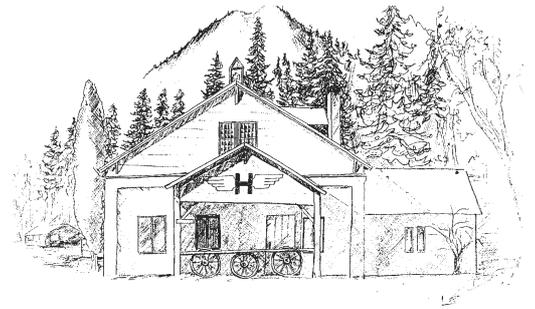


Flying H Youth Ranch

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

Greetings,

May 5th, 2010

Do you ever read the story of Jesus restoring Peter in John 21, and not only marvel at God's forgiveness, but wonder what Peter was thinking during the conversation? I wonder if the first time Jesus asked if he loved him Peter was casual about it, thinking "Of course I do." By the third time, I wonder if there was a huge flood of memories as he relived the scene in the courtyard. If it were me, I'd wonder if something bad was about to happen, wondering why Jesus was doing this? But, what an awesome scene of Jesus showing that our past doesn't prohibit us from serving Him. If you think about it, Peter had so vehemently denied he knew Jesus, he was calling down curses on his head. Yet here Jesus was forgiving and starting Peter on a path to helping bring about the Church. Pretty big!

In some ways this is what we do at the ranch. No, I can never ultimately forgive the boys their sins, but I try to point to the One who can. The One who has restored all of us who have accepted Jesus as our Savior, even though we have denied Him by our words and actions. In our daily devotionals and our living out our lives in front of them my hope is that God would be shown to them in ways that they would feel His call. That they would see that He is waiting with open arms to forgive and make them into something they cannot fathom without Him.

Of course, many of our boys are resistant to that call, wanting to live their own lives and use their hurt as a reason to reject what we tell them. We have boys whose family lives are so splintered and broken, that they have little desire to want to live what many of us consider normal lives. Boys whose parents have rejected them, choosing instead, drugs, careers, or just didn't have the time to be a parent. Ones who have had a parent die while very young. Ones who didn't ever know both parents as parents. The stories can go on and on, and our great desire is that each boy would have an experience in which they feel that desire and need to let Jesus come and restore them, so they can be what He intended them to be. Like Peter, that they would have the Shepherd show them that He is here to make them whole. How incredibly awesome when Jesus asks if they love Him and they say, "yes."

In His Grip,

Brent Johnson

Youth Service Director

Please keep us in prayer:

We have a boy who has been here less than a month and has many obstacles to face in his family.

One of our boys just returned after a month in Juvenile Detention. Pray he sees his great need to let Jesus be in control of his life.

We will have an intake on May 6th, pray for adjustments and for the new mentor to have wisdom.

We have openings for boys, pray for applications that will bring boys and their families who fit well with the program.

We need to replace our 15 passenger van, would you pray for the monies to do so. We have been selling scrap metal and old car bodies to help gain money for this, but we still need more money (or cars and scrap to sell).

Our lodge roof is still needing to be replaced. We have had some money come in for this, but not enough yet to cover the whole expense.

Our Praises:

OUR VOLUNTEERS!!!! We had a group from Master's college and another one from George Fox University earlier this spring. Now we have two S.O.W.E.R. couples who will be here for the next 3 weeks. Our volunteer facilities manager and his wife, the mastermind of the office, have returned from their winter in Arizona, we are thankful they decided to return to us!

We have two couples in the process of raising support to be staff members here.

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