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An update for supporters and others interested in the ministry of Shiloh Christian Children's Ranch.

*See what great love the
Father has lavished on us,
that we should be called
children of God.*

- 1 John 3:1



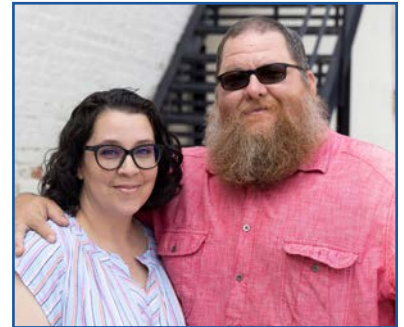
Slow Down and Build New Memories

Close Connections Are Something That Our Kids Often Lack

Our 2026 is off to a frosty start and we hope all of you are staying warm and enjoying these moments with your loved ones! Snow days around here probably look a lot like some of yours. After we bundle up to take care of our ranch animals, shovel sidewalks and stack the boiler, we then make lots of time for sledding, snowtubing, snowball fights and igloos. It also gives us extra time for puzzles, movies and board games. These are some of our favorite times to slow down and build new memories.

Building new memories and with them, newfound trust and security, is what we're all about in our homes. Close connections are something that our kids often lack and need extra support in making.

Each child comes carrying their own baggage and we get to meet them where they are and show them that they no longer need to carry things on their own. We are so thankful for a Savior who offers us the chance to come to Him and find



Jeremy & Ashley Cohn

rest. With rest in Him and connections established at Shiloh, our kids can face the storms that may linger. Your support makes all this possible, and we are eternally grateful.

Our house is currently home to ten children. We have Jacob, 17, who loves all things western. He is transitioning into adulthood, and we cherish the role we have. Kierslynn is 16, loves music and art. Clara just had her 16th birthday, and she

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loves reading and ceramics. Zyarie also just had a birthday and turned 15. He enjoys playing and watching basketball. Naomi had our 3rd birthday of the year and just turned 14. She loves shopping and time with her friends. Zeke is 13, and like Zyarie, he enjoys watching and playing basketball. Kate is 13 as well, and she likes reading and crafts. Our newest



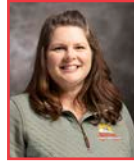
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addition is also 13, Ciara. Ciara comes to us from Oklahoma and enjoys reading books. Edith is 11 and loves animals and enjoys reading. Lastly, we have Michael, who is also 11, and also new to our home. Michael comes to us from Kansas and enjoys playing with Legos. Each of our kids fill a special

role in our family and we appreciate the ability to see them blossom into their purpose.

Once again, we want to always extend our gratitude to all of you for partnering with us on this journey. Whether it's through prayers, notes of encouragement, time on our ranch or monetary support, we are greatly encouraged by your partnership. The memories of hot cocoa, game competitions, snow forts and ice skating are all made possible by your support. May the Lord bless, guide and grow you through this year. ■

*In Him,
Jeremy, Ashley & Cohn Crew*

ENDEARING ELLERMETS

This Love of Christ Is Expressed in so Many Ways

We Are Grateful to be on the Receiving End of God Working in so Many of You

But God. Just two words, but two of the most powerful words in the whole Bible. “**But God** demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.” Romans 5:8 “**But God**, being rich in mercy because of His great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, made us alive together with Christ – by grace you have been saved...” Ephesians 2:4-5 The greatest demonstration of love began with those two words. We are utterly helpless and hopeless left to ourselves. But God! Not only has Christ saved us but He is making us new. It is this very love of Christ that compels us to act - to reach out to others, to serve others, to love others, to lead them to Christ, and to walk alongside them as Christ begins to make them new as well.

This love of Christ is expressed in so many ways. We are grateful to be on the receiving end of God working in so many of you to shower us with love our first year at Shiloh. Our first Christmas at Shiloh was full of creating special memories with our kiddos. Because of your generosity, we were able to have several fun evenings of opening gifts, enjoying a night out at the movies, warming up with hot cocoa after numerous times of playing in the snow, and having Christmas themed dinner and movie nights at home. Our December devotions centered on advent and the themes of hope, joy, peace, love, and fulfilled promises with the incarnation of Christ.

