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Dear Partners,

Last night I had the privilege of leading devotions with the boys. We are starting a study of Galatians, and much of our conversation centered on peace. Questions like: "Just what is peace? Is it simply the lack of conflict?" stirred the boys to consider more carefully what peace really is. We decided to talk first about peace with God. We thought that if there are no issues between me and God, then I have peace with Him. Romans 8:1 tells us that Jesus took care of all the issues that God has with me on the cross, and I am free from any condemnation. So, if any issues remain, they are mine, not His. According to that same scripture, if I am unwilling to be in Christ, I don't have peace with God. To reinforce that, we discovered from John 14:27 that peace is Christ's possession, and that if I want peace with God, I must pursue it through Jesus. That's a pretty profound understanding all by itself.

So back to the question of what peace actually is. We liked the definition of "tranquility and contentment in my heart, or inner person." When I asked who wanted that contentment, every person in the room raised their hand. When I asked if anyone there had tranquility with God, many of the guys said that they had experienced it, but had a hard time keeping it. I know what they mean. The issues that rob me of peace with God are my pride and self-will; the same things with which the boys struggle. So, what price am I willing to pay for peace with God? Jesus paid all He had. He died in order to give me His peace. Am I willing to humble myself, repent of my pride and self-will, and accept His gift of peace? Every one of us gets to answer that question.

I am thankful that God prompted the boys to think soberly about their relationship with Him, and start to answer that question. His pleasure is to have a deep, peaceful, abiding relationship with each of us. Please pray that God would put a deep, abiding desire for peace with Him in Mike, Rollie, Nick, Chris, Michael, Kyle, Mark, Jamahl, Schuyler, Jeremiah, Chago, Alec, and Galima's hearts.

As we approach Thanksgiving and the holiday season, I pray that each of us remember the price Christ paid for our peace with God, and center on Him.

God bless,

Bob Hostetler
Executive Director

Our praises are:

- The first quarter of school was completed this week, and the boys have done very well. Ten of the fourteen will make academic honor roll. Students and teachers are all doing well.
- The gravel pit down the road is giving us all the gravel we want.
- We now have three vehicles that are dependable, and get good gas mileage.

Our prayer requests are:

- That we would be faithful to disciple the boys that have declared for Christ.
- The Johnsons are at about 48% support. They started this journey two years ago, and it is easy to become discouraged. Please pray for perseverance.
- Staff health. I (Bob) have just gone through rotator cuff surgery, Sherry Gillespie is getting carpal tunnel surgery in November, and various staff have had colds and such.

Our needs are:

- A number of our boys are on scholarship, and our scholarship money is depleted. Please pray and ask God if he would like you to help replenish the scholarship fund.
 - We need more staff.
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