

# Flying H Youth Ranch

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

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"I like my life the way it is and wish people would leave me alone."

Greetings All.

Yes, the above lament is from one of our boys and though not many would say that out loud much of what they communicate indirectly would fit this line. And why not? In a world where cultural heroes get away with childish behavior, movies like "Hot Tub Time Machine" and "Knocked Up" show men having nothing but an irresponsible good time and male T.V. characters that seem to have the intelligence of pond scum, forgive me pond scum. Why ascribe for a life of hard work and responsibility? In my flesh there is something very appealing about this kind of activity and if I do run into trouble I can find some kind of disorder or syndrome to use as a crutch and be good to go.

Compare that to what Paul says to a young man named Timothy.

'Set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love and in purity.' And later: 'Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them so that everyone may see your progress.' Not exactly what we see modeled by many in the mainstream today yet this is what I desire for our boys to understand as what is worthwhile in life, operating beyond the expectations of this modern world and being leaders in what they do. This is a message that is a struggle at times, no matter how old you are.

For our boys there is the big question of; why? Why would I give up running my own life and all the fun that seems to be out there for a life of what sounds like serving some God I'm not sure wants the best for me? This is actually a great question. How many of us live lives that if we weren't Christians would be much different? I try to explain to them that it's more than just going to church, watching the right movies and I don't swear but mostly they remain skeptical. I pray that God does that work only he can do, crushing hearts and replacing them with ones that can hear his call. And I

pray my life is one sold out to Him in everything I do and wow, do I need a lot of prayer in this.

So after a crazy month in January, February settled down quite a bit though we did lose the two boys who ran away. One was pulled by his parents and the other is having to deal with being back in the state system so keep these boys in prayer, they are very lost guys. We have two new guys (KC and TJK) already which can be unsettling to some so prayers for their transition.

In His Grip.  
*Brent Johnson*

Brent Johnson Youth Services Director

### **PRAYER REQUESTS/NEEDS:**

- We are getting closer to being able to do our roof repair, please consider contributing so we can do the repairs this spring/summer.
- We are actually starting to price 15 passenger vans, we are getting close to affording a van also.
- The boys will have their spring break/home assignment coming up on March 25-April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please pray for the boys and their families as they are together for this time.
- The staff will have a one day retreat together here on March 26<sup>th</sup> and then will be going on their own spring break. Pray for safety for all those that are traveling.

### **PRAISES:**

- We are now members of an organization called Trinity/HPSI. It will allow us to get discounts on all kinds of services from nationwide companies. This will help cut costs in food, paint, furniture (if needed), paper products, and so much more.
- As stated above, we are close to buying a 15 passenger van and getting our roof finished, we are so grateful for the generous gifts that have come in.