

Flying H Youth Ranch

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“...turning the hearts...” Malachi 4:6 since 1962

To our Partners in the ministry of the Flying H Youth Ranch,

Your letter this month will have a different perspective than usual since some of us volunteers have been asked to share our perspectives on the recent Spring Family Resolve weekend. My husband and I have been privileged to serve as volunteers at the Flying H for some time. For the past three Family Resolves we have been able to bring a kitchen team from our home church, Calvary Chapel Vancouver, to assist with the food preparation and serving. We've asked some members of that team to share some of their impressions and observations from the recent Resolve.

Resolve weekend is our time to go serve! Who we serve, is what is special. We serve our Lord first, and through Him the main thrust is the staff, the boys, and the visiting parents. The purpose is to help free them up so they can have more quality time to meet together and work on building better relationships.

We could definitely see the effect of more boys at the Ranch this year! The volume of food and drinks was significantly higher than last year. We had a great team helping as we prepared food, tearfully chopped onions, peppers, lettuce, tomatoes and fruit, swept and mopped floors, washed dishes, and helped serve up the food.

As always, Patty Fried is a marvel to work with along with the other staff that came in and made our service easier. We also had the pleasure of having some of the boys help too, giving us the opportunity to interact with them. Joyful!

We were blessed to observe what was, in our eyes, a great resolve weekend. The boys – wow, so much growth! We could see it. And what a sweet surprise to have some of them approach us with greetings and discussion. The staff was busy and focused, as always. We have immense admiration and respect for them.

But, the parents were also wonderful. The thanks we heard along with pats on the arms and back. And some parents stepped in and lent a helping hand. We were so blessed to hear some of them pondering the day they may come back and help at Resolve!

**Thank you for blessing us as we did our best to bless you. We'll be back
Rod and Dianne Keely”**

Perspective!!!

While I was shedding some tears and skins with a very big sharp knife in my hands (that's kitchen lingo for chopping onions), thinking of the situation I found myself in, the Lord reminded me of a few happier times of recent days and I found myself grinning from ear to ear and laughing under my breath so as not to draw attention to this weeping, giggling man with a knife in the kitchen at Resolve weekend at the Flying H Youth Ranch. The thoughts came flooding in at all of the fun and exciting activities that these young men have experienced; Hiking, backpacking, fishing, camping, paint balling, shooting, white water rafting and way more. I was also reminded of the superior education and personal tutoring these guys get; learning even the fine arts (Shakespeare YEEKS!) the sciences and physics, rocket building and second language. Learning about not one but four or five skilled trades from some of the finest craftsmen and mentors in their industry. Farming and ranching, caring for animals, logging... Well the wood cut! and ...well you get the picture. But as I was wiping the last tear from my cheek it dawned on me that what these guys get the most of is Love.... Love {Job 5:17} from every staff family and volunteer, but most of all from the God of all creation through His Son Jesus Christ. These young men have been given the keys to an abundant life with a road map and every essential thing to succeed in life in service to Him, their families, their community and their country. Only in God's economy can a young man be free to make life altering devastating choices, some being subjected to a dysfunctional and demoralizing home life, witness things that no child let alone an adult should have to, all to have Our Saviors Grace, Mercy and Unfailing love be poured out on them through this little ranch in the woods in the middle of Washington state.

Resolve? I resolve to keep things in "perspective" by witnessing firsthand the miracles in these young lives and their families as I chop onions and dice tomatoes and scrub a pot and pan or two and....maybe even shed a few tears.

In His service and yours.

Chuck Rogers"

We have all felt blessed to have a small part in what the Lord is doing in and through the ministry of the Flying H Youth Ranch.

Working together with you at the Flying H,

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