





God's Goodness

From a Pony Party to a Good News Club

“The LORD is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; he knows those who take refuge in Him.” Nahum 1:7

Webster’s Dictionary defines a stronghold as a place of security or a fortified place. How we need the Lord to be our place of security in this ever-changing and broken world. May we cling to the Prince of Peace not just at Christmas time but every day of the year. He desires for each one of us to take refuge in Him whether we are in a challenging or peaceful season of life.

I long for our students at CCA, in our Sunday School class, and in our Good News Club to personally come to know the One who is good and a stronghold for them. With the start of our weekly Charlestown Good News Club in mid-November, the Lord surprised us with many new students. There are nineteen enrolled—most are unchurched. During the second week of club, a second grade student began attending. She came alone and was reserved and shy, but she quickly found a friend and sat with her. She seemed to enjoy singing the songs and learning the Bible verse. The next morning, this girl’s face flashed before me—she seemed so familiar. Had I met her before? Where did we meet? The Lord brought to mind a pony birthday party that we held at our farm for a four-year-old girl in 2020. Was this the same child? I searched for the text messages from the mom and photos from the party. The photos looked like a younger version of her. When I checked her name and age on the attendance form, she was indeed the same little girl who wanted Mini’s hooves painted purple since it was her favorite color; who ran around our backyard in a tutu playing games after the pony rides! The following week I told this story to her mom when she came to pick up her daughter. The mom shared how much her daughter enjoys GNC. I am still in awe of God’s goodness in allowing our paths to cross again! Would you pray for this sweet young eight-year-old to come to know the One who is the Prince of Peace and our sure stronghold?

With the close of another year, we are mindful of the many blessings that the Lord has given to us this past year. You have been a special part of these blessings. You have been the ones to hold the ropes of prayer for us. You have tangibly given generously so that needs here with the farm (a new barn roof) and with our personal support could be met. We pray that you will be encouraged and blessed as you hear of God’s goodness. Thank you!

Serving together,
Andy and Kelly





Merry Christmas from the Halbach's



Visit with Philly Cousins (Left)

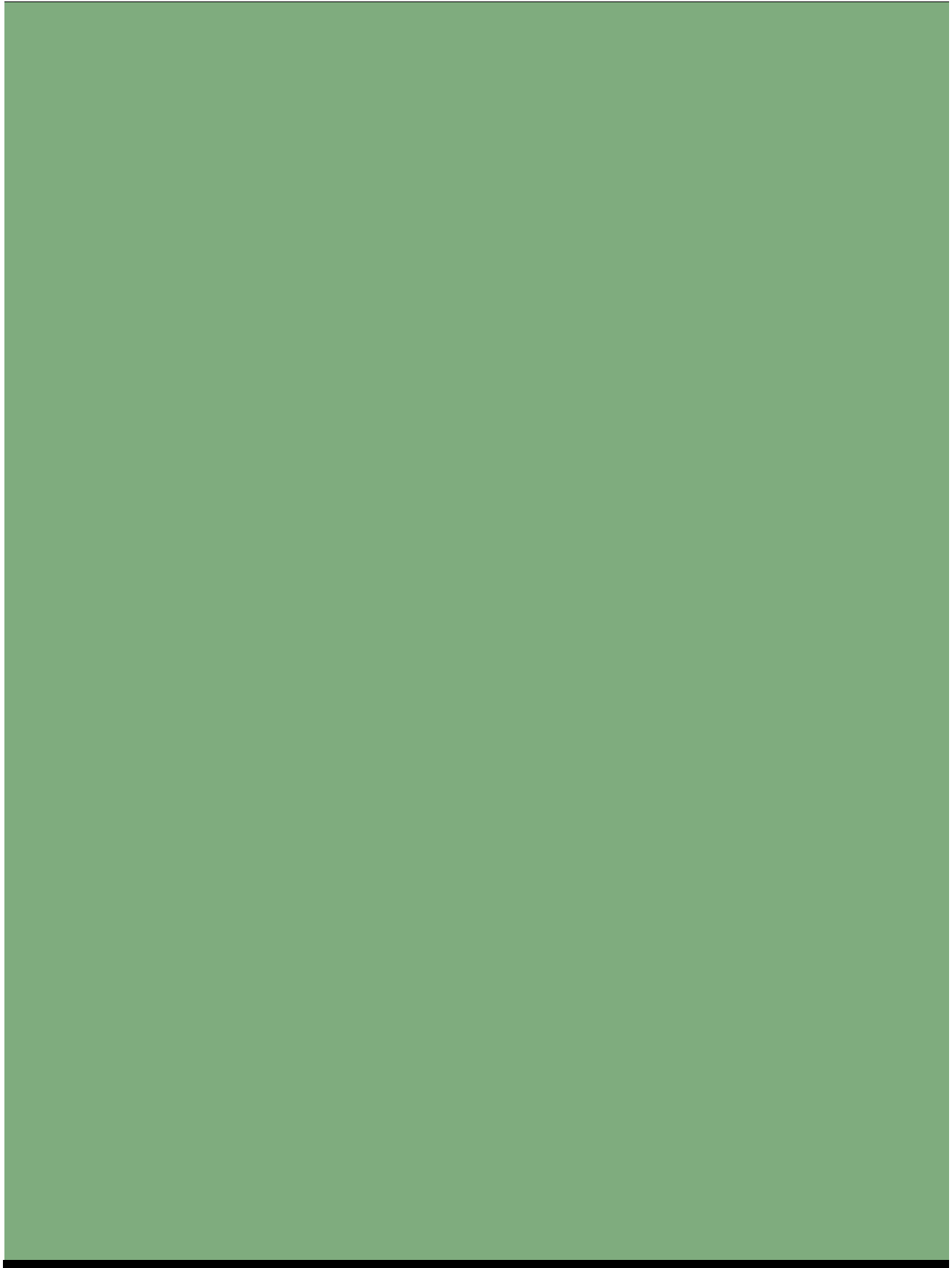
Celebrating Lindsay (Risteen) Thorgerson's wedding (Right)

