Flying H Youth Ranch

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December 8, 2009

Dear Friends.

It is our privilege to send you all MERRY CHRISTMAS GREETINGS in the Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ. We look forward to His Second Coming! Although He came a long time ago to face a cross, this time He will return for a coronation. Keep looking up to the clouds!

Since this is our Christmas letter, we thought we'd share a special boy story with you..... but yes all our boys are special, just for different reasons. We regularly pray that God will send us the boys He wants here. Thus all our boys are here by divine appointment.

This boy whom we'll call "Jim" came to us last winter. He has a choice of coming here or going to juvenile detention because of some criminal background. "Jim" came with many behavioral issues that especially affected his academic performance. He usually attended school only two hours a day.

His first day here he had to face five hours of schooling and I happened to be substituting. His first class was Bible (with Dave) and it didn't go well. How can any student function without being able to find answers, use dictionaries and other basic skills? The next class was math where I was teaching. Somewhat of the same scenario occurred. He told me he wasn't used to being in school this long and soon thereafter "freaked out". That translated to throwing a fit. Some of the other boys suggested I needed help. Mr. Alumbaugh, who happened to be on call, came to our class. He said to "Jim", "Son, it is time you grow up..."

Almost one year later we stand amazed at some changes in "Jim's" life. He knows how to respectfully work in a classroom. His academic work is improving although he has many skills yet to master. We, as staff thank the Lord for the boys He sends us, and pray His blessing on all of us. Please join in these prayers.

There is a possibility "Jim" will have to leave our program because of the financial strain it is on his family. Would you prayerfully consider helping his family by sending in a tax deductible donation for a scholarship for him?

On a different topic we thought you would like a landslide and road update. First, the mountain has sustained no activity for awhile. There are over twenty holes at depths of one hundred feet or more that the geologists are using to track movement. The detour to Hwy. 410 stands completed even with guard rails! We are most thankful! Miraculously no one was injured-not during the slide itself or any of the road construction or the redirection of the river. Praise the Lord!

Secondly, we have a new entry to the ranch. Should you attempt the old turn, you would now go over a guard rail and drop eight feet. The new road provides some new challenges so please continue to pray for our safety.

PRAISES:

Hannah Grace joined the Hunting family on November 13. We thank the Lord for His gift to Aaron and Tricia (and Autumn and Caden)

Just a few days ago we had a major wind storm which took out part of the Carlile's roof. The ripped section was hitting a main power source to their home. There was no fire.

A young couple, Justin & Michelle Schipper, just came to visit us as potential new staff.

REQUESTS:

New roofing for Carlile's home and the lodge itself is in need of a new roof.

Our vans need to be replaces with two workable nine passenger 4 WD Suburbans.

Our scholarship fund needs to be replenished. Many boys such as "Jim" are here because of financial help needed.

Lastly as mentioned earlier, that God would send us the boys He wants, and that we would be safe on the roads this winter.

Thanking the Lord for each one of you!! In His love,
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for the Flying H Youth Ranch staff

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