



Flying H Youth Ranch

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Dear Partners in Ministry,

We are praising God for His work at the Flying H Youth Ranch. We desire to be good stewards of every gift He has provided through your support of this ministry. Part of that stewardship responsibility requires that we remain accountable to you, our partners in ministry.

In 2008 we served a total of 27 boys and their families. Due in large part to the economic downturn, this number was down to 21 in 2009. Over the span of twelve months, eight boys were pulled from the program, primarily for financial reasons. We recognize that these financial hardships were compounded by the fact that in 2008 we believed it necessary to extend our twelve-month program to eighteen months. However, God's blessings were evident in the changes we witnessed in boys' lives, changes we may not have seen in simply a year's time. In 2009, we graduated a total of five boys from the program. Two of those boys graduated from high school with honors. We rejoiced with them. Currently, we have eight boys and their families represented. In addition, we are continually responding to the several phone and e-mail inquiries received on a weekly basis. Please continue to pray for the staff, that we would have the wisdom and discernment necessary to determine which boys and families He would have us accept.

At the present time, we have ten full-time missionary staff families, with three interested families in various stages of the application process (please pray for God's leading in this). In addition, we have several volunteers. Two of these volunteer families serve on a full-time basis, two on a part-time but regular basis, while others come and work as needed. Scheduled for work this spring and summer are the George Fox Serve Team, the Nehemiah Servants, and the Columbia Presbyterian Church adult and youth serve teams. We are truly blessed by the Lord's servants. Thank you all.

The following is a synopsis of how we did financially in 2009:

- Total Income decreased by 19.3% to \$614,159 while total expenses also decreased by 3.6% to \$524,484
 - Missionary Support was down 5.6 % at \$238,040. (2 missionary families were below 100% part of the year)
 - Scholarship funds were up 31.5% at \$24,275 (helping our financially needy families keep their boys in the program)
 - Tuition paid by parents decreased by 18% to \$178,205 (another hit by our economy)
 - General and In-Kind contributions were up 14.7% at \$64,800 (total donations were up slightly 1.8% at \$341,754)

(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.)

- Facilities Improvements:
 - Currently working on converting the old school facility into a guest apartment
 - We experienced water damage due to frozen pipes. After the deductible, we now have an updated weight room and two freshly painted and carpeted classrooms in the gym.
 - Plans are in the works to re-plant our two hayfields early this spring.
 - We now have a new phone system. YEAH!!!! Thank you everyone.....

Again, we thank you very much for joining us in the Lord's work at the Flying H Youth Ranch. We know that with continued prayer and financial support, as God leads and provides, the work with the boys will continue. We love these boys that God sends to us and our desire is to see them make heart changes that will last them a lifetime. Many of you send your financial support to help our staff families, and some of you send your funds to help a boy and family in need, but all of you we know are praying. To all of you, I want to say thank you again and again. We appreciate the opportunity of serving our Lord in this way.

In His Service,

Steven L. Alumbaugh

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Administrator

Praises:

- Provision of volunteers to help in this ministry getting the everyday stuff taken care of.
- For the Flying H Youth Ranch Staff families that have all given of themselves to accomplish the ministry that God has placed before us.
- Our physical health, each and every staff family member.

Prayer Requests:

- We are still looking for two quality multi passenger vehicles that should be 4-wheel drive; Suburban or Expedition type that will hold 9 to 12 passengers. (we are trying to get away from the 15-passenger style Vans because of the danger issue)
- Roofing for the 'older' portion of the Lodge (original building), projected cost \$15,000