We all enjoyed Christmas break, especially the visits from family, but are happy to be back in the normal routine of school. January also brought the end of deer season and

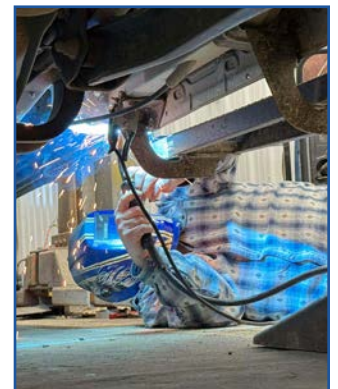
we are grateful for several months of quality time spent bonding and creating unforgettable moments with the kids. Brian and the girls worked on turning one deer into some amazing summer sausage to share with all the families.



Brian & Hannah Ellermets

Reese, Ronnie, and Paxton's newest excitement has been participating in Nerf wars. Reese also loves playing basketball at the court when the weather isn't too cold. Paxton and Kendall (from the Kolars' house) still enjoy playing Hot Wheels and setting up all kinds of tracks inside. Ronnie was enthusiastic to add a new critter to the boys' side of the house – a bearded dragon named Catfish. Hunter has been busy working

at Prenger's Grocery, recording music, and working with Ethan (from the Kolars' house) on maintaining the Shiloh vehicles with oil changes as well as working on some welding projects. I have been teaching Emmalee and Evie how to sew. Both have completed a pillowcase project, and Emmalee has continued on with sewing bookmarks and a blanket. Evie has turned into our resident newscaster and weatherwoman after receiving a radio for Christmas. She likes to keep us updated with all the things going on in the world. Hope received her driver's permit in November after turning 15. She has been looking forward to getting more time behind the wheel. She also loves practicing piano everyday. We received



an upright piano in December and it has been greatly appreciated by so many of the kids. Hope, Riley, and Emmalee also like to take walks together to see the goats and look forward to any and all animal additions at the Ranch. Riley has a great friendship with Tassanie from the Fitz' house and they treasure up anytime they get to spend with each other. Riley also purchased a pet hamster after Christmas that she named Donut. Xavier loves learning at school and playing card games. He has been having a lot of fun crafting with air dry clay and building Legos as well.

As the new year takes off, we see Christ's love in action when work groups begin to show up – especially in the freezing cold and snow. We always look forward to meeting

so many of you and sharing a meal around our table.

One of the most meaningful ways we have been loved is through your prayers. The cold, winter days can seem more challenging after being cooped up inside and missing the warmth of the sun and fresh air from outside. We will never be able to express our gratitude for your petitions to God to give us more patience and wisdom as we parent each of these kiddos. The long winter months are an especially good time to reflect on the faithful love of God and praise Him for not leaving us as He found us but making us new and enabling His children to go out and share His love. ■

*For His glory,
The Ellermets*

KOLARS' KOMMENTS

Winter Has Kept Us Busy

There Is Rarely a Dull Moment, But We Are Thankful For the Structure . . .

Dear Friends and Family,
We hope this letter finds you well and staying warm during these winter months. While the weather outside is cold, our home remains full of life, activity, and gratitude for all the ways God continues to work in and through our family.

Winter has kept us busy with basketball, cheer, and archery seasons in full swing. There is rarely a dull moment, but we are thankful for the structure, friendships, and character growth that come with each activity.



Brooklynn is a senior this year, and this season has been full of exciting milestones for her. She recently signed with a college to compete in powerlifting, which has been a huge accomplishment. Along with being a cheerleader, she continues to pursue her passion for health and fitness, and we love seeing her confidence and discipline shine as she prepares for the next chapter.

Ethan is a junior and is doing great in archery. He enjoys working with his hands and has a strong interest in blue-collar work. As he looks toward the future, he is leaning toward the military as a possible career path, and we are proud of his work ethic and focus.

Samentha is learning the game of basketball and giving it

her best effort while patiently waiting for track season to begin, when she can get back to what she loves most—running.

