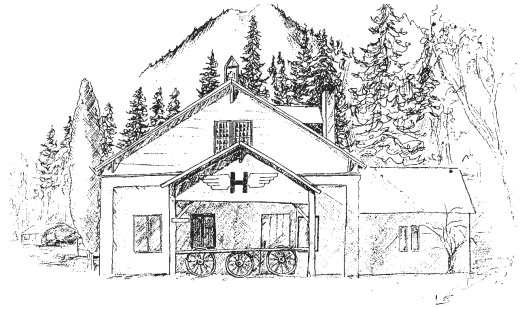


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"...turning the hearts..." Malachi 4:6 since 1962

September 4, 2008

Dear Partners,

I almost always include a prayer request section in these letters. Those requests are specific, and good to pass along. However, my attention was recently drawn to a scripture that sheds light on perhaps the most important thing you can pray for us:

2 Thessalonians 3:1 *KJV* Finally, brethren, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may have *free* course, and be glorified, even as *it is* with you.

We are on the front lines of spreading the good news, which is to say, we find ourselves in battle with the enemy every shift, every class, every work crew. God has given us an effective program, so we can be tempted to be keepers of the program, or enforcers of a code of behavior instead of messengers of the word of the Lord. Or we could become frustrated and treat our residents with contempt, which really means we might treat the boys as if they are the enemy. Or we could become frustrated with other staff, and swing our swords at them as if they are the enemy. Are we here to treat each other and/or the boys as if they are the enemy? In the words of Romans 6, "God forbid!" (I think dozens of exclamation points might be warranted at the end of that phrase.) We have to remember why we are here. With that in mind, let's look at 2 Thess. 3:1 again. (The following is an explanation of the verse from *Sparkling Gems from the Greek* pg. 569 written by Rick Renner)

"Finally, brothers, pray for us and for those things that concern us. Pray that the word of the Lord will spread quickly and without resistance. Pray that we will be able to keep up the pace that is required for us to get this message out!

"To fulfill this task, we have to be like runners whose eyes are fixed on the goal before us! We must be like brave, bold, daring, and courageous messengers, whose job is to carry vital information across enemy lines. We have to move promptly and swiftly to get the message of the Gospel to the other side where people are desperately waiting.

"Since the Lord has dispatched us to carry this message, and since this task requires us to run speedily through dangerous territory, we request prayer that we will be able to make it through every skirmish, clash, confrontation, and struggle that we might come across as we run to the other side to deliver the

word of the Lord. I request that your prayers be unbroken, uninterrupted, and never ending. As you pray, remember to specifically stipulate that the word of the Lord would usher in a triumphant and glorious day in the lives of those who hear it, as it has done among you."

Amen!

God bless,

Bob

Bob Hostetler

Director of Development

Prayer requests: (As a follow up to the above)

- Pray that the Lord would overcome the hindrances to His word in the boys.
- Pray for the Lord's message would run freely among us.
- Pray for our protection as we run through enemy territory.
- Pray constantly for us as we labor in the front lines.
- Pray for our finances, health, and families as we battle the enemy.

Our praises:

- God has provided all the funds needed to finish the school. We are able to provide all the students and teachers with new computers. (Some of the old ones date as far back as 1995.)
- The Huntings are above 100%! They are already here, and Aaron is teaching school this fall.
- The Huysers are above 20%!
- The Eight Day Hike was a success. Many of the boys were impacted for the Lord.

Our needs:

- We need more missionary staff. We have 24 beds we could put boys in, but are not willing to have more than 16 because we want to keep a good staff-to-resident ratio in order to develop relationships with the boys. We have 11 full time missionary staff, and would like to have 14 by the end of 2009. Please, spread the word and pray, and if you know someone that may be interested, please have them contact me.