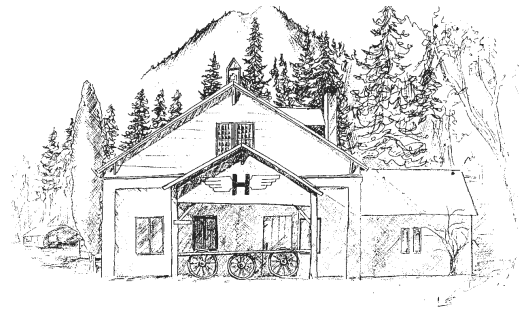


Flying H Youth Ranch

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“...turning the hearts...” Malachi 4:6 since 1962

July 10, 2008

Dear Partners:

“God is allowing us to see what kind of fight we are in. Many of the boys we take in are participating in the darkness of this world. Most have no idea of the nature of the battle they face. The families often believe the only battle is with the boy’s will, which is, of course, right in front of them. The real struggle is with the unseen ‘powers and principalities’. We are experiencing firsthand what it means to confront those powers directly. We are seeking God daily to protect us, bind the enemy, give us wisdom and understanding, and give us the strength to stand firm.

Sometimes we forget the battle we are in, and believe we are simply managing boys. The enemy would prefer us to be asleep or afraid. The way it often works is that he comes against us, we see his fury, and are tempted to rely on our own strength and understanding. When we do that, we begin to feel insecure and anxious, in other ways, afraid. The boys are able to see that, and proceed from bad to worse or simply become frightened themselves. We need to start each day, each shift, each conversation with a boy, having already put on the full armor of God, so that we are not unprepared for battle.”

The above was written by Bob Hostetler, our Director, some time ago. We occasionally find ourselves in a situation that calls for reiterating an issue or point. I believe that he said it very well.

“Put on the full armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the full armor of God, that you may be able to resist the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.”
Ephesians 6:11-13

Sincerely,

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Prayer Requests:

Please continue to pray for Bob Hostetler, he is still in need of God's healing power and also for patience, he still has a ways to go and it is difficult just laying still while waiting for answers.

Pray for the staff and that our attitudes with the boys would be that of Christ, where we would show compassion, grace and mercy as situations require.

Praises:

We are having a large group of volunteers from the Columbia Presbyterian Church of Vancouver, working on the facilities for the week of July 13 through the 19th, 2008.

Janice Hobson has been back at it with no repercussions from last month. We are blessed to have her on our Volunteer staff.

We have a new addition to the Ranch! The Hobson's horse Allie finally had her little one.



Picture by Melissa Johnson (age 10)

We received the go ahead to finish the school, we had been on a hold from the state electrical review, and they called and said that we were approved to continue. Praise the Lord.

Thank You to the Nehemiah Servants that came to work in June along with a family from the Sowers group.