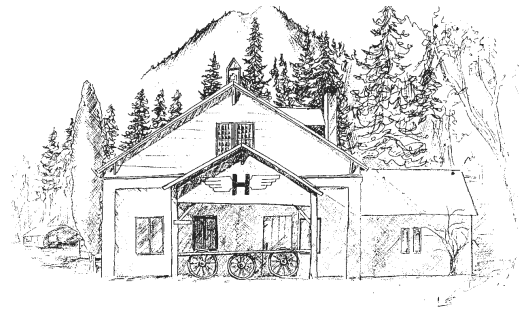


Flying H Youth Ranch

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

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From Brent Johnson, acting Family Service Director and Youth Service employee at the Flying H Youth Ranch.

Greetings to all the faithful supporters and prayer warriors scattered throughout the country. Peace to you and may God be blessing you for your faithfulness as you continue to serve and follow him.

Ok, that's infringing on the opening of many of the Epistles but there's something great about those that maybe we could learn from. It starts out letting you know who the writer is and that he considers you special, oftentimes referring to the recipients as saints. That's cool. And then he goes on to let them know he hopes for them peace and blessing, not from the writers hand but from the hand of The Almighty who holds us in his palm. For those getting the letter in New Testament times to now, the hope of God and his plan has been what sustains through trouble and persecution. Awesomeness.

So what does that have to do with the Flying H Youth Ranch? Personally, and I bet the staff here would agree, it's that hope that changed my life and the belief in that hope that brought me here in the first place. It's that hope that sustains me when boys act in anger and rebellion, not wanting to give in to the Ranch and ultimately to God. And it's that hope that carries me through when the boys are passive, not changing inwardly as they harden their hearts to the message of Jesus we share with them. It's that hope that, when I look at the world around me and see it rushing to call evil good and good evil, brings peace that cannot be found in external sources. It's that hope I pray for all who believe in the mighty, life-changing power that is promised to those who will bend the knee to our Lord, Jesus Christ.

So remember us with that hope as we depend on the prayers of the saints to sustain us in our labors. Remember the boys that the hope of Christ would be real to them in such a way it breaks their hearts of stone and gives them hearts of flesh. They have many issues to struggle through and we need wisdom, patience and perseverance each moment we are dealing with them. We are seeing some external changes in some of the boys who have lived lives of rebellion and self-centeredness and we ask you to pray with us that those changes would become internal.

Some specific items for prayer:

Wisdom, wisdom, wisdom. That it would be God who leads and we would hear his voice.

Safety: As the weather warms we are out hiking and swimming and the chance for accidents and injury can be great.

Intakes: We have a couple openings and some active applications. Be praying that God would be leading the right boys and families to the Flying H.

Health: Many of the staff have been struggling with illness and some (coughSteve)cough) have been struggling with age related issues. Pray for strength to do the job well.

Our families: It's a struggle at times to balance the ministry to the boys with the ministry to our own families. Pray for wisdom as we try to do both well. Remember the Carliles and the Huntings as they deal with pregnancy through the next few months.

Praises:

God has been good to us financially and we are thankful.

Safety. We have had only minor injuries.

Some of the boys have shown much interest in knowing more about God and the Bible. It makes it all worthwhile.

Also, if any of you would be willing to donate money for Bibles that we give to our graduates we would be appreciative. Let us know when you send a check, specifically what it is for.

In His Grip,

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