drive her she became fearful, tentative, and more unsure of herself. She didn't know which way I would direct her and couldn't tell what was in front of her.

This is quite like our relationship with Christ. Being led suggests a guiding force, sincerity of motive, and ultimately requires our submission. Being driven is more aggressive, or forceful. There is still a choice involved of how we follow. Do we follow willingly or do we plant our feet in stubbornness, not trusting our Father to guide us? Maybe we are fearful that he might lead us in the wrong direction or do we get so distracted by the things around us that are going on that we stop focusing on Him?

In Psalm 23:2-3 it says He leads us by still waters, not he drives us through the river. It says He leads us in paths of righteousness, not he drives us to do what is right and good. He also led his people out of slavery by a pillar of a cloud by day and then a pillar of fire by night. God wants to lead us, not force us to be with him and obey him. He wants us to choose to be in relationship with him, follow him closely, and seek him wholeheartedly.



Bubbles with one of her favorite girls, Emory © Amy Mort

**Training Tip:** As you lead your horse around this week, pay attention to how they position themselves. Do they willingly follow you, lag behind, or are they pulling you to get to where they want to go? Sometimes doing a change of direction switches things up enough to get them moving again. Pay attention to whether they stop and turn when you do, or whether they choose to do what they want to do despite the consequences? How is this like your relationship with Christ, are you choosing to seek after him or planting your feet in protest having to be drug along?