

Meet an IHC member



Secret, 2 mo. old



Latigo, Secret's Dad



Melinda Gerrish

My name is Melinda Gerrish. My husband, Mike Gerrish and I own a Horse Motel “Cuttin’Up Stables” in Shirley, IN. I have had horses for several years; however the teaching of tricks to my horses began around three years ago after being involved in a horse accident. In order to build some confidence and trust with my horse, I began working with him on the ground. We had many obstacles to overcome and as we began overcoming them, tricks began developing. I found that clear communication with my horse was allowing me to teach them.

Much to my surprise, as I was teaching him, he was teaching me. He was teaching me what it is like to have faith and trust in someone and for him to have faith and trust in me. I started realizing how I handled my own obstacles. I found out, and this is the part I hate to admit, sometimes I found myself trying to go thru obstacles in life without God. Trying to go after only what I thought I wanted for my life, not what he wanted for me. My accident has taken me down a new path in life. God has blessed me in so many ways. I now share a message with audiences “Obstacles in life, what you do and how do you overcome them”

We all have obstacles in life, and it is important that we trust and have faith in God to lead us thru these obstacles in life. I used to look at obstacles in life as problems, now I look at obstacles in life with the attitude that a lesson is about to be learned. Life’s obstacles are an opportunity for God to show up. Faith is not a matter of ignoring the “obstacles,” but overcoming the obstacles through trust in God’s Word and promises.

I now have three horses that are performing tricks such as sitting on a bean bag chair, blowing a bicycle horn, playing Frisbee, kneeling, bowing, laying down, standing with all four feet on a 9”x9” pedestal and many other tricks.

Melinda is the wife of IHC Director Mike Gerrish and is a volunteer at the Hoosier Horse Fair & Expo. You can reach Melinda at www.cuttinupstables.com or 765-737-1045.