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HAPPY NEW YEAR

If God's faithfulness was snowflakes, our snow depth would be even deeper than it is here at this moment! We have had record breaking snowfall this December, just this week alone we have had over 60 inches in South East Alaska, and some places, including camp, even more! It has been unreal, and yet, God's faithfulness exceeds even the snow fall!

Our fall travels have been reminders of what we can expect of our God, blessings in the form of people, that were showered on us daily. Time spent with our family, Sons and daughter in laws, grandchildren, are high on our blessings list, and along with that, time spent with extended family and friends. Our travels took us to many states, a number of churches, and to people we have come to know and love over the years. The

opportunity to share what God has continued to do through our relationships and their love and care for us has been even more of a blessing, adding even more "snowfall" to the blessings we have experienced!

And to top it off, time spent with our Echo Ranch team (pictured above) in Kansas City in December, praising God while reflecting, preparing, and strategizing for the next chapter of Echo Ranch's story, just added more!

We are home now for a bit, we arrived in the wee hours of Dec 19th, walking out of the airport to a windy, 3 degree morning, but we are home. A warm house greeted us, and we have had several weeks of adjusting to being home, being with family, and shoveling snow. But as we hunker down and rest, we cannot escape the daily reality of this, we are so blessed! Blessed with a God who loves us, cares for us, reminds us that nothing will ever separate us from His love, His faithfulness, His promises that are not just words, but realities that are yet to be realized!

Thank you for being a part of our blessings, we are so looking forward to seeing what God has in store for us in 2026, blessings as real as the snow that continues to pile up outside our windows!

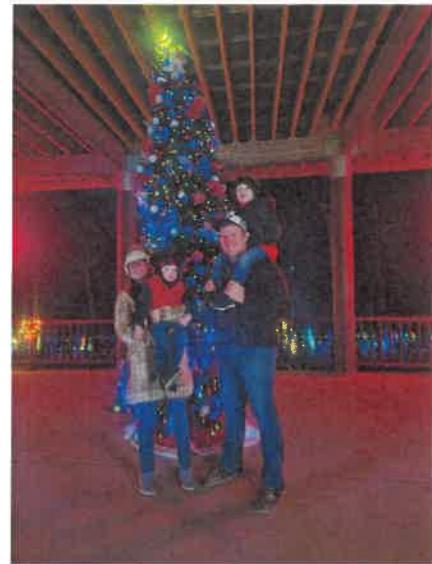


It was beginning to look a lot like Christmas!



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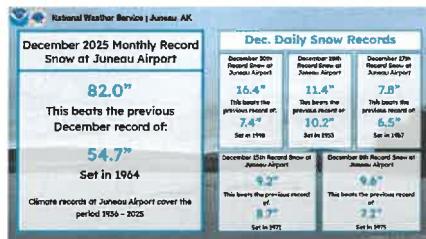
We enjoyed our time with Mary Beth, Ethan, Cole and Clay In Pennsylvania!



One of our many blessings have been this old Melroe/ Bobcat skid loader a friend gave us several years ago. While not big or new, its as old as I am, this machine has been a life saver as we deal with huge snow banks! And its a great way to make new friends with Neighbors!



Austin, Cristina and our granddaughter Iyla live next door and it's such a blessing to have them close.



Records were made to be broken, and that is what happened in Juneau this December!



How you can pray:

As we enter into a new year, here are some things you can pray for:

The challenges that we are facing currently with the incredible amount of snowfall are numerous, and travel is one of them. We had to postpone a speaking engagement in Gustavus, AK this past weekend due to the storm, (we would still be there if we had gone) and we

are currently planning on traveling to Kake, AK and Hoonah, AK this month if possible. We value these opportunities to spend time with believers and campers in these outlying communities and sharing the ministry of Echo Ranch, please pray for wisdom and the Spirits leading as we seek to go.

Pray for the state to get the highway to Echo Cove open. Currently the last 10 miles are still snowed in. Our winter caretakers for December are due to return as soon as we can get the road cleared, pray that this happens soon. Pray for Pete and Megan and their family as they serve us above and beyond what they had committed to, for safety and wisdom as they deal with huge amounts of snow and feed our horses in challenging conditions.

Pray for Gods protection on our facilities at both Berners Bay and Haines, as some of older buildings are being burdened with huge amounts of snow, possibility more than they have ever carried before.

Our summer staff recruitment is in full swing, and we are excited

to see who God prompts to come and serve with us! If you have people within your sphere of influence who are seeking to serve God with their summer, please have them check out our website, echoranch.org.

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