



The Watson Family 2011

New Year's Update 2011

Hey Ya'll,

There are so many things to tell, the only question is where to start...

Let's start with what the Lord is doing at Ironwood. Now I know I won't be able to share everything but let me try to catch some of the big ones. We were able to start the remodel of the old trailers and false fronts in our Rivertown facility. So far all the old trailers have come out, the ground has been leveled, the trailers have been set in place, and the giant porch has been framed. It will be a long process but it has been fun to see how the Lord brings it all together as it has been amazing to see how He has provided both the funds and the labor thus far.

Ironwood has also been working towards what we call a family of camps, a sister camp Ironwood would help run at the start so the philosophy will be shared but it would not be a cookie cutter of Ironwood. It would allow more people and churches to use the camping ministry. In the past couple months God led us to a camp facility in Grass Valley, California and a camp that had closed donated the money from their property sale to Ironwood to start a camp in Northern California. Long story short, God has allowed us to start the process of a family of camps with this property and the designated money gift. Check out the Ironwood website for more details and a link to the Wolf Mountain property.

We've included a picture of our wet weather out here. In just over a week we got enough rain to allow the Mojave River to run. A few of our river bottom structures were lost, but no serious damage. In all actuality, it was an adventure to see God's power in nature and a replenishment of our very dry reservoirs.

On a personal front, Alison has had fun watching the changes at school with some new students this year as well as getting to catch up with students that are now in college. Even though Shelby is not old enough for school she has given us a new appreciation for a great education with Christ as the foundation. I am so thankful that Alison is able to be part preparing our young Christians for a life focused on the Lord.

Shelby is doing very well and changing so fast. She enjoyed getting to hear from (Skype is a wonderful invention) and see family on her first Christmas and looking forward to seeing Grandparents this spring and a new cousin in March.

Please be in prayer with us as we have a busy spring coming up. We're already in full swing with a volunteer crew from South Carolina and more local volunteers coming in next week for our annual Nehemiah work week. We also look forward to the college and career singles retreat and a youth retreat. It's a joy to work at reaching the unsaved and alongside other Christians as they grow in the Lord.

Some have asked how support is coming, we need to raise about \$300 a month to be at full support and we look forward to who the Lord has to join in the ministry with us. God has blessed us deeply with friends, family, food, home and all the things between and we praise Him for His graciousness.

To God be all glory and praise,

The Watson Family (Stephen, Alison, Shelby and Thumper)



Pictures starting top left: The family standing by our river flowing, (Thumper isn't there because he wanted to swim.) just the start of river town coming down, the family just having fun, and the whole family Thump included.



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