

Byde & Friends



MERRY CHRISTMAS
WE WISH YOU
&
HAPPY NEW YEAR TOO



Family Ministries at
TOO FAR OUT FARM LLC

Welcome

Double-R-Faith



We pray the Lord doubles your faith,
because we ALL have much to believe
Him for in 2024!
King Jesus is coming soon!!!





Thomas & his farm buddies



Katelyn & her horse, Glitter



Madeline is always "on it"!



Visiting Our West Coast Family



Easter with some of our extended family.



Sheep Shearing Day



Building on Truth,
walking in Faith,
servicing with Obedience
...and you thought TFO
stood for Too Far Out...



18th Anniversary Hike in Penn's Woods



Horse Camping with the PA Equine Council



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Deb & Junior



*Prince & Maddie
pretending they aren't causing
trouble for the barn cats...*



Mike & Amarillis flower

Dear TFO Extended Farm Family,

Blessings of a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and yours! We hope this letter finds you healthy and looking forward to the hope of Christ for 2024! While I walk through the last of my recovery from Covid, I wanted to reach out with some Merry Christmas tidings from us Peterson's. We sure hope this is the last of the flu for us this decade, but I am assured that whatever comes, God is with us! Isn't that what the season is all about anyways? "Come, oh come, Emmanuel!" Experiencing His presence brings joy, no matter the situation: sick or not, cold or hot, anxious or calm, sad or happy, empty pockets or full... He sees us thru. If that is not your present reality, please reach out and we will gladly give you what was so freely given to us. You have to give it away to keep it!

For this letter, I thought I'd send some 2023 random TFO Farm photos, updates on our adventures on the planet and some things Jesus has shown us this year. We started off 2023 with a visit from two of our grands, Katelyn and Thomas. We also loved on and were loved by many of our other "God" kids throughout the year too. The little ones bring such joy and offer such great hope, and the adults are amazing examples of God's excellent workmanship. From what we can see, all are healthy and growing. They are trying different things and learning to live life on life's terms. That can be challenging! Keep ALL God's children and those who have yet to opt into the family in your prayers, especially now in these evil days! The lies abound and deception is a snare, but God says, His WORD (Truth) will never pass away.

"So humble yourselves under the mighty power of God, and at the right time he will lift you up in honor." ~1Peter 5:6 NLT. This verse is packed with blessing, but to sum it up for me... I am trusting God to mold my character to more closely match the humility of His Son, AND I am expecting His Hand, to comfort, protect and pick me up with each and every new adventure. After all, God said it. It must be true, not because I deserve it, but because, He said it. He is the Great I AM.

Probably our biggest adventure happened in March, 2023. We flew into Seattle, WA and visited our people there. Son, Garrett, his wife, Roxanne and granddaughter, Addison showed us a great time in their hometown and surrounding sites. It was a trip of a lifetime for us and such a blessing to attend some of Addie's events and activities! We owe a debt of gratitude to our good friend, "Captain, Leslie" for providing the frequent flyer miles! We couldn't have done it otherwise, but God knew...

Our work-lives saw some changes over the months, weeks & days of 2023. Mike will reach full retirement age in January and I think he is finally going to let go of road warring as a bridge & road inspector for the engineering firm, Michael Baker, Intl. The Lord healed him from skin cancer this year. PTL! His doctors at the VA are telling him to avoid prolonged exposure to the sun, so we do believe it is time he move on to something else. He is enjoying driving the Amish, for now. He was even blessed by our neighbor & friend, Eli with a van to use! Is God amazing, or what!?

I resigned my position at the social service agency, Bethany Christian Services. It was time to let them find someone younger for the position. The hours no longer agreed with with my achy, aging body anymore. Anyone who knows me knows that I cannot sit still for long, and they required eight hours at a time. I already miss the wonderful folks I met at Bethany Christian Services, and hope we can remain in touch!



Glitter & Friends



We sincerely thank all who pitched in and greatly appreciated and needed all your prayers during 2023. We look forward to seeing you in 2024. All are welcome!

I am also in the process of transferring my website design business to our son, Garrett and daughter-in-law, Roxanne. We plan to make the formal announcement to our wonderful clients and the wider community in mid-January, so let's just make that our little secret, for now. I am so proud of my kids for seeing the value of serving small businesses and communities with their Internet savvy and artsy/techy talents. God knows if we are going to re-build our economy to serve "we the people", it can't be any kind of government hand-out or bail-out, lest we become beholden to worldly power systems in even deeper ways. Our family believes America will come back better the same way we achieved prosperity in the first place. God will bless us as a nation, as we **seek His will in all things**. Pray & obey. Diligent work is a great place to go from there. Our kids, Gar & Roxanne, as well as Julia & Jim would be blessed by your prayers in Jesus name!

David Hernandez says, "**Fear asks, 'What if?' Faith declares, 'Even if.'**" Now that I have taken off a couple of my extra hats, I get to focus on the horsemanship ministry as my single vocation. It is what I have most wanted to do for a long, long time! Dreams really do come true, if you follow the one who placed them on your heart. I found that following my heart of dreams in my own strength led to emptiness, at best and devastation, at worst. The struggle is real. When we resist His Way, we miss the greater blessing. **HOWEVER**, the manifestation of His vision is what's left

when we surrender to the Master. I also learned that dreams are put there for a greater purpose than the dreamer knows, so follow the Lord. Sometimes quickly/sometimes slowly, the vision becomes reality by getting to know the "Dream-Giver." The reality of it has been there all along! Our faith just needs to catch up with God's grace.

As for us, we plan to double our faith in 2024! Another big event of 2023 was the adoption of "Double-R-Faith," a 7-month old filly of foundational Morgan bloodlines. Thanks to a local breeder (*Brenda Anthony of Anthony's Acres*), we were able to purchase our "little Faith." (*I've heard God can move mountains with that. LOL.*) We brought her home at the end of October. Come meet her sometime soon! If you are getting this letter, it is because we consider you (*or desire you to be*) TFO family and we want to grow with you! Our little place and every creature who lives here would not be the same without the gift of your presence and prayers! Mark your trail though 2024 with a stop (or many) at **Too Far Out Farm**. Come often enough and you will probably start to eagerly anticipate the "hello" nickers and cold nose canine kisses before you even step out of your car or buggy, as the case may be.



Happy Trails...



Mike, Deb & the whole TFO Farm Family

