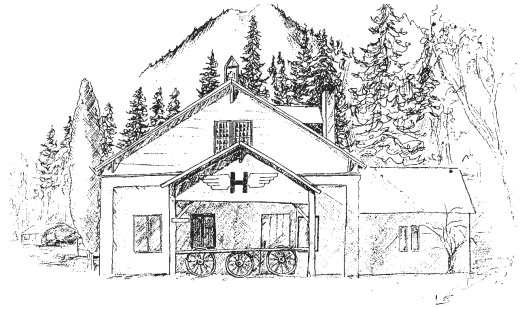


Flying H Youth Ranch

370 Flying H Loop
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"...turning the hearts..." Malachi 4:6 since 1962

November 2007

Dear Partners,

I am sitting in a hallway supervising two young men, Jesse and Brian, because they both ran away early Sunday morning, were caught shop lifting, and then were brought back to the Ranch. I mentor both boys. (If they had a better mentor, would they have resisted the urge to run?) :-) We know that God is at work creating opportunities in the boys' hearts when they act out like this. For example, Jesse just got done letting a bunch of hurt pour out of him. It was painful to hear, but I got a picture of the huge pile of hurt in his heart. He hurts so much that he is terrified to face himself in an honest, open way. His hurt is mounting to an unbearable place. Is that bad? NO. Not at all. I guess I am reminded of the place in my life that I hurt so much thirteen years ago, and was similarly terrified. It wasn't until I was desperate that I truly sought God from a place of humility, having no answers for my pain and hurt. Jesse is coming to a place of having no answers. Praise God! God sends us boys with pain and hurts that have no answers unless they seek God. I remember why I'm here. I get to partner with God in His work in and for these boys.

But God is also creating opportunity in us, the missionary and volunteer staff, when a boy acts out. Let me tell you what I mean I've often thought that sharing Christ's suffering was about experiencing the physical pain, and the rejection and abandonment by friends that He felt. While I'm sure that sharing His suffering includes those things, right now I know that sharing Jesse's pain is sharing Christ's suffering. I know that Jesus took up my pain, and offers me healing from all that hurt at His expense. Jesse and I did our talking in a glorified closet. Jesus came and shared my pain in a real closet, years ago. I know I am blessed and privileged at this moment. I also know that the earth groans with the hurt and sin that is saturating this world. Thank you so much for praying for me, and for Jesse, and for all the staff.

I would tell you about Brian, but he is not actually processing anything right now. He is looking at this whole thing in a cost-benefit analysis kind of way, and he is thinking that the cost of being here at the Ranch may be more than he is willing to pay. That he might be better off in jail. In other words, he has a hard heart. I guess he needs prayer too, huh?

God bless,

Bob Hostetler
Executive Director

Our praises are:

- A local widow, Marion Hessey, gave her real estate to the Ranch in her will. The board has decided to sell the property in order to finish the school and work on several other projects. We are indeed thankful for Marion's generosity, and for God's provision.
- God is privileging us to see boys' hearts. Pray that they would humble themselves and seek God for the answers to their problems. (Otherwise known as sin.
- God has added Brian to our list of residents. We will likely have Sam amongst us come November 30.

Our prayer requests are:

- We hope to do four intakes in January. Please pray for God to send us His choices, and for the staff to be able to minister God's love to each family.
- That we recognize where God is as work, and join Him.
- The Marks are at 22% support. Our goal is 50% by the 1st of the year. (That's something only God can do!)
- The Huntings are at 38% support.