

# FREEDOM GATES BOYS RANCH

May God fill your life  
with

LOVE

Joy &

Peace



As we celebrate the birth of our Lord,  
**Jesus Christ,**  
our thoughts turn gratefully to those who have made our progress  
possible.



## **Message from JW Jacobs**

"For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace. There will be no end to the increase of His government or of peace, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness From then on and forevermore. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will accomplish this." Isaiah 9:6-7 NASB.

At the time of writing, I am reminded of these words from Isaiah the prophet. The word "increase" (v7) is defined as AUXANO in the Greek, which means, "to grow that which lives, naturally or spiritually".

Healthy things grow. In order for us to grow physically, emotionally or spiritually, we have to be healthy in mind, body and spirit. This is a truth that transcends, goes beyond, what we can do in our own power. We need grace, God's grace in our lives to enable us to do what we cannot do on our own.

As you may know, our boys appear to be healthy. They are healthy physically, but emotionally and spiritually is a different story. The role Brenda and I have in this ministry of God is to come alongside Him in His work within each boy. We take care of their needs physically the best we can. We feed them well, take them to the doctor when there is an ailment, and try to provide opportunities for exercise, whether through work or play.

Providing for their emotional and spiritual needs is much more difficult. However, it is the area that our boys need help in the most.

Our boys come to us with deep emotional wounds. Our boys are emotionally stunted, slowed or stopped in growth and development. Trauma is the definition of these deep emotional wounds. Trauma comes in all shapes and sizes. What may be traumatic for one person may not be for the next. Whether trauma is perceived or unperceived, known or unknown, it is always real, and expresses its self through behaviors.

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# Christmas and Family

by Dennis Blake



Do you ever reminisce about past Thanksgivings or Christmas times? Nancy and I enjoy reading the Reminisce Magazine looking at nostalgic pictures and articles from years ago. It reminds me of a wonderful childhood and the fun times with my family as my children grew up. The joy of being with my grandmas and grandpas, aunts and uncles and cousins. The excitement I felt on Christmas morning of unwrapping presents and hoping I would receive that special gift I had always wanted. I also remember my Church family. The Christmas programs, going caroling and the Christmas Eve Service were fond memories. Reading the Christmas story and singing Christmas music before we opened presents reminded me why we celebrate.

Each Christmas season reminds me how special and important our families are in the life of our home and church.

But I realize there are many who have not experienced the blessing of Christmas. My heart is broken when the family is not what God intended it to be. I have heard stories of physical and verbal abuse and neglect that makes me cry at night. I have felt the pain of parents whose children have chosen drugs and porn as a way of life that literally is destroying their family.

At Christmas time we are reminded that Jesus came to give us hope in adopting us into His family. His gift to us is love and Joy and Peace that will last for eternity.

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## **VOLUNTEERS ARE WELCOME TO CONTACT US TO ASSIST WITH THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS:**

### **Shelter for Horses**

The materials for this wind break have already been donated. JW and the boys have begun this project but could use some help with hopes to have it finished before first of the year.

### **Goats and Heifer**

Pens and shelters are needed for 4 goats and 1 heifer. These animals have been donated and will be at our facility once the pens and shelters are built. Materials have been received.

If interested in volunteering, please contact:

JW JACOBS

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As you may know, the spiritual health of our boys is stunted as well. If, our lives have been transformed by the power of God through faith in His son Jesus Christ, we know personally through experience His life giving power. There is nothing more powerful and awesome, than watching a person's physical and emotional needs be met by our Wonderful Counselor, our Mighty God, our Eternal Father, and our Prince of Peace! This is what our boys need above all else, a face to face, life giving encounter with the King of kings and the Lord of lords, Jesus Christ!

Our boys need men and women of God to speak truth and love into their lives every day. Not just on Sunday and Wednesday. Saturday night in our case. Not just at church camps in the summer, not just at the spring and fall conferences. Everyday!

I beseech you, I plead with you, to join us in prayer to the Lord of the harvest, to send out workers into His harvest!

Pray for our boys' health, for their growth. Physically, emotionally and spiritually. Pray for their salvation! Pray for Brenda's and my own health, physically, emotionally and spiritually. Pray that God will enable us to do what we cannot do in our own power, as we diligently seek Him. Pray for the protection of our boys and for Brenda and me, from the schemes and wiles of the enemy. Pray for this ministry of God and its leadership. Pray for the health of this ministry, knowing that health is the vital cause and sustainer of growth. Pray for unity in the Lord Jesus Christ for this ministry. Pray that God will pour out His grace and mercy over each one of us.

**Thank you for your prayers. May God bless you in this season!**

### Christmas and Family cont'd

*My passion and prayer is that every boy*

*that comes through Freedom Gates Boys Ranch will experience a different kind of family, one that will love them just the way they are, as Christ loved us. To be part of a family where feelings of guilt and shame from their past are replaced with finding freedom and hope in Christ. This verse is one promise I can trust my life on. It's found in 1 John 4:10-12:*

*"This is love: not that we love God but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God loved us then we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God: but if we love one another, God lives in us and His love is made complete in us."*

**What a gift from God! May you all have a Merry Christmas!**



*14 Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel.*

*Isaiah 7:14 (NIV)*



*31 You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus.*

*Luke 1:31 (NIV)*



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