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Dear friends,

Here is a long overdue update on some of the doings here at Victory Ranch. Spring is just around the corner and, after a colder than usual winter, we are happy to see the budding trees!

2021 brought a lot of changes and upgrades to the Ranch. A team from Colorado came and took down our old rotten deck and put up a beautiful new one. Eric and our stellar volunteer, Rick Hurst, have finished putting on the final touches. Another wonderful team from our sending church in Texas came, and in just three short days they built a new amphitheater and some cedar benches, put in a new entry door to the ministry room, replaced the rotten fascia around our house and the bunkhouse, did some upgrades to the tractor barn and the barn, and installed a pickleball court in the barn. To say we are grateful for these men and women who gave so sacrificially of themselves, their time, and their finances is a huge understatement!

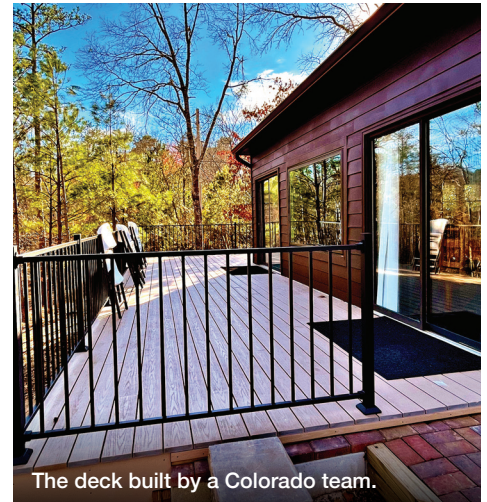
Last October, we hosted a Cadence Alumni and Friends dinner here with Duncan and Angie Sprague. It was a super time of reconnecting with old friends who have been a part of OCSC/Cadence ministries all over. They are coming your way if you live out west.

Eric continues to daily work on maintenance and upgrade projects. Rick and Bob (our teammate) work together on many of the tasks. Recently they have redone the serving counter in the ministry room, putting in a wheelchair ramp next to it. With the help of yet another volunteer, Mark, they also recently cut up old trees and moved wood to the

burn pile or to the woodpile. Bob has begun to anticipate the arrival of spring on the grounds by gathering brush and fertilizing the lawns. Eric will repair (again) the aerators in the lake and Bob continues to keep the lake and fish healthy. An awning is going up over the new deck, just in time for the folks who will enjoy that space this spring and summer.



A new door installed by a team from Texas.



The deck built by a Colorado team.



The Texas team built a new amphitheater and cedar benches.



Glenda and I (Janet) are busy hosting volunteer lunches and events here at the Ranch. We just hosted an Awards and Hail and Farewell Lunch for the Army from Task Force Marshall. We were privileged to host a promotion luncheon for one of our beloved chaplains. We hosted both the Advanced Course and the Basic Course at the chaplain school for "graduation" lunches and expect that we will see a lot more of them for training events as well as family days. We have three upcoming events with PWOC (Protestant Women of the Chapel) groups in the area, two of them overnight events. Bob and Glenda's church is planning a retreat here for First Responders. The calendar is filling up!

We have many guests coming through South Carolina. Some of the states represented by our guests include Indiana, Wisconsin, Florida, Tennessee, North Carolina,

Maryland, Virginia, Colorado, Arizona, Arkansas, and Ohio, to name a few. Even Germany! We almost always have a room available so feel welcome!

I will be sharing the messages at the PWOC retreat in April so I would appreciate prayer as I prepare to share on unity in the body of Christ. Eric and I continue to be involved at Shandon Baptist Church as one of their supported ministries. They are so good to us!

We are very thankful for the amazing financial support, the fervent prayer support, and the kindness that the Lord has shown to us in every way. Thank you for being part of Team Thimell here at Victory Ranch!

In His care and for His glory,
Eric and Janet Thimell



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