

**PASTOR OR STAFF MEMBER
PLEASE READ AND SHARE WITH CONGREGATION**

In our current society, there are plenty of negative influences impacting the lives of young men and women. Not a day goes by without someone commenting on the sickening condition of our society. Many people want to change the situation, but they do not know how or where to start. It is with that mindset that I am writing this letter. I would like to challenge individuals in our church community across the country and the world to make a difference. Mark 12:43-44 reads *And he called unto him his disciples, and saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury: For all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living.* As I read the Bible, I am moved by the compassion of our Heavenly Father that He would commend His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners He would die for us. I am also moved by the compassion of the widow, who wanted to give all she had because of the love her Savior had placed in her. We can demonstrate this same love by commending our love toward sinners as Christ did for us.

At H.O.P.E. Ranch, we receive inquiries and applications from parents and pastors looking to send young men to our facility all the time. However, most of these young men do not come to H.O.P.E. Ranch because of the financial burden it would put on their family. Many of these boys are from single mother homes or broken families where money is not readily available. I have taken many young men into H.O.P.E Ranch without charging any tuition because I believe so strongly in helping these boys, but I am at the point where to truly help them completely and to continue in the ministry and grow, I will need financial assistance. My heart saddens at the thought of turning more boys away; therefore, I would like to offer you the opportunity to have a greater part in this ministry. I am challenging individuals in the church to give \$2.77 a week towards a scholarship fund that has been set up to pay a boy's tuition.

The tuition at Hope Ranch is \$700 per month and each boy makes a commitment of staying for one year. The tuition covers all expenses such as, room and board, school tuition, school supplies, and whatever else a young boy may need. With \$2.77 per week, each person would be donating approximately \$12 per month. If God would touch the hearts of 8 people from a church, those individuals would equal \$96 per month. If you multiply that by 8 churches, one boy would have his tuition paid. We are only asking that you make this commitment if God leads you in this direction and the commitment only needs to last a year. If after a year, you feel led to continue to support the scholarship fund, you may do so.

It is our hope that we can see boys coming to the ranch tuition free or with tuition assistance. Not all boys will need this assistance, but unfortunately, many will need help because their life is not a high priority when it comes to the family's financial budget. We ask you to pray about this in your church, and ask God if this is the right ministry for you. We serve a mighty God, and only He can change the future of these boys with His love. Let's show these boys His love through us and praise the Lord for the great things He has done.

2Corinthians 8:2-4 How that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality. For to their power, I bear record, yea, and beyond their power they were willing of themselves; Praying us with much intreaty that we would receive the gift, and take upon us the fellowship of the ministering to the saints.