



*Flying H Youth Ranch ●●● Flying H Loop Naches, WA ●●●●●*



Greetings, beloved partners!

We hope this letter finds you well as this summer flies to an end. In three short weeks our school year here will begin. Summertime always brings a refreshing change of pace to our program, with work crews in the mornings and various activities in the afternoons (hikes, swims, basketball, etc.), with the occasional days of haying mixed in.



There's rarely a dull moment and that's a fact!

As we see over and over again in the Bible, God makes us aware of our needs and then He fills them.



There's also a campout for each month: the 5 Day in June that ends with a rafting trip, our first ever 4 Day Campout this year in July, and as many of you receive this our 8 day Survival Hike will be underway! And, not to be forgotten, there's Nile Valley Days in July (the annual local fair/ bazaar complete with hillbilly competitions), with the Flying H Elephant Ear and Soda Pop booths where our staff and higher-ranking boys work together to raise funds for various Ranch projects.



We've been made aware throughout the past few years that the Flying H was in need of a director who could fulfill a pastoral role for our ministry as a whole, but especially for the staff. Steve Alumbaugh has done an admirable job adding executive duties to his role as business administrator, but both hats are one hat too many for anyone! In response to that need, God has brought us the Wagners.



Richard, his wife Tricia, and their three children have been with us fulltime since mid-June and have hit the ground running with learning the ropes, getting to know the staff families, and working to influence change in our staff culture through how we structure our meetings, bringing exhortation and encouragement from the Word, working to bring staff wives together for fun and fellowship, and by helping facilitate a new supplemental homeschool co-op for our dozen or so homeschooling staff children. Pray for them to be encouraged as they take on such challenging tasks, and for our staff as a whole as we are shaken out of our old "normal" and challenged to grow, change, and to flesh-out the truths we are being reminded of.

It's all to the glory of His grace, that He allows us to take part in His ministry of reconciliation in the lives of the young men He brings to this place! Thank you for faithfully taking part with us through your prayers and gifts! Our reward is your reward, and our blessing is your blessing!

In Him,

Amber Rodriguez



### **Prayer request/ Needs:**

- \* The Boys will be on their 8 day survival hike, August 10<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup>. Pray for safety.
- \*Pray for GC, SR, and WH. GC and SR completed our program last month and WH the month before. Pray for them as they transition to being out of the ranch.
- \*Pray for all the staff traveling, while the boys are away.
- \*Sadly, we have had one of our boys pulled from our program. Please pray for him, as he settles back at home
- \* We have an intake coming up, on August 22, please pray for NF, as he enters the program.

### **Praises:**

- \* Columbia Presbyterian church accomplished so much for us. We are so grateful for all of their hard work. They were able to get a lot of our wood split, and brush chipped. They fixed our sagging roof of our covered porch, and built walls for our hay storage.