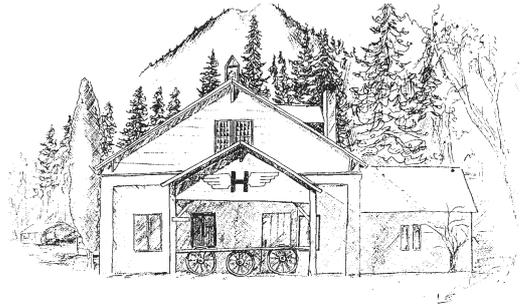


Flying H Youth Ranch

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"...turning the hearts..." Malachi 4:6 since 1962

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Dear Partners,

I have had many inquiries about my health, and since my wife is a very good writer, I'm going to use some of our family newsletter to explain what has happened.

On Monday, July 14, we visited our primary physician in Yakima to arrange for a referral to a spinal specialist and update him on testing that was done in Seattle. It was a rough day for Robert; his headache was acute by the time of the appointment. Our doctor is a Christian man originally from India who has been very involved in yearly missions trips back to his native country and church ministry here in Washington. So, he not only asked medical questions and modified Robert's meds for pain control, but also inquired about how he was doing emotionally & spiritually.

Robert told him he was learning what it meant to be thankful in all circumstances, and that he saw areas of growth in his own life and that of the ranch as a result of his illness. But then he added that he was to a point where he was simply learning to endure his headaches and adjust to the possibility that this might just be something he would have to live with for the rest of his life.

The doctor got pretty agitated, and told him that resigning himself to illness was NOT good. Whether this headache was caused by spiritual attacks (which he believed) or simply the fact that we live in a fallen world, God had a call on Robert's life for ministry and wasn't done with him. He needed to keep fighting the headache, and believe that God would accomplish healing for His glory in His own time. He assured us that as our doctor, he was not prepared to "give up" and that we would keep seeking answers for a recovery.

Robert acknowledged the rebuke and said that he would heed our doctor's words and continue to fight to become well. At that, the doctor said, "Let's pray." (We've prayed with him during some previous visits as well.) He took our hands and began by thanking and praising God for the work that was being done as a result of the headache, asked for strength for Robert, and wisdom to know how to proceed. But then the prayer took on a very different tone, and resting his hand on Robert's head, he, with authority, commanded that all attacks of the enemy be stopped, that the headache leave, and that Robert be enabled to resume his work with the boys and families at the ranch with his health restored and a testimony of God's power, that he might be more fruitful than ever.

When the prayer was done, Robert was tired, weak, but without a headache. He was hungry as we left, so we went to a pizza parlor for supper - the first time he'd been in a public place in months. At the end of dinner - still no headache! After coming home - still headache free! It's been more than a month now and the headache has not returned. Robert's had the chance to share what's been happening to him with a visiting youth group of about 45 kids, and, more recently, joined the ranch boys for a

breakfast - the first time most of them have seen him since April. They were thrilled, and broke into applause when they heard his story.

For now, he's gradually working his way off his medications, and is still resting a lot, but has begun taking short walks and visiting with others. It'll take time to regain his strength, but it certainly appears that he's on the road back to good health.

"I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know...what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe. This is in accordance with the working of the strength of His might which He brought about in Christ, when He raised Him from the dead and seated Him at His right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age, but also in the one to come. And He put all things in subjection under His feet, and gave Him as head over all things to the church, which is His body, the fullness of Him who fills all in all."

Eph. 1:19-23

God has been very gracious to me. Thank you so much for praying for me

God bless,

Bob

Bob Hostetler
Executive Director

Our praises:

- We are concluding a third intake as I write this. We now have fifteen boys!
- We are making very good progress on the school. The electrical has been inspected and approved; the drywall is being painted today; and the drop ceiling will be installed very soon. The plan is to occupy the school at the beginning of the second academic quarter.
- The Huntings are above 100%! They are already here, and Aaron is starting to prepare to teach school this fall.

Prayer requests:

- Whenever we take in new boys, they bring the enemy with them. Many of the staff have commented about the pressure from the enemy that is apparent. Please pray for our protection.
- Kathy and Rob Huyser are raising support.

Our needs:

- We need more missionary staff. We have 24 beds we could put boys in, but are not willing to have more than 16 because we want to keep a good staff-to-resident ratio in order to develop relationships with the boys. We have 11 full time missionary staff, and would like to have 14 by the end of 2009. If you know someone that may be interested, please have them contact me.