



Greetings, and welcome to the first ever River's Edge Newsletter. I hope to send these out regularly, to keep you all up to speed on what is going on here!

By the grace of God, we have continued to be able to operate during the pandemic, including this latest lockdown. We take comfort in knowing that all things are neatly and securely in the LORD's hands. Our program continues to offer 1-on-1 mentoring with those in need. Each week, it seems, we add 1 or 2 more participants to the program. Currently our census is just over 30, which is a 110% growth in 3 months time. Quite often the healing journey is a long process, but with the LORD's blessing we are seeing a measure of healing in these participants. Each session our mentors focus on building the relationship with the participant and take opportunities, when they arise, to speak into their lives. Of course this process is different from participant to participant.

Making Organizational Connections

We have welcomed a number of organizations to the farm (either in-person or virtually) for a tour and to get an idea of the services we offer here. We work with and communicate regularly: with the Youth Impact Centre, Elisha House, Niagara Life Centre & the Pregnancy Care Centre. We hope that by building these relationships we will be able to work together on future projects but, also put River's Edge out there as a resource for some of their clients. In addition to these organizations, a number of churches and school principals have been through the facility to see how we can serve their community.

Herd update

Last month, we welcomed to our herd 3 new horses. Geronimo, Billy, and Jade have joined our herd and have settled in nicely into our program. Geronimo is 13 years old, Billy is 6 years old, and Jade is 17 years old! They are good natured and instant favourites of some of our participants.

April Break - Family Tours – April 12, 13, 15, & 16

During "March Break" (In April), we are planning to host family tours! During this week, most 1 on 1 mentoring will be on hold. Families can book a 1-hour tour at the farm, where you can see the animals, check out the river and forest and perhaps do a horse activity.

Call 289-426-0481 or email info@riversedge.ca to reserve your family's spot today! We will only be hosting 1 family at a time.

Until next time!, Chris DeBoer, *Director*