Wyatt enjoys spending time at the table drawing and writing stories. His creativity continues to grow, and it's a joy to watch his imagination come to life through his artwork and writing.

Devin recently qualified for state at his very first archery meet and is beyond excited. We are so proud of his hard work and determination and look forward to seeing where this journey takes him.

Larry can almost always be found with a book in hand. He loves to read and happily spends hours lost in stories and learning.

Kendall loves playing with Hot Wheels and spending time with the neighbor boy. His days are filled with imagination, play, and plenty of energy.

Julianna continues to be a leader in our home. She truly helps keep things running smoothly and is well on her way to becoming either a "girl boss" or a teacher. She recently started a Bible study with the neighbors and takes great pride in leading it every Friday after school. Watching her step confidently into leadership and faith has been incredibly encouraging.

As we walk through this winter season, we are constantly reminded of God's faithfulness and provision. Thank you for your prayers, encouragement, and support. We are deeply grateful for the community that surrounds and uplifts our family. ■

*With love and gratitude,
Our Family*



**Todd & Misty
Kolars**

We Are So Grateful For Each of You

Your Prayers, Encouragement, and Generosity Continue to Impact

We are so grateful for each of you and the faithful partnership you share with us through Shiloh Christian Children's Ranch. Your prayers, encouragement, and generosity continue to impact not only the children at the Ranch, but our family as well. We are thankful for the opportunity to share a glimpse of what life has looked like for the Stark Family in this season.

The end of last year and beginning of this year have been full of exciting milestones. Gibson recently turned 3 and celebrated with a brand-new bike ramp. He has quickly become incredibly fast on his bike and loves showing off his speed and confidence. Baylor also reached a big milestone—he turned 1 and has taken his first steps! Watching him explore the world has been such a joy. We do ask for your prayers for Baylor, as one of his feet turns slightly sideways. The doctor has recommended more rigid shoes to help guide it into proper alignment, and we are trusting God for continued growth and healing. At



Tri-County Christian School, Harvey helped celebrate the 101st day of school dressing up as a dalmatian. He loves to pretend and play puppy at home so this was awesome for him to live it out ALL DAY! He has also been doing an

amazing job learning to read. We even made a special trip to the local library to find books he could check out and read on his own. It has been such a joy to watch his confidence grow



Ryan & Kimber Stark

Before the cold weather truly set in, our family had the chance to harvest honey from the Shiloh bees. It turned out to be quite the process—much more involved than we anticipated! By the end, we had about five gallons of honey, and a whole new appreciation for the work that goes into it. We did sneak outside during the first snowfall to do some sledding and skiing! Ryan grew up skiing in Colorado and he wanted the boys to learn also!

Christmas was a sweet season for our family. The warm weather allowed us to spend extra time outside, Baylor did wonderfully opening presents during his first Christmas, and the boys created arts and crafts to include in thank-you notes to donors who so generously sent gifts. I think the biggest hits so far were the dump truck for Gibson, Harvey's bee suit, Baylor got some really cute clothes, Kimber loves her crepe maker, and Ryan was really excited about his new pop up turkey blind, the boys might actually like it better though!

As a relief house, we've continued our "mission of the month" tradition and recently learned about Denmark. We enjoyed a traditional meal and learned that 9 out of 10 Danes own bicycles, while only 4 out of 10 own cars—but most importantly, that fewer than 5% attend church regularly. This reminded us of the great need for the Gospel.

Ryan has been teaching PE, and students are learning how to golf. We have putting greens in the bunkhouse and five hitting mats where kids can practice hitting off a tee—an exciting and a little nerve wrecking activity! Don't worry we are using soft foam balls for hitting indoors so there has been no damage to the bunkhouse!

Thank you for walking alongside us and the children of Shiloh. We are deeply grateful for you and continue to pray for you often. ■

*In Christ,
The Starks*

Our Focus Remains Unchanged

These Winter Months Have Provided Space for Reflection and Discipleship

As we continue through the winter months, we want to thank you for your continued prayers and support of the work God is doing at Shiloh. This quarter has been marked by steadiness, structure, and deeper intentionality—both in our home and across the property.

