

Cross Bar X Youth Ranch

THE LIFE AND TIMES OF THE MILLER FAMILY

FEBRUARY 2008

Tough Times

The past couple months have been really tough. We have been on the road non-stop, my family is going through some tough times, we have been sick with some illness consistently for months, our financial support is way down, and one of the three full time families here at the ranch, the Yarbroughs, will be leaving CBX in April to pursue graduate studies.

All this however pales in comparison to the events of this past week. Last Sunday night at around midnight, I learned that my best friend Jason Young had passed away suddenly after collapsing in his home. Needless to say, I was and am still in a state of shock.

We traveled to Crossville, TN last Wednesday to be with Joy (Jason's wife), Penny (Jason's mom) and to try to help in any way we could. It was incredibly tough to go back to the area where Jason and I experienced so many good times. Needless to say it was a gut wrenching week, but also an incredible time of remembrance and celebration of Jason's life.

Throughout the week, I was able to speak with person after person, both young and old, who had been dramatically impacted by Jason. His life was a testament to living each day to it's fullest. I don't think one day went by since I met Jason that he did not pursue growing as a person and most importantly as a Child of Christ. The passion that he pursued each day with, along with the urgency that he gave towards building relationships will forever change me and the way that I serve the Lord.

The Lord used Jason in my life at a time when I was lost. I had just moved to CO and he just "happened" to be my roommate and RA. Jason instantly began to pour into me with a zeal that I had never seen before. This man actually cared for my well being! Over the next 10 years, Jason went from being a Mentor, to a friend, to ultimately my brother. I will miss him greatly!

Please be praying for Joy, Abigail (their 5 month old daughter and Penny. This is a time of great pain for them. I would specifically ask that you pray for God's peace and comfort over their families. God Bless.



Caily bombing down our 200' tubing hill



DJ Jazzy T on the mic during our Dec. Coffee House



Campers at our Jan. Snow Day



Ashanti and counselor Cassie on the mic!

Happenings on the Ranch

Given the above circumstances, work for us lately CBX has been slow. we spent a week in late January on the campus of CCU recruiting for summer staff. Other than that, we have been working at putting together the summer program. There are a few events coming up that we would love for you to attend or help out with!

Silent Auction and Dinner March 1st 5pm
Missions Hills Church RSVP 970 259 2716

Denver Camper Retreat March 7th 5pm - 8th 3pm
Ponderosa Retreat Center - We need chaperones!!!!