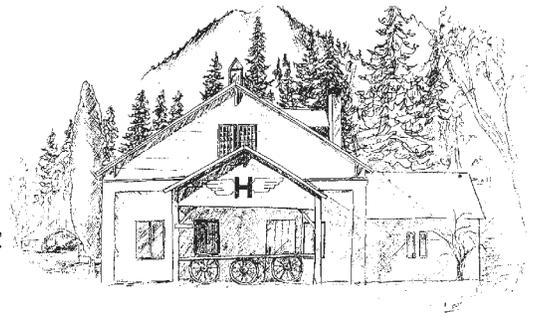


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"...turning the hearts..." Malachi 4:6 since

August 31, 2006

Dear Partners,

Do you remember "Sam" from last month's letter? I am writing a follow-up so you can see how the process often works. As a reminder, Sam was having problems with anger, and he wanted to know where it came from, and how to get rid of it. As it ends up, a number of the staff were having conversations with Sam about his anger at about the same time as I was. And he was listening.

The most important of those conversations was with his mentor, Scott Eilts. Scott told Sam that one of the ways of pulling the plug on that pool of anger was to serve others. What that really means is that Sam was challenged that other people's needs are as important as his own, and that they are worthy of being served. That other people are valuable. If Sam can really get a hold of that idea, that other people are valuable, he will begin to believe that he is valuable, and he will have room in his heart for forgiveness and grace. And not just for others, but for God's goodness and grace toward him as well.

One of the hardest places for Sam to serve has been on work crew. He deemed some staff worthy of obedience, and others not worthy. Ephesians 6:5-8 speaks directly to that:

"Servants, do what is ordered by those who are your natural masters, having respect and fear for them, with all your heart, as to Christ; Not only under your master's eye, as pleasers of men; but as servants of Christ, doing the pleasure of God from the heart; Doing your work readily, as to the Lord, and not to men: In the knowledge that for every good thing anyone does, he will have his reward from the Lord, If he is a servant or if he is free." (BBE)

So Sam had a choice: Work according to his judgments, or work unto the Lord. Sam chose, from his heart, to serve others. Over the last month, Sam has chosen well, and come to a place of peace. He is looking for opportunities to serve others, and to obey his bosses. He is doing good things, and God is rewarding him.

God bless,

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Our praises:

- The Eight Day Hike went very well. Several commitments were made, many boys got to see how their lack of self-discipline sets them up for failure, and some veterans got to see how far they have come in a year. The staff, Shon McIntyre, Mike Anthony, Scott Eilts, and Aaron Johnson did a wonderful job with the boys.
- The concrete is all poured, and we are ready to put up the steel on the new Hope Academy building.
- A number of you have sent contributions for the new school, totaling about \$10,000. Thank you! We still have well over \$100,000 to go.
- Nile Christian School, which is for staff children, is starting.

Prayer requests:

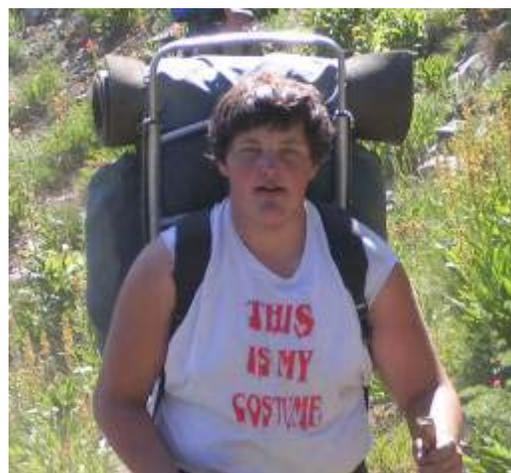
- Please pray for Matt and Cameron, our new boys.
- Pray for the Carliles. Their baby is due September 7th. (Karen is tired of being pregnant. I was told by my wife to not make any comment: I'm not qualified.) They are at 65% of full support, and would like to be here at the Ranch by the end of the year. We will be visiting a church in September, and hope to close the support gap significantly.
- Please pray for the Johnsons. The first six months here can be trying, and they need the Holy Spirit to encourage them, and keep them persistence. Please pray for Tori, Naomi, and Melissa, their daughters, as they adapt to life at the Ranch.

Needs

- We need 2x6 and 2x4 stud-length lumber for the school.
- We need 5/8 drywall for the school.



A rest along the way on our Eight Day Hike



Mike was our Hike Master