

Flying H Youth Ranch

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



Dear Partners,

September 6, 2012

Not for the faint of heart, this working at the ranch. Two things in my life I believe have given me a vivid picture of what mankind must be like to God in many respects. One is becoming a Father and the love that I felt on beholding that absolutely helpless mass of gooey person that would bring so much joy and heartache through the years. The other is coming to the ranch to work with young men who do not want help, are selfishly happy to be left to their own devices and see authority as in the way of that.

For six years now I've been doing this work with some joy and, truthfully, much heartache. I think how I've tried to pour pieces of my life into these boys, to teach them that authority is there for our protection, that respect for those over us is a right from God and living lives of autonomy isn't only impossible but will not lead to true happiness in the end. In response our boys run away, sneak out at night, curse each other, rail against their parents and the staff and if they do conform often admit it's an apathetic changing and only until they can leave and get back to doing what they want with their lives. Now, I'm nowhere near being God so this analogy breaks down even before it's began but isn't this how we treat God many times. Oh, I'm very in tune with His ways when things are going my way but throw a wrench in the works and I look for the easy way out or avoid the issue or get angry or apathetic, not accepting that as my Father in heaven he knows better what I need than I do. Yet as with my own children, I love these boys, pray for them and at times plead with them to consider that there is a better way.

For your part we ask that you remember us as we work with this unruly bunch as an often time unruly bunch. It's your prayers on our behalf that keep us moving forward, that are the foundation for this ministry and we greatly appreciate all who support us.

For the Flying H Youth Ranch,

Brent Johnson

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Youth Services Director



We are praising the Lord for our “new” 1998 E-350 Ford XLT 15 passenger van! For those who prayed or paid, we are very grateful!!

Praises:

- For the protection of one of our staff members who was in a car accident, that he wasn't seriously hurt.
- Our new van!
- We have had 6 SOWER couples here beautifying our lodge. We are so grateful for all their hard work.
- Steve Alumbaugh is recovering well from a mild heart attack about 3 weeks ago!
- We are back up to having 11 boys in the program.

Prayer Requests:

- The new school year is upon us, please pray that the boys use their time wisely and apply themselves to their studies.
- We had IW, NR, BW and CR all enter the program this summer, when we get so many new boys at once it tends to unsettle the others. The men staff could use your prayers as they deal with the chaos on a daily basis.

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