## Tom & April Graney

Children: Anna, Abigail (married),

Micah, Ezra, Caleb

Area of Ministry: Oklahoma

Focus of Ministry: Camp ministry, teaching



New Life Ranch - TBC Missionaries since 1999

Tom Graney came to know the Lord at the age of 17 at a Power Team Rally! April grew up attending TBC and the TBC youth group. Tom and April had a focus on missions from their first days. After both graduated from Dallas Theological Seminary, Tom and April went back to New Life Ranch and got to work, spending the last few decades with that ministry. Tom currently serves as the chief executive officer for New Life Ranch - one ranch, two locations, with the misison of "proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ and equip believers for ministry." April teaches at Cookson Hills, a Christian school providing schooling, home, and therapy services to at-risk kids. April is also the author of two kids' books, *The Marvelous Mud House* and *The Marvelous Maker*.

## Check out Tom's update and prayer requests below!

We continue to be overflowing with thankfulness for all that God is doing at New Life Ranch. Even during hard and challenging days (we all have them, right?), He is faithful and good!

As we've started 2024, our retreat ministry is in full swing at both New Life Ranch Flint Valley and New Life Ranch Frontier Cove. In mid-February we actually had a group of over 500 high school students for a weekend retreat at NLR Flint Valley, and just last week we had the opportunity to host 300 folks for a conference for camp staff and families from OK, AR, MO, KS, IA, and NE at NLR Frontier Cove. Each weekend until summer camp starts in June, we will host multiple groups at both sites, as well as midweek school groups in March and April.

Believe it or not, summer camp preparations have been happening for 6 months, and we are almost ready for 1,000's of campers to attend camp again this summer. Our summer theme of "Mosaic" has been revealed, based on John 14:6; Bible studies based on our theme are being written; and nearly 200 summer staff have been hired, with a few more spots to fill.

I recently celebrated my 21st year of being on full-time staff at New Life Ranch, and this summer will mark my 34th year of being connected to the ministry. As we continue to be rooted and focused on our mission of proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ and equipping believers for ministry, I am confident that God will continue to use camp to change lives - for His glory and for impact in the lives of others!

## **Prayer Requests:**

- For our spring retreat ministry to be fruitful in the lives of those who attend
- For continuing summer camp preparations
- For summer camp registration to pick up; it's lower than last year right now
- For wisdom & discernment and boldness & courage as I lead and make decisions with my team
- For financial support; after living at camp the past 21yrs, we bought a house nearby, and it needs some TLC:)



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