

Flying H Youth Ranch

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

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***“I will give you a new heart and put a new Spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.”
Ezekiel 36:26***

We at the Flying H spend our time with boys who often don't want to change and have a heart of flesh. The question of what's it in for them that permeates our culture isn't one easily answered by the way of the cross as it seems to offer up self-denial which is against our very nature. We need the Holy Spirit to intervene and break these stone hearts and we need to examine our own hearts and allow the Lord to chip off those areas we are hard hearted in.

The boys came back from a two week leave on January 5th which always brings some exposure of where hearts are really at. We get reports of active rebellion like drinking alcohol, to reports of quiet disrespect and disdain shown through comments to or ignoring of parents. We get apathy as boys wish they'd be left alone to their own devices and think the only problem is in the parents. We also see improvement as some boys who have been here awhile do much better on leaves, put forth better effort and respond well to what is expected at home. All this is used to help gauge where boys are struggling and issues we can address with parents to help when the boy finally leaves here and wisdom is needed by both staff and parents as we work through these issues.

We ask you to commit to pray with and for us at the Flying H in this year of 2013. Pray that God's Spirit would be at work in all of us, changing the boys and the staff, keeping us encouraged and with the energy to face each day. We'd love to see many of these boys turn their lives over to the Lord. Pray for applications for boys that will fit well in our program, we want to see an increase in this area as we have available openings. Pray for parents of boys who also work at making changes at home, it's often difficult to see and work on issues that affect their sons. Pray for possible staff as two families are raising support and others have shown interest in applying.

May you have hearts of flesh in 2013

Brent Johnson
Youth Services Director

Praises:

- The staff families were able to have a restful time during the Christmas break. Thank the Lord for a time of refreshment.
- We are praising the Lord for the continued stability of the Ranch finances and the Staff incomes.

Needs:

- We have some monies towards our roofing/shelter project for the Shop, but need more.
- The Albright and Creach families as they are raising support. The Albrights have gained 20 % in the last month. Praise the Lord!
- There are a few staff houses that don't have garages or coverings for vehicles; we would like to be able to make carports at each house. Money and/or materials for the projects are needed.
- The boys would like a place to play basketball that can be supervised. We would like to make a small slab outside of the lodge for them to be able to use. Money and/or materials for the project are needed.
- If you have time and knowledge of how to do any of the above projects, we would love to have you come help us out!