Finally spring is here! It seems like this winter has lasted forever! So every spring it’s time for our annual bass fishing trip with a few of our top ranked boys in our program. Every year we camp down on the Columbia River and take a 20 minute boat ride up the John Day River to a popular fishing spot.

The weather was good, meaning no rain, but a little windy for the most part and it was a little tough fishing in the wind. The first day we spent most of the day fishing and fighting that wind.

It’s hard to hit the season just right when the bass are spawning and are very protective of their spawning beds. The second day seemed to be a little more productive for everyone. All the boys caught fish and the wind was less of an issue. I am exceptionally proud of our boys not giving up and staying at it! The one thing I love about this job is taking the boys out in God’s creation every chance we can. Even though some of them hate the hiking, fishing or the outdoors in general I hope that they can come to appreciate it over time. Thank you all for your pray and support for us to even do this for these young men! I am beyond blessed to be doing this ministry with my family!

Sincerely,

Ben Creach (youth services)
Prayer request/ Needs: 
* We are in need of teachers! Please pray that the Lord provides new staff that can fill the needs as an English teacher.
* Pray for our principal, Bruce Gillespie, as he continues our accreditation process.
* The boys will have their Christmas leave December 17th – January 2nd. Please be praying for them, for protection, that they make good choices, and most of all that this time with their families would be refreshing and joyful.
* We have many families that are low income, pray for finances for the scholarship funds so we can help offset some of the parents costs.

Praises: 
* We are praising the Lord for a donation for us to purchase cattle.
* We are thankful for 2 butchered pigs that were donated.
* We passed our health inspection!
* Praising the Lord for a good Resolve, as Patty wrote about in this letter.
* The Lord continues to provide for the ranch, and staff financially and with material items. (Look at our new lights and windows the next time you come visit!)