

Coyote Herald

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A VIEW FROM THE HILL

Some Things Never Change

Each new year causes us to not only reflect on the past, but to also dream and plan for the future. Our Executive Director shares some constants of Coyote Hill's past and future...

in Jesus Christ, modeling that lifestyle in the homes where they live.

5. I will always believe there is room at the top for children who have been abused, neglected and oppressed. They just need opportunity and support - people who believe in them. They don't have to live under the oppression into which they were born.

These things haven't changed over the years, and never will. We have changed and grown as a staff and as a board. We have changed locations. We have changed some of the ways we carry out our mission. But the foundational concepts upon which this ministry was birthed remain very much in place and very capable of sustaining the future growth we all desire.

--Larry McDaniel

Thinking back on our earliest days, I remember building upon these five foundation blocks.

1. From the very beginning, I recall knowing and saying to everyone I knew that Coyote Hill was not just another place of maintenance, but a place of professional ministry. A place where we combine the concept of Christian ministry and professional services, believing that either one by itself falls short of God's best.

2. There has always been a firm belief that everything invested into the life of a child today will be further invested into generations of tomorrow. God's truth is eternal, and does not die out when spoken or fall flat before reaching some distant room. It lives forever, and so does God's ministry in the lives of others.

3. We have always believed and been mindful of the charge to break the vicious cycles of abuse and neglect and build in their place cycles of success.

4. From the very beginning, Coyote Hill has worked to point children toward a life that is full and complete



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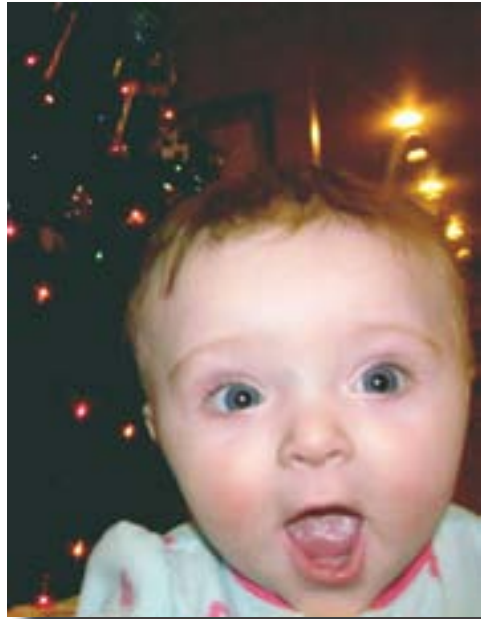
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You certainly helped to create a VERY Merry Christmas at The Hill. Thanks to all of you who gave so generously of your time & resources! God bless you all in the coming New Year.



Home Parents in the Zimmer Home – The Marshmans

During our spring break of 2011 from New Tribes Bible Institute, we came to visit friends and former Home Parents, Lorenzo and Jo. As we drove onto the Coyote Hill property we were in awe of what we saw. The horses, the lake, the houses and the playground/basketball courts. We had always talked about being foster parents or dorm parents overseas at a mission compound, but this seemed to combine everything we had talked about. We told Lorenzo and Jo that we could see ourselves at Coyote Hill one day. Lorenzo mentioned that a position was opening soon and we just laughed, saying God would have to do something amazing. Within the next 12 hours we had two interviews and by June we were packed and moving our family to Missouri!

There are so many reasons why we love our job. For instance, within our first month of being here, one of our girls came in the house after being at the arena awhile. She told us she had something she wanted to pray for at bed time. Charlie told her she didn't have to wait for bedtime; God is always listening. She then proceeded to pray 'Thank you God for the horses and I do believe you died on the cross for me and I want you to be part of my life'. There was

also another boy in our home that just asked Jesus into his life this last week! Those are the big stories, but there are smaller success stories every day. We are constantly having talks about God and how much He loves us. Showing these kids the unconditional love of God is why we do what we do.

However, there are always challenges as well when dealing with children who have been hurt. They have a lot to deal with at such a young age. Even after the children are here with us, they still have disappointments to deal with when biological family members let them down for various reasons. It breaks my heart each time I see the disappointment on a child's face. That's all the more

reason for us to keep doing what we do - showing them consistent love and always being here for them.



We strongly believe in the ministry of Coyote Hill, and the affect it is having on these children's futures. When we arrived, Jerad, a 19 year old young man was still in the home. We can't take any credit for his growth and development, but watching him go into the Marines this fall showed me what wonderful things can happen with the youth who come through Coyote Hill. It's a blessing to see those end results.

For the rest of our lives, we will be praying for every child that comes through our home. Our hope and prayer is that they will find Christ, go onto college and live complete and happy lives.



Charlie and Jaimee, with Asher, Lienna and Raelynn

--Jaimee Marshman