

Yellowstone Alliance Adventures

Sandstedt Family Newsletter

December 2025

Tis the Holiday Season!

The snow has arrived, and the temps are dropping here in Bozeman, MT. September and October brought heavy rains and even snow while November gave us mostly sunny days in the 40s, 50s and even 60s! Right before Thanksgiving, our grounds were covered in a nice blanket of white. These past few months we've been thankful for time outside, getting to travel all over to see family and friends, and being able to reflect back on all that God has done this year in our lives and through YAA.

I invite you to read on to hear some highlights from the past few months. We greatly appreciate your support and are excited to share our lives with you in our work, prayer requests, families, and how you can be involved in the ministry at YAA.

Enjoy this Sandstedt family photo taken by my coworker, friend, and sister in Christ; Alex Hickinbotham Photography!



Fall Highlights

Harvest Market

I got to experience my first YAA Harvest Market this year! As soon as summer was over, we started prepping right away for this huge, fun, community focused event. We invite local food and craft vendors as well as local nonprofits to join us in engaging the community while we provide the activities like zipline rides, the rock-climbing wall, hayrides, etc. The day of the event was cold and rainy, but that didn't stop our tough Montana families from showing up and having a blast! We welcomed over 1400 people to the grounds of YAA that day! I was amazed at how each of our volunteers, vendors and guests were all so joyful and excited to be there. *It was a great reminder to me that our joy found in Christ never runs out; it's everlasting.* That day was one of my favorite days working at YAA thus far. I even got to share it with my parents who came to visit and generously volunteered their time to help! We squeezed in a dinner to celebrate Stephen's birthday while my parents were here that weekend as well (pictured below on the left).



Laura's Surprise 60th Birthday

On the flip side, we got to spend a quick weekend in November with Stephen's family for a very special surprise birthday party for Stephen's mom. Little did she know that all 4 of her kids would come in from different corners of the U.S. to surprise her! We had a full weekend of activities, but the best part was simply time together. Stephen's family has a rich love for one another, rooted in their love for their Savior. They truly enjoy time together no matter what they're doing whether it's watching the World Series, doing a wine and paint class together, enjoying a childhood favorite pizza place, or just playing a game in their grandparent's apartment. I am incredibly blessed and thankful to be a part of this family! We're looking forward to seeing them all again around Christmas time.

Looking to the Future

Prayer Requests

As Stephen and I plan for next year, we take a deep breath and remind ourselves to do the next faithful thing. We can have peace knowing that God has gone before us, and we are to walk with Him step by step. We've included a few prayer requests below, both personal and for YAA. Thank you for praying!

Personal

- For Stephen's work, that the Lord would continue to provide opportunities and build strong connections for Stephen within the valley
- For us to continue to pursue the Lord whole heartedly and strive to grow in Christlikeness
- For me to grow in patience and trust in God's timing with our house plans for 2026

YAA

- For our staff team; that we would have unity and would live out our mission of directing people to Jesus Christ and developing them to reflect His character
- For our campers and their families; that they would remain connected to YAA as a place to be encouraged in faith and experience refreshment in Creation
- For our community; that YAA would be a shining beacon of light to share the gospel with our local Gallatin valley

Thank you

Thank you all for walking with me this year as things look quite a bit different from the first letter I sent out! Thank you for your support, your prayers, your giving, and for simply your willingness to hear about the ministry God is doing at YAA. We have been amazed at all the Lord has done here in just 1 year, and we are very excited to see what is in store for 2026. Looking forward to writing to you all next year!

Merry Christmas!

The Sandstedts