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Prayer and Praise

1. Continue to pray for our students at CCA to desire to learn and grow in their knowledge and understanding of the Lord and how His Word impacts every area of their lives.
2. Praise for a great start to the Charlestown Good News Club. Pray for hearts to be open to the Gospel and to grow in Him.
3. Pray for wisdom and creativity as we prepare this winter and spring for summer camps and VBS's. Pray for more children to be reached with the Gospel.
4. Pray for God's provision by next summer of one or two child-safe horses for our horse ministry as it is time to retire our school master horse. We use the horses for electives for school as well as summer camp.
5. Praise for new prayer and financial supporters who have joined our ministry team. We continue to trust the Lord to provide so we can keep all our ministry activities free for children and families when they visit our farm.



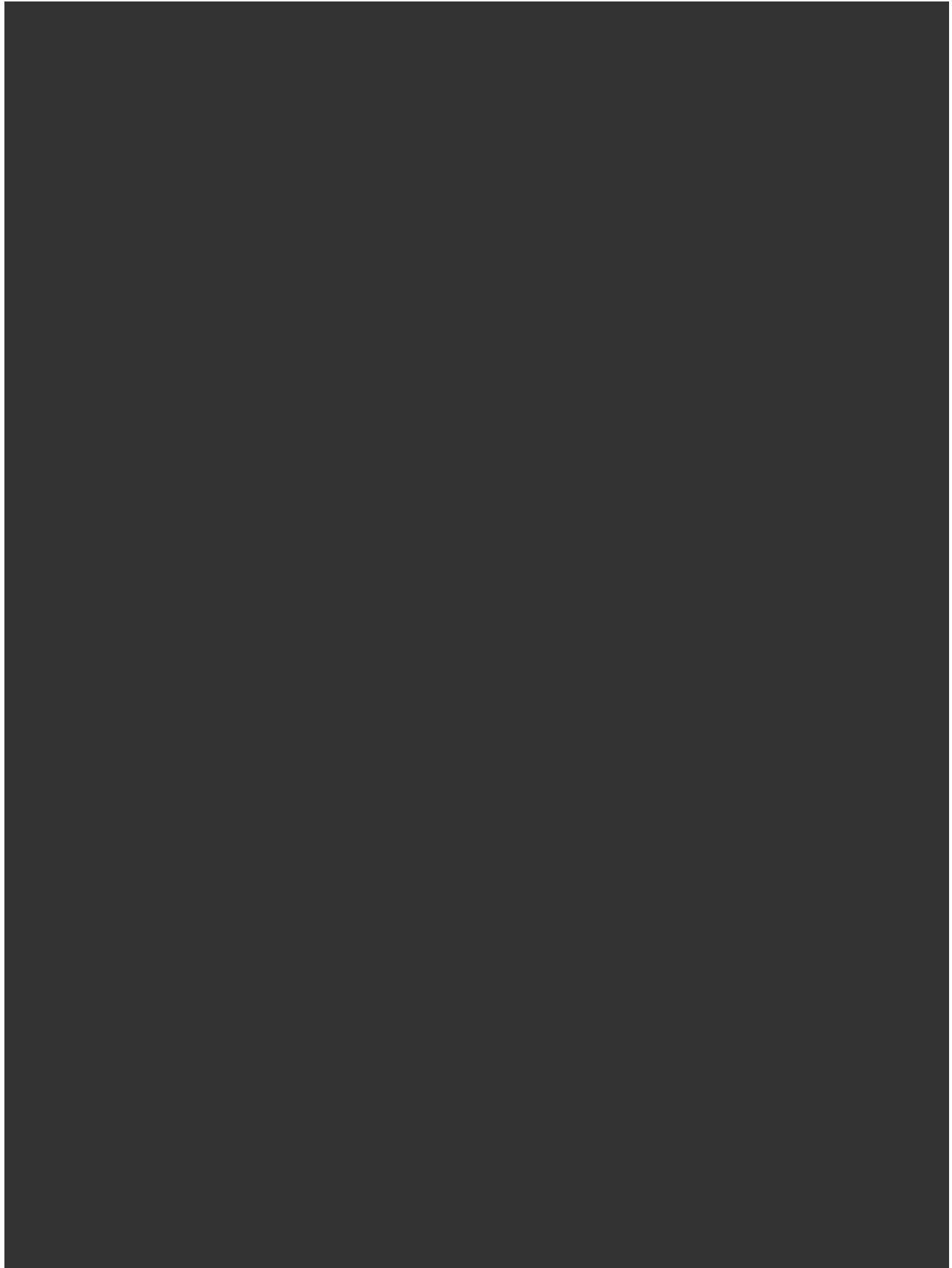
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