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UPCOMING EVENTS

Helicopter Ball Drop:

November 6, 2021

Time: 10:00am-2:00pm

Location: Faith Home Teen Challenge

6643 Faith Home Rd.

Ceres, CA. 95307

This is our last event for 2021; let's make it an event to remember!



ANNUAL PICNIC

Our annual Northern California Nevada Adult & Teen Challenge picnic drew 240 students and staff from centers as far away as Eureka, San Francisco, San Jose and Monterey. We are blessed to have the space to host this event each year. It's a great change of pace for everyone but, for a struggling student, seeing 200 brothers and sisters in Christ in this with them can be a game changer.

Speaking of games, there was volleyball, Frisbee, horseshoes, a pick-up game or two of basketball and, always the highlight, a softball tournament. The competition was fierce but our Faith Home team were CHAMPS another year!

Margo Ely
Program Supervisor



PRAYER REQUESTS?



FALL IS IN THE AIR

When I was a kid, my grandparents always talked about how quickly time went by. I thought they were out of their collective minds. In my opinion, it always moved too slowly. Except summer vacation, Christmas vacation, and other school holidays. They always went by too quickly. But here we are writing the September/October 2021 newsletter. Summer is over. Fall is in the air, and with fall comes change. Harvest, leaves begin to fall, and the World Series is just around the corner.

We have a significant change in our ministry as well. Reverend Boyd Patterson, Program Director, has retired. He and his wife, Sue, purchased a home in Oklahoma and just arrived there a few days ago. He has been part of this ministry in one way or another for more than a decade. First as a board member, then as Chairman of the Board, and finally in his position as Program Director for the past eight years.

I have known the Pattersons for more than 30 years and worked with Boyd in ministry before I became Executive Director. My wife, Sharon, worked with Sue and Boyd at Century Christian School in Lodi in the '80s. Boyd will be missed.

Boyd and his team have done an excellent job with the development and ongoing ministry of our induction center in Jamestown, located in Tuolumne County. We have had many men come through that center to go on and complete the residential program at the ranch.

There is a very faithful group of prayer warriors and volunteers that have made it the success it is today.

Boyd's duties were far too numerous to mention here, but I want you to know about something he started and had a particular anointing for. When men complete the program, we have a special ceremony during chapel on their day of completion. The student usually invites family members and friends to witness the ceremony. Students get an opportunity to share about the student who is completing. Their comments are often humorous, but are also serious and quite a blessing to the man who is completing.

Then comes the finale. Pastor Boyd would share, with much anticipation, the Bible character he felt that man most emulated. It is uncanny how accurate he has been over the years.

It was really a blessing that each student looked forward to. Because that is part of Boyd's legacy I will not continue the tradition. Instead, I have come up with something I believe will be meaningful to the men as well.

We had a special lunch and going away party for Boyd and Sue. There were tears shed, and I know the men will miss Boyd. But this is the Lord's ministry and this ship will continue to sail. If you would like to express your gratitude to Boyd and Sue, they can be reached at BoydPatt52@gmail.com. I am sure they would love hearing from you.



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Putting hope within reach of men, women, and families

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ALEX JONES



Hi everyone, my name is Alex Jones. I recently completed the Adult and Teen Challenge program in August of 2021. This year gave me the opportunity to develop my relationship with the Lord in a safe setting surrounded by a loving ministry and good people. As I made the transition from the old to new, I was blessed by God in many ways. In God's Word, He says "You will seek me and you will find me when you seek me with all your heart." I am writing to you today to testify to the truth.

Very rarely are we given the chance to set aside our affairs to develop our relationship with God. Many people probably wonder what that even looks like. It involves a lot of patience, a lot of prayer, and countless hours of soaking in God's Word. It involves persevering in faith and choosing to do right to those who hurt you, not for ego but to be understanding. As I continuously met with God and searched Him out, I was blessed to find Him. It was because of God's grace that I was saved from the person I used to be and from the life I used to live.

