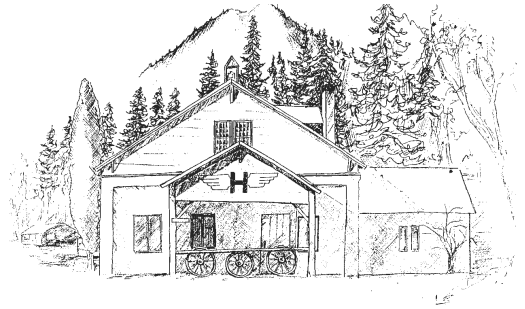


Flying H Youth Ranch

370 Flying H Loop
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"...turning the hearts..." Malachi 4:6 since 1962

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Dear Partners,

I am sitting in a hallway supervising two young men, "John" and "James", because they both ran away early Sunday morning, were caught shop lifting, and then were brought back to the Ranch. We know that God is at work creating opportunities in the boys' hearts when they act out like this. For example, John just got done letting a bunch of old hurt pour out of him. It was painful to hear, but I got a picture of the huge pile of hurt in his heart. He hurts so much that he is terrified to face himself in an honest, open way. He would rather run away. In the mean time, his hurt is mounting to a place that is unbearable. Is that bad? NO. Not at all. I guess I am reminded of the place in my life when I hurt so much thirteen years ago, and was similarly terrified. It wasn't until I was desperate that I truly sought God from a place of humility, having no answers for my pain and hurt. John is coming to a place of having no answers. Praise God! God sends us boys with pain and hurts that have no answers unless they seek God. Right now, I remember why I'm here. I get to partner with God in His work in and for these boys.

But God is also creating opportunity in us, the missionary and volunteer staff, when a boy acts out. Let me tell you what I mean. I've often thought that sharing Christ's suffering was about experiencing the physical pain, and the rejection and abandonment by friends that He felt. While I'm sure that sharing His suffering includes those things, right now I know that sharing John's pain is sharing Christ's suffering. I know that Jesus took up my pain, and offers me healing from all that hurt at His expense. I know I am blessed and privileged at this moment. Thank you so much for praying for me, and for John, and for all the staff.

I would tell you about James, but he is not actually processing anything right now. He is looking at this whole thing in a cost-benefit analysis kind of way, and he is thinking that the cost of being here at the Ranch may be more than he is willing to pay. That he might be better off in jail. In other words, he has a hard heart. I guess he needs prayer too, huh?

God bless,

Bob

Bob Hostetler
Executive Director

Our praises are:

- A local widow, Marion Hessey, gave her real estate to the Ranch in her will. The board has decided to sell the property in order to finish the school and work on several other projects. We are indeed thankful for Marion's generosity, and for God's provision.
- God is privileging us to see boys' hearts. Pray that they would humble themselves and seek God for the answers to their problems. (Otherwise known as sin.)
- God has added Brian to our list of residents. We will likely have Sam joining us on November 30.
- A couple of men from the Vancouver area have put together plans for finishing rewiring the lodge. Thanks Ray and Larry.

Our prayer requests are:

- We hope to do four intakes in January. Please pray for God to send us His choices, and for the staff to be able to minister God's love to each family.
- That we recognize where God is as work, and join Him.
- The Marks are at 22% support. Our goal is 50% by the 1st of the year. (That's something only God can do!)
- The Huntings are at 38% support.



Jesse comes to us from a single-mom family, and his mom can't afford to pay full tuition. We are looking for several people that would be willing to provide scholarship money to help cover the cost. Jesse will probably be here until at least the end of next summer. An added bonus for Jesse and his mom is that if you are willing to help financially, I know you will pray for them as well. I will send a monthly update on how Jesse is doing so that you can pray with understanding. Jesse is pictured to the left (He's not real

proud of this picture, it was taken during a campout.)