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Dear Partners in Ministry,

In accordance with His faithfulness and steadfast love for His children, the Lord continued to bless the Flying H in 2016 providing for our every need. Therefore, please join us in celebrating His goodness as we praise Him for every good gift and more importantly all the boys we've been able to serve this past year! What a blessing it is to partner with all of you in the ministry of reconciling these young men to Christ and their families.

This past year has been one of transition and change as several staff and volunteers have answered God's call to other ministries and or seasons of life. In His grace, the Lord has provided us with two new staff families with a heart for Christ and a passion to help troubled boys along with several current and potential volunteers. Both of these families, the Armstrong's and the Francis's are currently in the support confirmation phase and are in need of your prayers.

Moreover, 2016 marked the transition of long time administrator and English teacher (Steve & Terri Alumbaugh) from full time staff to full time volunteer status.

At present, we have ten full-time missionary staff families, with two new ones on the way. We were able to serve 22 boys and their Families this past year, with an average boy population of 14.

In addition, to our staff and full/part, time volunteers several organizations and churches blessed us by donating their time through work projects including the George Fox Serve Team, the Columbia Presbyterian Church (C.P.C) and the S.O.W.E.R. (Servants on Wheels Ever Ready) team. We were truly blessed by the Lord's servants as they continue to do service projects here at the Flying H Youth Ranch. Thank you all.

The following is a synopsis of how we did financially in 2016:

- Total Income increased by 10.4% to \$685,274.36 while total expenses also increased by 9.3% to \$674,700.46
- Missionary support was up 5.0 % to \$310,646. However, there are 3 missionary families who on average are consistently under our minimum monthly support levels.
- Scholarship funds were up 77.2% \$53,873 (helping our financially needy families keep their boys in the program) PRAISE GOD!
- Tuition paid by parents was down 3.1% to \$222,938.45
- General fund donations were up 52% to \$80,462.75
- Total donations were up 17% to \$448,920.55

(If any of you would like a complete financial statement, please ask. We want to be absolutely open about how we handle your generous contributions.)

Your generous donations went to a variety of program and facility improvements including new equipment for the school, lodge and farm. In addition, several repairs were needed, due in part to the harsh winter, such as septic and water systems, roof damage and water leaks along with road maintenance and several vehicles. Overall, the lord provided for our every need through your prayers and contributions.

In spite of all the change one thing remains the same, an unwavering dedication to magnifying the person and work of Jesus Christ to hurting boys and their families. It our distinct honor to partner with all of you in this high calling.

In Christ,

Richard Wagner

Administrator – Flying H Youth Ranch

Praises:

- Thank You, to all of our volunteers who help make this program what it is and who serve these boys and the staff so faithfully.
- For the Flying H Youth Ranch Staff families who sacrifice daily in order to accomplish the ministry God has placed before them.
- For the new professions of faith made by several boys as well as rededications.

Prayer Requests:

- Spiritual:
- For the battle which takes place here daily both on the staff and the boys.
- For the complete embrace of the Gospel by all our boys.
- For the love of Christ to be exemplified in all we say and do here.
- Physical:
- For the health of all our staff, boys and volunteers.
- Funding for new safety upgrades such as security cameras and fire doors.
- New work/farm truck, hay bailer, cattle

Dear supporters,

Because you are reading this newsletter, we realize that you are a vital aspect of the ministry of the Flying H Youth Ranch. We as a Board greatly appreciate your interest, prayers and financial support of this ministry. The governing Board of Directors of the Ranch consists of 7 members at the present time. We are responsible for the overall vision and continuity of the ministry. But we are facing a problem. Most of the Board members are old enough to have the boys be our grandchildren, even great grandchildren. It is our desire to have a full complement of 9 members and we are looking for, like the Marines, a few good men. Some of our members live out of the immediate area of the Ranch – Newberg, OR, Battleground, WA and Coeur d' Alene, Id. It would be much more efficient if additional Board members could be located in closer proximity to the Ranch. We would ask that as you pray for the Ranch that you ask the Lord to provide 2 or 3 additional members. Basically the requirements are these – they must love and walk with the Lord and have a strong testimony, they must embrace the mission and vision of the Ranch, and they must love these struggling boys and desire to help them become godly young men. It is helpful also to have career and ministry leadership experience, including board governance if possible. For more information regarding the application process, please contact the Administrator Richard Wagner either by email or phone.

Sincerely,

Flying H Youth Ranch Board of Directors