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Boulder Update

A Clydehurst Christian
Ranch Newsletter

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasure upon earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal.”

Psalm 95: 1-3 (NAS)

A Wonderful End to 2009! It's hard to believe that spring is here already! At the pace we are going, the summer camping season will be here before we know it! As usual, we think, “how are we going to be ready in time?” But as always, God will provide another wonderful camping season whether we feel we are ready or not! We are staying busy preparing for the upcoming summer, making many improvements to the grounds and facilities. Currently, we are finishing remodeling the former maintenance shop into our new Program Center. We are planning to install new carpet in five cabins this week in an effort to update our cabins that need a little TLC. We have an amazing volunteer crew and we are getting so much done. As a result of our last newsletter, a large donation was given to start building two new cabins. The construction of the cabins are underway and should be completed by this summer with the hopes of one more depending on funds.

Wonderful things are happening at Clydehurst!
Praise the Lord!

Pray for...

- ... our 2010 summer staff
- ... the Head Cook position, that we are able to find a cook for this summer.
- ... all the campers that will be coming this summer and that we fill all our camps.
- ... Wayne, Curtis and the Board for continued direction from the Lord for Clydehurst.
- ... all the work that needs to be done in preparation for this summer.



Construction of the first cabin

Exciting Times Ahead! As briefly mentioned above, we sent a *Boulder Update* newsletter in January informing you of an upcoming meeting in February. As our supporters, we believe we owe you another update letting you know what came about in this meeting. For 65 years, our mission has been to serve youth and families not just here in Montana, but from all over the United States and even Canada. By the grace of God, we believe that we have been successful in providing these services with what we had.

We strive to be good stewards with what the Lord has given us; staying out of debt, looking for ways to cut spending, and using our own resources and volunteers to save money. With the help of God, we have been doing well to keep Clydehurst operating and functioning to the best of our abilities. However, as the saying goes, we do not want to “rest on our laurels.” We do not want to stay comfortable with the status quo. Our philosophy of ministry will remain unchanged. We will still provide solid Bible teaching to reach more kids for Christ, strengthen families and marriages, and continue to be a light in this world. However, we sense God's tugging at our hearts that Clydehurst can do more to accomplish these goals. So on February 19th, the Clydehurst Board of Directors met to establish a blueprint for the long term to help insure that the camp will continue to meet the needs of people well into the future. Clydehurst has never been directionless in its mission; there has always been a plan for the future. However, this “plan” has not always been well defined, and we sometimes reacted, rather than acted based on the present need of the hour. The result of this meeting was an answer to prayer. We believe that God is giving us a bright future and we are excited to tell you what we believe that He has in store for us!

The process of setting a long term plan seemed daunting, for we had many discussions and ideas about the future of Clydehurst. But thanks to Kelly Fried, senior partner of the *Wellspring Group, Ltd*, he helped to organize our thoughts and turn them into a more cohesive plan. Kelly is not new to Clydehurst by any means. He was on staff as a crewboy and later returned as a speaker for both youth and family camps. He has attended family camp for many summers and has always been a faithful supporter to the ministry of Clydehurst. One of his areas of expertise is helping organizations like ours develop a strategic plan, present it to their support base, and then implement that plan. With Kelly's assistance, we were able to set a clear long term plan for the next 5 - 7 years. They are as follows:



Remodeled Program Center

1. A new all-season Chapel/Conference Center that seats upwards of 300 people. If you are familiar with our current chapel, you know how it seems to get smaller and smaller!
2. Additional cabins for campers. Our goal is to serve as many guests as possible and ultimately reach more for Christ. To accomplish these goals, we need more housing space.
3. Hire an additional full-time staff member. Currently Wayne and Curtis are working at 100% plus capacity and need more help in operating Clydehurst.
4. Upgrade cabins and facilities. Our grounds, buildings, and cabins, need serious attention from floors to roofs.
5. Host additional retreats and be year 'round. With a new chapel and additional cabins, we hope to host more and bigger retreats throughout our entire off-season, both on and off our campground.
6. Build an all-season staff dorm building. In effort to provide more housing for campers, we would like to build a winterized "dorm like" building for our staff. This could also be used for retreats.
7. Begin making transitional plans now for when Wayne may want to retire. Wayne has no immediate plans for retirement, but we need a succession plan so that Clydehurst does not falter when that day comes

There are exciting times ahead and we ask that you begin to give serious prayer about these matters. If the Lord is in these plans, we believe they cannot be stopped. We believe that this is what He wants us to consider. We are set to meet again March 26th to primarily discuss the plans for the new chapel/conference center among many other items. We will continue to update you so that you, as our supporter, will know what is happening here at Clydehurst Christian Ranch. In order for most of these goals to happen, it does require us to raise money. Please prayerfully consider how you may be able to assist us financially so these goals can be achieved. Your prayers and support are vital to this ministry and we appreciate all that you do for Clydehurst. The future is bright at Clydehurst Christian Ranch and we look forward to taking this journey with you!

With much prayer and respect,
The Clydehurst Board of Directors

Other News Along with the exciting news above, there are other items that we feel we should mention. First, please be praying for our 2010 summer staff. We believe that God is in the process of putting together another wonderful staff. There are only a few more positions to fill, including the important position of head cook. How can we function without a head cook?! If you are interested or know someone who is, let us know.

Also, there is plenty of room in our youth camps. If you want your child to have a great summer experience, send them to youth camp! Family camp still has a few openings for certain weeks. Due for a family vacation? Clydehurst is the perfect place for everyone, including you who are moms, to get some rest and relaxation. Contact us for availability and spend a week this summer at Clydehurst!

The last thing to consider is our annual volunteer work week held April 26th - May 1st. There is a lot of work to be done in preparation for this summer. There are jobs of all kinds. No special skill is required, just your willing heart and hands! Come for a day or for the whole week. Contact us if you are interested and for more information.

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