Our focus remains unchanged: to glorify God through faithful study of His Word, to walk confidently in obedience, and to rely daily on His grace. As a family of seven, we are currently reading through Isaiah, allowing its themes of God’s holiness, sovereignty, and faithfulness to shape our

we approach hospitality, service, and shared ministry as houseparents.

As we prayerfully look ahead, Scripture continues to anchor our decisions—for our family, our children, and the mission of Shiloh. Passages emphasizing godly leadership,



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conversations and decisions. These winter months have provided space for reflection and discipleship that often comes best through consistency and quiet faithfulness.

Life on-site has settled into a healthy rhythm. School and extracurricular activities are well underway, and daily routines have created opportunities for mentoring, accountability, and growth. The lessons learned during last summer’s workgroups continue to influence how

stewardship, and care for those entrusted to us remain central to how we understand our role. We are continually reminded that faithfulness to God’s Word matters more than outcomes, and that He is at work even in seasons that feel quiet.

We are deeply grateful for your support that makes this ministry possible. Living on-site and serving as houseparents is both a responsibility and an honor—one we carry with humility and gratitude. As winter gives way to spring, we look forward with trust, confident that the Lord will continue to guide each step. ■



Kam & Mickie Fitzgerald

*In HIS righteousness,
Kam & Mickie Fitzgerald*



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Pray For The Next Steps of Our Journey

Shiloh Will Have the Opportunity to Help Even More Children



Mark Adkison

In the book of Joshua, the Israelite people were poised for a new journey. A journey into the land of Canaan that God has promised to them. Because of fear, unbelief, and disobedience, that generation was not allowed to go into the Promise land. Fast forward, Joshua was now in charge and

God was readying His people to make the next step. God gave Joshua a pep talk and three times told him to be strong and courageous and to obey His directions and He was going to be with him and the people every step of the way. Joshua, as leader, listened and obeyed God's instructions.

When you are part of a ministry that has strong leadership that listens to and obeys God, you should be very thankful. The Shiloh Board of Trustees is such a leadership.

A little over three years ago, Shiloh was poised for such a new journey. The Trustees prayed for God to show them the vision for what He had in store for our ministry. Through those prayers and open hearts and minds, God blessed the Trustees with direction for the journey. When the Trustees shared the vision, they extolled us to be "strong and courageous," to obey God's leading, and prepare to move. Just as Joshua told the people in Joshua 3:5 to "consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do amazing things among you," our Shiloh Family prepared themselves for the

move and followed God's leading. We began the journey and God has definitely been with us.

After a successful ranch site merger, with three new homes constructed, many new children arriving to be loved and cared for, and an incredibly strong Shiloh Family, we are still on the journey! We are preparing to construct additional rooms onto our C3 & C4 homes and finalizing plans to replace the original Shiloh C1 home built back in 1977! These are the results of leadership that listens and obeys God and His leading. So, you ask...**"How can I help?"**

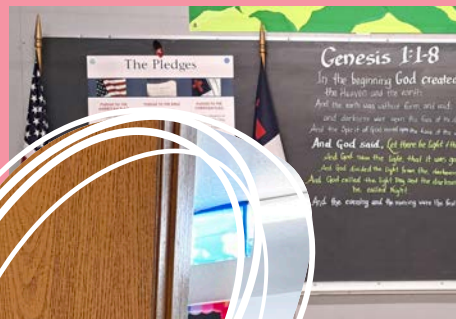
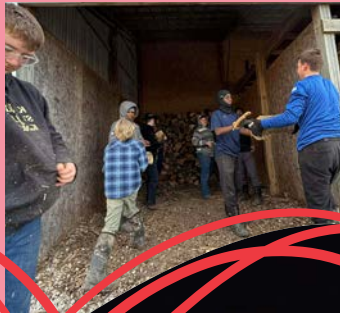
I am asking each of you to please **pray** for our Shiloh Trustees as they continue to be the type of leadership that God speaks to and blesses. **Pray** for the next steps of our journey so the Trustees can continue to lead and model leadership for our Shiloh Family that is strong and courageous. **Pray** that through their leadership, Shiloh will have the opportunity to help even more children see Christ's love and His teaching in our Shiloh homes.

