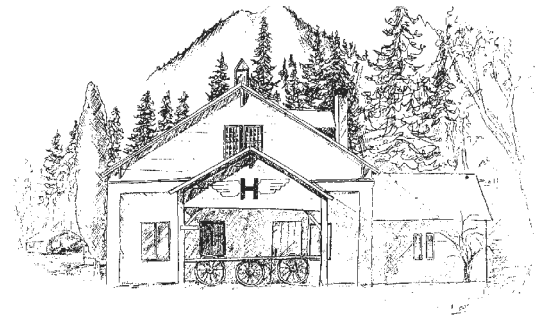


Flying H Youth Ranch

370 Flying H Loop
Naches, WA 98937



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

May 21, 2007

Dear partners,

God is working in boys' lives. We have had some boys "act out" by stealing, sneaking out at night, and by displaying attitude problems. These boys have gotten to carry rocks, turn rocks into gravel with a sledge hammer, and split wood by hand. These kinds of consequences are meant to be corrective action, and to show a young man that his "coping strategies" are failing. For boys that are doing poorly, God wants to break down the self made coping strategies they have embraced to try to make life work for them. These strategies are almost always apart from God. For example, a boy may work hard to get along with people, go along with the rules, and make a show of compliance in the program. This strategy can make life at the Ranch easy, but allows the boy to avoid having to really submit to authority, and is usually only skin deep. This coping strategy has its root in pride. This approach seems to be a good way to live, but is without God. When a boy who has been "in control" in these ways loses control by becoming fearful or angry, it means that his coping strategies are not working. Pray for the boys who are experiencing this loss of control. God provides opportunity through these kinds of circumstances. It can be the first step toward true repentance, which often leads to receiving Christ as Savior and Lord.

Have you noticed God interrupting some of the coping strategies you have come up with? My efforts at making life work fall short of His solutions. That's because they are my solutions. My efforts at cheap substitutes for faith in an almighty God leave me powerless. He wants me to learn to seek my solutions from Him. "Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you." (Matt. 6:33) That's what God wants the boys to do too.

Just as some boys show us they may be on the way to doing better by acting out, it appears that several of the boys are "turning the corner." (That's always exciting!) When a boy begins to take responsibility for himself and his behavior, he usually finds that he needs God's help in

accomplishing the needed heart change. As he seeks God, he becomes more able to identify with his parents, is able to form better relationships with both staff and other boys. This should come as no surprise to any of us. "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 commands." (Matt. 22:37-40) One of the really exciting parts is that the boy begins to understand his value in God's eyes. Please pray that God preserves the fruit these boys are beginning to exhibit.

God bless,

Bob Hostetler

Praises:

- I talked to three prospective staff this week, and have sent out two applications. It might be that none of these come on board; this is a long process, but I am encouraged to be able to talk to these folks.
- Home Assignment went well for all the boys.
- We plan to graduate at least three boys from the program in June. Please pray for the transition the families will need to make.

Prayer requests:

- Several of our residents are objecting to our using Scripture and making them go to church. Please pray that we stay faithful in the face of opposition.
- Our two new boys have rapidly gotten into a lot of trouble. Please pray for Caleb, his mentor Chris Carlile, and George, and his mentor Steve Alumbaugh. Caleb is responding well to the correction we are giving. George is not.
- We would like to take seven or eight boys into the program this summer. We need wisdom for which families to invite and for the intakes themselves.
- Summer Resolve is June 15-17. Please pray for the programming, the staff, and the families.

Needs:

- We are trying to raise the last \$56,000 to finish the school.
- Three inch irrigation pipe.