

2018 Q3 Newsletter

Flying H Youth Ranch

A New Perspective



Changed lives change lives!



"I was drowning in the depths of the sea and the cords of the grave wrapped around me but you reached into the depths of the water and **you saved me because you delighted in me.**"
Dallas, age 17 (Quoting Psalm 18 while giving his testimony)

A Baptism Celebration!

This semester four of our students, Dallas, Jackson, Logen and Gabe all made the decision to accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior through baptism. Dallas' mom said it best...

"I placed in your hands a whining, unmotivated, hurting, angry, bitter, selfish acting young boy and you returned into my arms a polite, hard working young man of God, Thank you."

Words cannot express the appreciation we have for you as our teammates in helping to make this great act of God's grace and power a reality. God is on the move at the Flying H Youth Ranch because of your continued sacrifice and dedication to rescuing the hearts of these young men.

Mountains of Perseverance

Speaking of mountain top experiences, this summer was filled with countless opportunities to walk beside students as they were faced with goals and expectations far beyond their abilities and then witness God move mountains under our feet.

One of our favorite stories is Ray's. Ray joined our family just four days before one of the most challenging hikes of the season. With more experience conquering mythical beasts in his video games than exploring the great outdoors, Ray could be described as a "big kid". He was not too excited about the proposition of a 3 day 26 mile trek into the heart of the Cascade Mountains, let alone doing anything else he didn't feel like doing.



Hours behind the rest of our team, Ray and one of our leaders approached camp with a new perspective on life. ***"I did it Mr. Hanson. Thank you for not leaving me."***

Where does the trail lead from here?

Stories like Ray's are at the heart of why the ranch exists. God used overcoming the challenges during our hiking season to give Ray the confidence he needed to open his heart to a relationship with a God he thought was out of reach and the timing couldn't have been any more perfect. Without God's help there is no way we would have been able to stand up to Satan's numerous attacks on Ray's heart over the following months. Please continue to pray for the young men like Ray here at the ranch and those God has chosen to walk through the valleys with.

"The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few." Luke 10:2

As we continue to claim new territory and expand God's kingdom, the need for a larger ministry team is at the top of our list and you can help. With 16 boys in our care and many on the waiting list, two new missionary families are gathering their support teams now and we can't get them here soon enough. We know many of you are already contributing to the impact being made but we are prayerfully asking that you consider doing even more to ensure the future success of our program by heeding the call to help get the Gutierrez and Musser families to their support raising goals.



Shawn and Christina Gutierrez are a fun and outgoing local family that are ready to jump in with both feet and start making a big impact in our automotive and aftercare programs. Shawn is a certified diesel mechanic and has already begun working with recent graduates to help them bridge the gap between the ranch and mentorship and employment opportunities within the community. The Gutierrez family is currently at 46% of their minimum support raising goal of \$1900 / month.



David and Meghan Musser are poised and ready to meet a critical need here at the ranch. David is a Jr High Special Education teacher in Pennsylvania with a military and seminary background. With the addition of homeschooling their kiddos, the Musser's are perfectly suited to meet many needs within the Hope Academy High School here at the ranch. The Musser family is currently at 17% of their minimum support raising goal \$2,200 per month.

"How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good"