Thank you so much for all your love and support and in the future look for how you can be an integral part of the next steps of our journey! ■

In Christ's love,

Mark  Association of Christian Childcare Administrators







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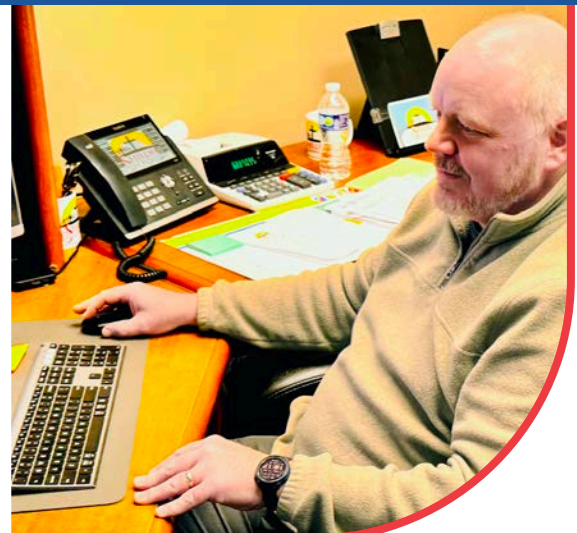
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INTRODUCING... *Matt Douglass*

Matt Douglass grew up in Oregon before coming to Missouri to attend Central Christian College of the Bible in 1996. He graduated with a B.S. in Christian Ministry in 2000 and spent 11 years in full-time ministry serving churches in Missouri and Indiana. He later earned a B.S. in Business Administration, majoring in Accounting, from Missouri Western State University in 2013. In 2016, he completed a Master of Science in Accounting at the University of Missouri-Kansas City and became a Certified Public Accountant in 2017.

Matt has held professional roles at a large investment bank in Kansas City, a public accounting firm in Columbia, Missouri, Central Christian College of the Bible, and the City of Moberly, where he served as Assistant Finance Director and later as Finance Director. He has taught numerous accounting and tax courses at Moberly Area Community College and is excited to serve in Accounting and Finance at Shiloh Christian Children's Ranch.

Matt has been married to his wife, Melia, for 20 years, and they have two teenage sons, Brennan and Derrick. In his free time, he enjoys playing golf with his boys (who occasionally let him win). He is active at Timber Lake Christian Church, where he leads a Sunday morning class and serves on the worship team.



We Tend to Talk About the Word “LOVE” A Lot

I Thought I'd Give You Just a Snapshot What Love Looks Like Around Shiloh...



**Ken & Beth
Penfield**

During the month of February we tend to talk about the word “LOVE” a lot. Sometimes it’s just thrown around like “ I LOVE pizza!” or “ I LOVE your outfit!”...and “ I think that cute guy over there LOVES me!” (you can tell we’re around kids a lot, can’t you?!)

I thought I’d give you just a snapshot what love looks like around Shiloh...in real life....

.....**LOVE** looks like getting up at 5am to read God’s Word and pray over the children in our homes....while it is actually calm and quiet.

.....**LOVE** looks like making sure our kids are provided three meals a day (AND their favorite “meals” after school snack and “bednight” snack!!).

.....**LOVE** looks like displaying artwork kids have proudly made even when you can’t quite make out what it is...it still goes up on the art wall!

.....**LOVE** looks like teaching our kids responsibilities through chores like feeding the animals on site or doing dishes....and yes, even when they don’t “feel like it”... everyone pitches in somehow.



.....**LOVE** looks like asking how things went at school then being prepared to truly listen to a detailed recounting of every conversation from some ...while comforting others through the disappointment that went on that day (and with so many kids, all THAT can take a while!).

.....**LOVE** looks like doing fun traditions like teaching kids how to fish or hunt...or silly games together even when they really don’t want to play but you know they’ll have fun anyway....or FRIDAY NIGHT/PIZZA NIGHT/MOVIE NIGHT! (Making the pizzas homemade is the best!).

.....**LOVE** looks like being able to be dependent on each other as caregivers, coming to each other’s aid at a moment’s notice, giving prayer support even if it’s on our phone chats, stepping in and stepping up wherever we can help one another ... our location of houses doesn’t just make us close in proximity.