God's grace is as this: Yes, we have sinned. Yes, we deserve punishment. But instead of punishing you or me, God punished His only Son. Remember, there are still consequences for our sins.

Now, the other side to God's grace shows how serious God is about our sins. His Son had to sacrifice His life for us, to pay the ultimate price for us. This also shows the heart of our Savior, Jesus.

Our God is an awesome God, and freedom is available to every person that calls on the name of Jesus Christ. It worked for me and it can work for you or someone you know. The power of God's grace changes lives. I invite you to be a part of that at FHTC.

If you or anyone you know is struggling with a life-controlling problem, I highly recommend you point them to the One who can make a difference in their life. Whether that be through Teen Challenge, or another avenue, Jesus saves. We can rest assured that Our heavenly Father is well pleased with our decision to follow Him and He will bless our lives and uphold us with His righteous right hand. As we pursue Him in faith with a humble heart, we can rest assured that He hears us, and He will continue to reveal Himself to us as we draw near.

Words cannot express how grateful I am for what this ministry has done for me and for what God has done in my life. Thank you for reading and may God bless you.

JESUS SAVES

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LEWIE ROCHE III



Every year we have such high hopes for our ministry's vision of bringing hope to men, women, and families struggling with life controlling issues. Unfortunately none of us could imagine over a year ago, we would be forced to cancel most of our income generating enterprises and all of our fundraising events. However in the midst of our struggle God provided an exciting opportunity to create and host our first annual Adult & Teen Challenge Faith Home Network Ball Drop. Our biggest challenge was to find a helicopter. At our ministry we continue to learn how we serve an amazing God, and through his provision Sheriff Jeff Dirkse of the Stanislaus County Sheriff's Department stepped forward to meet that need and provide not only their helicopter, but their flight crew as well. When I think about this I am reminded of God's scripture Nahum 1:7 **The LORD is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in him.**

Our goal was to sell 2500 balls and drop them from the Sheriff's helicopter on to our "Target Green" built on the softball field of our 37-acre ranch residential facility. We held a virtual event that was streamed live on Facebook, November 7th of last year. We all marveled at the participation and the events which occurred that day. The event was a "HUGE" success and we sold over 2700 balls and earned close to \$70,000. We offered gift card prizes to 11 winners totaling \$2500 and \$1000 Amazon gift card as the "grand prize." We are so thankful to all of our supporters and especially to all of you who helped make that day possible.

We have decided to host this event for the next 5 years as long as our partners are able. **This year's event will be held Saturday, November 6th** at our Ranch & Facility Headquarters in Ceres. We are in the planning stages and hope to open our facility to families, supporters, sponsors, and food trucks for a wonderful day of fellowship, food, & fun. We hope you will be able to bring the "little-ones" out to encounter the helicopter and possibly be thrilled by meeting the pilot and of course sitting in the chopper. **This year we have a goal of \$100,000** and hope to have a live event with over 200 attendees. If you are interested in helping us reach our goal, please consider joining our team or sponsoring as a "Flight Support Team" member. If you are interested in a higher level of giving look to our sponsor program as a "PILOT" or "CO-PILOT SPONSOR". You will find details at <https://www.fhtc.life>.

God's hands are all over this ministry & we pray they will be all over this year's Ball Drop. Will you choose to participate? We hope you will. **If you have any questions please give me a call or an email.**

Sincerely,

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ROGER'S RUN RECAP!

The 3rd Annual Roger's Run was held on Saturday, August 28th, at the Faith Home Ranch. After not being able to hold the event in 2020 or this June due to COVID, we were thrilled to be able to hold this event in person. However, due to the wildfires and poor air quality, the official race was canceled, although some opted to go out on the course on their own. The pancake breakfast, drawings for prizes, and time of fellowship were enjoyed by all. Our title sponsor, Modesto Moves Training Team puts on this event in conjunction with Faith Home Teen Challenge, and we are so grateful to them for their support of this event and our ministry. We are looking forward to the 4th annual event in 2022!

