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Dear Partners,

The school year brings a different set of challenges to our residents. For most, the discipline of school is a welcome change from daily summer work crews. School builds structure into a boy's day that is difficult to accomplish in other settings. Let me show you what I mean.

We wake the boys at 6:30, salute the flag at 6:59, bless our breakfast at 7:00, do our morning devotions at 7:15, start dish crew at 7:25, and send the boys off to school at 7:55. All the above is easily defined structure. On a school day, the structure continues in the same way. Classes are one hour long, with five minutes between classes. Each class has well defined expectations, which include class participation, use of time, desk work, and homework, with each item getting a grade. That is a continuation of the structure started at wakeup.

The amount of structure grinds at some of the boys. After all, they are here because they are rebellious, and structure means someone has authority to create and enforce expectations. The fact that our school expectations are integrated into the rest of the program makes rebellion easy to identify.

A day of work crew, on the other hand, has less structure. We start the day with wake up and so on, the same as we do on school days, but when the actual work begins, a boy can more easily rebel. In school, we keep track of just about every minute of the resident's day. On a work crew, we intentionally allow him time where he has far less supervision, and he may choose to slack off, or stop working entirely.

Why in the world would we do that? If a boy is allowed virtually no choices, our opportunity to help him see his own heart is limited. It's in our choices that we see where our heart is. And, we want to spend time training a boy "in the way he should go." We need both training and opportunities to see where a boy's heart is in order to succeed.

God bless,
Bob
Bob Hostetler
Director of Development

Our Praises:

- Jordan is scheduled to graduate from the program in October at the end of our Family Resolve. I think his parents deserve a graduation too. They have embraced the changes in their marriage and in how they parent with great humility and enthusiasm. Mom and Dad changing like this predicts that Jordan will succeed when he gets home.
- The school building is almost done! As I write this, some volunteers are putting the tile in the bathroom. November 10th we hope to conduct classes in the new building.
- We are seeing some real change in several of the boys. We see it in their willingness to apply themselves at school, and in more patience with other boys. We pray that God will conserve this fruit.
- I joined Rob and Kathy Huyser for a Sunday evening presentation at their church in Bozeman, Montana, and were joined by about 100 that are interested in helping the Huysers get to the Ranch. Three of the people there had been pastured by Rev. Alan Hires back in the 40s. Alan Hires is our founder. How cool is that?
- As we have moved from a twelve month to an eighteen month program, we see less anxiety from boys getting ready to graduate. This was a good decision.

Our Prayer Requests:

- As you pray for the boys on the attached photo, please pray that we would be faithful to help them embrace Biblical, heart level change, not just behavior modification. (I guess that's a prayer for both the boys and the staff.)
- Family Resolve will be October 17-19. Please pray for our protection. The enemy wants to destroy families, and we need God's protection. We will be talking about pride, which destroys relationships, and humility, without which, no reconciliation happens.
- The Huysers are at 37%, and climbing. Please pray for those that God has called to join Rob and Kathy in their work here at the Ranch to join them as prayer and/or financial supporters.
- We are planning two intakes in late October. Please pray for these families, and for their mentors.