.....**LOVE** looks like getting out of your comfort zone ... whether it’s learning how to cook food to feed an “army” on a regular basis or learning how to deal with situations you’ve never faced before knowing God’s got ya through it all!

.....**LOVE** looks like Jesus in so many ways. Our prayer is that we do just that with our children AND with each other....

.....**LOVE** looks like what YOU all do to allow us the resources, our homes, and prayer support to be able to do just that! LOVE is not just a word to speak....but an action word (now the teacher in me is coming out!)...it is seen in what it does and how it happens to change lives.....and that is what we strive for daily....not just to say we LOVE here at Shiloh, but to BE LOVE LIKE JESUS LOVED. ■

*In His love,
Ken & Beth Penfield*

Busy But Blessed!!!

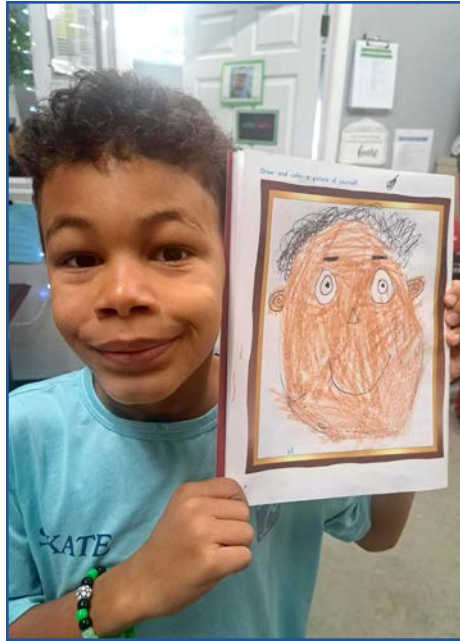
We Continue to Grow in Numbers At SCS ...Both in Students and in Staff

The past few months already seem like a blur! Crammed in a lot of fun winter crafts, acts of kindness, serving at food pantry, and more! Busy but blessed!!!

Ken and I had the wonderful experience of representing Shiloh at the International Conference on Missions which was held in Atlanta in November. We enjoyed seeing people we have served with in past years as well as meeting many new missionaries in the process. Think one of my favorite things was getting to share some of our experiences with our school students and staff. We had collected a bag of literature, free giveaways, videos and pictures, stories, etc. which we set up one day to discuss missionaries. We set up a display of the variety of ministries represented there for them to see the vast variety of those who serve. They got to select literature and keepsakes of those they would pray for. There were a lot of questions about the types of missionaries from around the world and how God can use them. Praying it all sticks in their hearts and they realize that yes....God can also use THEM ...in a variety of ways!!!

We continue to grow in numbers at SCSboth in

students and in staff. We now have three classrooms and a tutoring room to accommodate the variety of students' needs. Mrs. Mason and Mr. Jones work with our older boys, Ken now has a classroom with our younger boys, and



I work with our girl students and our newest staff member, Wanda Darling, who helps me keep up with scoring students' work. Mrs. Gardner pulls out students on a regular basis for extra guidance and specific weak areas they need help on.

Our homeparents also help out wherever and however needed... whether teaching PE (thanks, Mr. Stark!!) or helping drive kids to our area libraries...speaking at chapel...or covering for Ken and I when we have time off. Yes, it DOES take a village! Seventeen students may seem small to some but when we are trying to meet each individual student where their abilities and needs are, helping them

catch up to where their potential is, as well as helping them become a stronger person, not just as a student..but as a healthy human being....that's a huge responsibility....but one we LOVE to do.

We do it because of that word again....LOVE. We want each student to feel they are loved and welcome, not bullied or judged.....to see us as a staff that represents Jesus in our talk and our walk....to live out as Jesus LOVED.....so THEY can learn, can live, and LOVE as He did! ■



*In His service,
Ken & Beth Penfield
Shiloh Christian School Administrators*



Accepting Love From Someone Is Difficult

This Is the Starting Point We Are at With Many of Our Kids

See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God.

