

# Flying H Youth Ranch

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

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Words and The Word.

I've been reading Malcolm Muggeridge's autobiography and it has me musing philosophically. Here's a man who acknowledges that words were his life, almost his reason for being and yet he takes the time to tell us that all the words carried very little weight. Easily dispensed yet easily forgotten. Now, I find his writing to be witty, creative and full of insight, one of those men who would look at the world through a critical eye and accept the honesty of it even if it wasn't what he hoped to see. Yet who remembers his writing or his warnings even of what we were becoming as a culture? Easily forgotten.

So what does this have to do with us? We live in the world where words are filling the air yet the truth behind the words seems almost a moot point. Our world isn't big on examining if things are true and often we are told that truth is what you make it. Now compare that with Jesus words that He is the Truth and also the Word and you might realize what the Proverbs is trying to tell us when it says: "where words are many sin is not absent." As I work at the ranch and look back at what we've tried to achieve with the boys it can feel like I'm a fly caught in the world's cobweb of words. Words that mostly point to self, to pleasure, and to almost anything but real truth. But if I rest on the Truth and let Him who is the Word do the work I can be at peace that the job is well done even by faltering lips. So that may be clear as mud to you but it makes sense to me.

The work continues on with boys running, some getting into trouble with the law but others showing a real hunger for knowing more about Jesus which is exciting. Keep us in your prayers, we will be as short staffed as we ever have starting October so a tough work stands a chance of being tougher. We are so grateful for all of you, I've thought of publicly thanking all who support us but I doubt any of you do it for the accolades. And how blessed we are that in tough economic times you bless us with finances. Keep it up.

In His Grip,

Brent Johnson  
Youth Service Director

**Praises:**

-We continue to be blessed by S.O.W.E.R.S. we have 5 couples here volunteering their time to help with various projects around the houses and ranch property. Without them, so many of our needs would go undone.

-The boys made it back from their 8 day survival hike. They were a little skinnier than they started, but all seemed to fare well on it. They were all looking forward to hot showers and their "own" beds.

**Needs:**

-Every once in a while we have boys in our program whose families financial situation changes while the boy is here. We have one right now who could really use some help. I will refer to him as "Winston 2", as his mentor refers to him in his own writings. Winston 2's parents own their own business, and with the economy as it is, have hit hard times. Winston's older sisters are all in college and their parents have signed agreements to pay for their loans, so now that their business isn't doing as well, they need a little help.

Would you consider sending in scholarship money for Winston 2? We would love to be able to bless this family with a little help with their tuition. You can either send in a one-time gift, or commit monthly, and receive a tax deductible receipt for either, just put a note with it so we will know to direct the funds to "Winston 2".

- Please pray for the boys and teachers as the school year just started.

- Please pray for staff, the Marks family recently moved to Portland so Nick can attend seminary and our intern family, The Creach's will be returning to Ecola Bible School in October. This will put a LOT of stress on our men staff as they look to cover the extra shifts. Please pray for everyone's health this winter!!

- One of our board members has fallen and broken his leg in many places; please pray for healing for him and for the needs of his family to be met during this time.