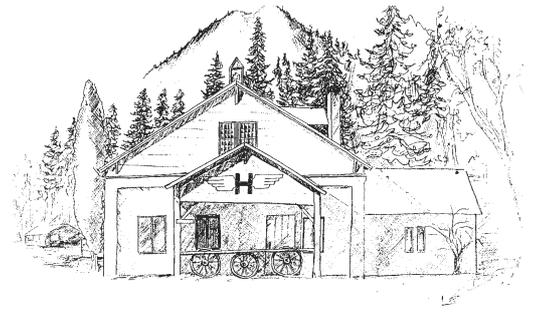


Flying H Youth Ranch

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

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Greetings,

I've been reading a book lately, the editors being John Piper and Justin Taylor, and it is all about words or more succinctly, the power of words. While I use words constantly I've never really thought how words dominate all that we do. We think them, say them, hear them, read them, email them, text them, laugh at them, cry at them and so on. The Bible tells us that words have the power to heal or the power to kill. Jesus is called The Word and God, by His word, spoke all things into existence. Life comes from hearing the Word and believing it to be true.

So what does this have to do with the Ranch? Every one of those things is true and every one is encapsulated as part of our ministry. In fact, with such close and constant contact, the words we use may have more impact than say some casual words on the street or even a nine to five job. In truth, the boys are talked at a lot, and they will sometimes let you know that. I've even pondered the verse in Proverbs that says something like, where words are many, sin is not absent, and tried to understand that in it's broader context. I know my words here have sometimes wounded, sometimes lifted up, sometimes been coarse and sometimes been encouraging and I don't even want to see a percentage breakdown because it might expose how my many words have brought sin. So my prayer would be that our words would be more than just wind and that He who is the Word would be behind what we say.

In the next month we will be doing resolve where words will be a major focus of what we do. Kindly pray for us in fervent prayer that they be words of God and that they will penetrate defenses to cause people to examine needed changes. We will also lose four boys and my prayer is that the words that have been from and about Jesus will ring in their ears as they go forth as it's often a difficult transition for them and the families.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

- The Resolve weekend, October 16-18.
- The boys will have home leave October 18-25. Pray they remember what they have learned here and that they would all have good leaves.
- The staff retreat October 19-21. We will travel over to Black Lake Retreat Center to spend time together.
- The Carlile and Hunting families as they await the birth of their babies any day.

NEEDS:

- Do you know someone who wants to donate a 15 passenger van??? We really could use a new one.

- We have funds open for a new roof for the lodge. If you would like to donate specifically toward the roof fund, please indicate that on your donation.

PRAISES:

- We have been able to buy 15 new Bibles for our past graduates. That brings us up to date with the boys who have left our program. THANK YOU!!

- The boys and staff returned safely from their fishing trip. Only one of the boys caught a fish, but a good time was had by all.

- We have a group of 5 S.O.W.E.R. couples here working on various projects. They always bless us.

Thank you for partnering with us as we continue to minister to these boys. We are so grateful for you.

In His Grip,

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