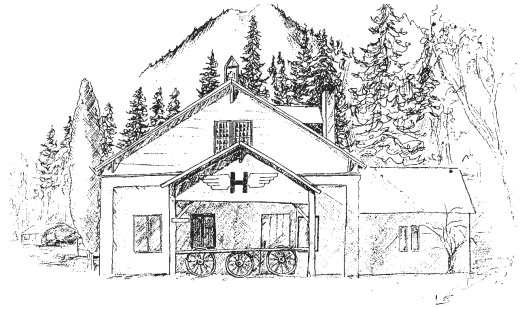


# Flying H Youth Ranch

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*"...turning the hearts..." Malachi 4:6 since 1962*

February 11, 2009

Dear Partners,

When I speak at churches, many people want to know "What brings a boy to the Ranch?" My response is always "His parents." And I don't mean that his parents are the ones dropping him off, I mean that they have taught him how to handle his relationships, including the relationship with them. Let me show you what I mean.

When asked what the greatest commandment in the Law was, *"Jesus replied: 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."* (Matthew 22:37-40)

Jesus said that all Scripture can be reduced to how we love God -a relationship- and how we love our neighbor -another relationship. And guess who gets to teach children how to love God and love people? Parents! And we teach our children more by example than by words. How will a boy treat women if his example is a father that finds his meaning at work, not in God or in the arms of his wife? Will the son have high regard for his mother? And later on, for his wife? Will he learn that the only thing that matters is himself? In other words, will he acquire the same self-focus his father has?

If the boy's example is a mother that treats her husband with contempt, what will her son think of Dad? Will he respect Dad? Will he respect other authorities? Or will he become a "judge with evil thoughts" (James 2:4), considering other people beneath himself?

Jesus tied the two great commandments together on purpose. If I love God, that basic attitude of love will spill over into every relationship. To quote a reliable source, "If anyone says 'I love God,' yet hates his brother, he is a liar." (I John 4:20) That passage is important in this discussion because many of us husbands/fathers have no idea we may be teaching our children that people are to be used, not loved, by how we think of and treat our wives. And few mothers understand that they are teaching their son to disrespect authority by treating their husband with disrespect. In other words, we sometimes (often?) are self

deceived as to how we think about and conduct our relationships.

These issues are the bread and butter of the work we do. Every family presents these problems differently, but these fundamental issues are where we almost always end up. When parents and their son are able to identify and repent of these sins, they are almost ready to graduate from the program. (“Sin” is a more accurate word to use in connection to not loving people or God than” issue.” When we don't love others, we have missed the mark.)

Please pray for the families that come to us that they could all have clear sight and understanding in how to identify their sin, and have the humility to repent.

God bless,

*Bob*

Bob Hostetler

Director of Development

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**Our praises:**

- All the boys are back from their Christmas Home Assignment. With the weather at the mountain passes, this was no small feat.
- Justin and Caleb graduated from the program and from Hope Academy High School (That's the Flying H school for our residents) on December 18.
- Here at the end of our fiscal year, we can report that all our bills are paid, including those for the new school building. God has been gracious.

**Prayer requests:**

- We would like to have 4 or 5 new boys here in the program in the next month. We need inquiries, and wisdom in choosing.
- Rob, Cathy, and Jessica Huyser are now at 57% support. Please pray for their support.
- Please pray for the Ranch staff, that we would conduct our relationships according to the above. It's easy to lose patience with each other.
- Please pray for our health. The enemy wants to take opportunity in our bodies if possible.
- The Father-Son Campout in February.