- 1 John 3:1

This verse is at the heart of what we are striving to do. We are called to love the kids God has placed in our home. Whether they are cleaning the bathroom without being asked (THANKS IZZY!) or are screaming and yelling at us about how stupid we are for what feels like the hundredth time this week. We get to call them our children, and we have chosen them to be part of our family. However, just like in God's family the kids have a choice of whether they want to accept that love and that inclusion or not. Accepting love from someone is difficult, especially if people in the past have failed you or not been as strong as you needed them to be. If you have felt discarded all your life, being chosen is scary. This is the starting point we are at with many of our kids.

Trey is at this starting point. He has had months of struggle. He does not know what true love or a healthy family looks like and has not had a lot of long-term, strong adults in his life. We have seen momentary progress over the last month and pray that he is beginning to turn a corner and accept our love and choose to be part of the family.

Izzy is settling in as well. We are proud of how hard she is working at school. She had over 2,000 merit points this month, which is amazing. Mirlanda struggles to allow herself to enjoy life and accept love. We pray that she learns to accept not only our love, but God's love and grace. She is amazing at showing love to young kids though. She helps a young boy with Down Syndrome at our Wednesday after school program at church and has amazing patience and gentleness with him.

The Claypools struggle at times to understand why the

other kids are not more accepting of being part of the family. To them this is their safe place, and being a "Moore Kid" is a badge of honor. Just ask them, they'll tell you, we're the best. Even though their journey has not been easy, they have reached a point where they see God's work in it. What a blessing!

Can you believe Heaven is a senior? Neither can we. In a few short months she will graduate. She is super nervous about these next steps, but we know she will do great. She is planning to go to the local community college to start working toward a degree in social work. Grace is living her best junior year cheering, shooting archery, and being in musicals. Hunter has enjoyed his freshman year in sports but has learned he

has to really start working to keep up with the pace of high school athletics.

Our boys continue to do well. Luke is in piano and loves Tri-County. Ezra finished basketball strong but was more than ready for a break from after school practice. He's currently working on helping Kirk "remodel" the intern building.

The "adult" kids are all doing good things. Ashley is doing well at college and enjoying cheerleading at MACC. Abigail transferred to Truman State University to finish her English Education degree and is loving the bigger campus life. Titus is living his best life at Ozark Christian College. He's making friends and loving digging deep into scripture. Mercy moved to Chicago this past summer and is continuing to do Postpartum care for moms and babies while exploring all Chicago has to offer.

Pray that our kids old and new will not only accept our love but will more importantly accept God's love and his desire for them to be called His children. ■

*Blessings,
The Moores*



Denna & Kirk Moore



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AS YOU WISH...

“**T**he Princess Bride” became an instant family favorite the moment I brought it home from the Video Castle rental store in 1987. Since then, it has become one of our cherished “Family Stories.”

In his 1973 novel, William Goldman managed to craft the nearly perfect tale: a love story read by a doting grandfather to his grandson, seamlessly interwoven with mystery, intrigue, danger, devotion, and even sword fights.

The object of Westley’s affection was Buttercup, the farmer’s daughter. She delighted in giving the “Farm Boy” endless chores, which he loyally performed with a consistent, gentle response: “**As you wish.**”

Eventually, they both realize those three words, coupled with his devoted action, truly meant “I love you.” While many speak of love easily, Westley felt he had to prove his dedication through sacrifice.

We have shared this classic story with countless children at Shiloh. In fact, we’ve worn out several VHS tapes and DVDs over the years doing so! But there is a far more romantic and timeless tale we share—one that predates Westley and Buttercup by two thousand years.

It, too, is interwoven with mystery, intrigue, danger, devotion and even swords. It is the true story of a Carpenter’s Son pursuing His Bride.

Denice and I have recounted this—the grandest Love Story—with every child who came through our doors. It is the ultimate classic, and we have worn out a couple of Bibles sharing it.

Shiloh homeparents continue to share Christ’s story with children only because **you** have coupled your love with devoted action. Your prayers and financial support allow this generation of children to find the love of Jesus Christ and make it their own “Family Story.”

Cherish the Day,

Kevin D. Pew



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