

# Jessica at Doe River Gorge Ministries

I am excited to tell you that I am coming back on full time staff at Doe River Gorge Ministries. After taking a year off, being at home with my family and God renewing my heart and growing me in my walk with Him, I felt called to come back to Doe River Gorge Ministries. I've been here for a year volunteering and helping out with the horses and with the maintenance projects and I know with all my heart that is what God is calling me to in full time service again!

For those of you who don't know, my 1700 LB horse, Elijah (picture on the right taken hours before the accident) fell on me on July 7, 2015. I should have died. I thought I was dying as he fell on me and I heard my back crack. It wasn't scary at all, just exciting that I'd get to see Jesus soon!!! Then he moved off



me and I was still alive. My doctor said he had no idea why I was still alive. I told him it was God protecting me because He wasn't done with me yet. I had broken ribs in 3 places on my left side. It was the most painful thing! I couldn't ride horses,

run, or work hard which are my 3

favorite things! In November, both of my legs kept going numb so I had an MRI and found out I had bulging disks in my back- 2 between L4 and L5 and 1 just below my shoulder blades. My spine was also moved off alignment which the doctor said if that was any worse, I'd have been killed or paralyzed.



The doctor said that until/if I get better, I couldn't ride horses. So I started praying and seriously considering selling them. God allowed my accident for a reason and He must have something even better in store for me! It was hard to be kept from my favorite activities, but also exciting thinking about what He had in store for me.



Then in February 2016, Mom and I went to visit my aunt and her family and went to church with them. The pastor stopped the service after one of the songs and said "God has laid it on my heart that someone in here needs healing." He prayed over us, then invited us down to the altar to



thank God for what He's done. I, of course, went down. The pastor was praying over each person and when he got to me, he prayed, then stopped and said "I see a pair of tennis shoes that are untied right now, but God's going to tie them and you're going to run again!" I turned and hugged him, then knelt before the Lord, crying and thanking Him! I could feel that my back had been healed! Praise God! Now I'm back here at DRG serving in even greater ways! His ways are higher than our ways!



**Here's where you come**

in, a vital part of camp ministry is your prayers **and support. It's so easy** to get distracted- even by good things. So I need your prayers that I would



abide in Jesus as John 15 talks about. Also, that I would stay close to Him, being **sensitive to His leading so that I don't miss out on anything He has for me to do or to** say in order to encourage and challenge others in their walk with Jesus!



**I'd appreciate your prayers for horse lessons also. I**

started making them 2 hours long and we have fun learning the basics about horses and ride as much as we can. Then we sit together, read Scripture, and talk about how we can apply what we did with the horses to our lives. It has been so fun! The Lord really blessed it!



I will be getting paid some for trail rides, lessons, birthday **parties, and demos that I'll do** with the horses, but I still need to raise \$1200 a month for support money to cover all my expenses. I would greatly



appreciate it if you would prayerfully consider financially supporting my ministry here.

*"Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen" Ephesians 3:20-21*



In Christ,  
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