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A Clydehurst Christian
Ranch Newsletter

"Trust God from the bottom of your heart; don't try to figure out everything on your own. Listen for God's voice in everything you do, everywhere you go; he's the one who will keep you on track." *Proverbs 3:5-6 (The Message)*

What's going on? The year is winding down fast and soon 2010 will be here! We are busily working in the office getting the brochure ready and soon it will find its way to your mailbox. Up at Clydehurst, we are making improvements to our workshops which will provide warm and adequate space for us to start working on our winter projects. Along with the workshops, we are also remodeling the Program Center and soon we will be working our way through our list of cabin improvements. It may not be the summertime, but we are staying as busy as ever!



As you well know, this has been a difficult year for our nation's economy and for many of you personally. Who would have thought that so many of you would have experienced layoffs or slow downs in your well established careers? Well, the economy has affected Clydehurst too. The following letter is from our Board of Directors to give an end of the year financial update. We are blessed to have a Board that is doing an excellent job of leading and supporting us with the ministry of Clydehurst.

Thanks for all your prayers and support!

In Him,

Wayne and Curtis

From the Board of Directors: a Fall 2009 Financial Update

Clydehurst Christian Ranch had an outstanding year again in regard to both youth and family campers. Although our numbers were down slightly, financially we mostly held our own during the camping season. But as the family camps were winding down, it became more obvious the gap between income and expenses was widening. Our expenses were higher this year, and income was down due to lower numbers of campers.

Our country's economic problems had a direct affect on our camp. In addition to lower camper fees received, our offerings and gifts were down dramatically from last year. In fact, we were down over 30% in this area of our budget. That shortage will soon be creating a potential cash flow problem for us. Traditionally, the last quarter of our budget year is a low income period. Generally we spend \$8000-\$10,000 more each month than we receive in October, November, and December.

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This year, we are rapidly depleting our finances, due to all the things discussed above. We are trying to be the best stewards of the Lord's money, but we ask for your immediate prayers in regard to this matter. Many of you know this already, but for those of you who do not know, this summer we received the official IRS confirmation of our 501c3 status. That means all gifts given to Clydehurst are tax deductible. If the Lord burdens your heart about Clydehurst as we near the end of the year, now would be an excellent time to give a tax deductible gift to the camp. Not only do we need the funds to meet our monthly obligations, but once we begin the new year, we have a number of necessary repair and maintenance projects we need to begin working on. Since Clydehurst has a no-debt policy, borrowing money is not an option, therefore we need your support. Please pray with us about all of this. Please prayerfully consider what God might want you to give to Clydehurst. May the Lord richly bless you during this wonderful holiday season as we celebrate the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Respectfully submitted,

Ed Smith, Treasurer
On behalf of the CCR Board

Keep Praying The board also asks you to rejoice with us about the continuing improvement of Wayne Brownson. His near tragic fall from a ladder and resulting surgery from his injuries were of grave concern to all of us. We are glad to report he is healing well, although not as quick as he wishes. None the less, Wayne is back working part time in the office. He has already lined up all the speakers for next years camping season. We can't keep a good man down, but we have cautioned him about not over-doing things. Please continue to pray for him and Judy as they walk through these trying times.

The Clydehurst Christian Ranch Board

www.clydehurst.com Be sure to check in periodically for news and updates to our website. 2010 summer applications are now online and in December, we will have 2010 brochure available for download.

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