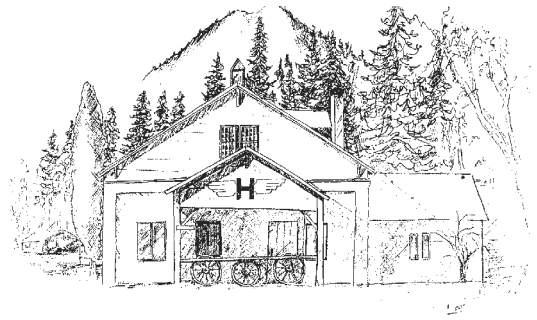


Flying H Youth Ranch

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

September 30, 2006

Dear Partners,

Are fathers important to boys growing up in our society? Some would have us believe they are not. I beg to differ. One of our new boys, "John", came to us at the end of July. He had been on probation for a year, and had at least four probation violations. So, he spent time in juvenile hall. Stealing, including taking \$600 from his mom, is the basic crime that John committed. But, of course, we know that John's problems started long before he started stealing.

According to his mom, John's father was seldom home. And when he was home, he never did anything with his son. During John's grade school years, his neighbor became a surrogate father to him. This fill-in dad spent time hiking, boating, and doing all sorts of other stuff with him, and John acted as if he knew he was valuable. That's what dads do for their sons, help them know their value. School never came easy, but John was working hard, and it showed.

When the neighbor moved away during his sixth grade year, John had no anchor, no man to help him understand that he was valuable. As a matter of fact, instead of pursuing a love relationship with him, John's father consistently criticized him. In the seventh grade, John started smoking pot and skipping school. That progressed to stealing, even from his own family. John desperately wanted someone to show him he was valuable.

While John was on probation, his father died. And John gave up hope. He quit school, he quit coming home, he quit life. But that isn't the end of the story. God is good and God is sovereign. God brought John here. God provided staff here to love him. And John has responded. A couple of weeks ago, John gave his heart to Jesus. He is following through with Bible study and discipleship.

We are so privileged to be a part of God's work here. And we are thankful you make it possible. Thank you for your partnership.

God bless,

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Our praises:

- We have a new boy, Travis.
- The new Hope Academy building is ready for the roof and siding. We should have the shell done (and paid for) by the middle of October.
- We had a group of Sowers here for three weeks in September, and, God willing, will have a total of 36 volunteers here in October.
- The Carlile's have a new baby girl, Joli. Everyone is healthy.

Prayer requests:

- The Carliles are now at 80%. There is support from several church contacts that we hope to get in soon, so that they can come here before winter.
- The Fall Resolve is October 20-22, followed by the Fall Home Assignment from October 22-29. (The boys go home for a week to see if the changes they have been making at the Ranch will be in evidence at home.)
- A staff retreat coincides with the boy's leave. Please pray that we be able to relax and have some fun, yet also take time to reflect on the program and ourselves.
- We need more funds to continue work on the inside of the school.

Needs

- We need 2x6 and 2x4 stud-length lumber for the school. (2x4s are \$2.48 apiece, and 2x6s are \$3.33 apiece.)
- Our scholarship fund is completely depleted. (Please see below.)



The new Hope Academy, after some delays, is taking shape! The roof is being added this week.