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CHANGE THE COURSE

These jars are easy to fill up, and the growing number of jars being filled is truly making an impact on the financial needs of the Ranch. As many of you know, the Ranch has become very efficient in stretching every dollar that comes in. Help us spread these jars around. It is something your family can do together, a church group, or even a group of co-workers within an office can work together. Many have



filled a jar with what is in the console of their car...it's easy and it's adding up! Contact the Ranch office to find out how we can get jars to you. (304) 241-1709.


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“Love must be sincere.
Hate what is evil;
cling to what is good.”
Romans 12:9



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VIEW FROM THE MOUNTAIN

When we see a new boy enter the Ranch it's not uncommon for us to witness what we call a "honeymoon" period. They don't want us to see what their ugly side looks like, so we get the pretty side. Polite behavior, attentive nature, and a whole lot of "Yes sirs" and "Yes ma'ams" is nice, but it's not what brought them to our doorstep to begin with. When the shift occurs, and they are tired of being nice, it can be an ugly moment. It's here that we can begin to work.

The veil is lifted, the masks are off, and we can start working with the real boy inside. We can begin talking about the painful issues that may be causing the ugliness. We can begin to teach them that there is a new way. The verse I chose for the front cover directly relates to this process...love, hate, cling...all belong to the healing of hearts.

The question I leave you with is "What is God asking you to love? What should you hate? What are you clinging to?" This is something I must review daily in my own life. It's not just a process for the Ranch boys...it's a process for everyone.



New school under construction.

The new Chestnut Mountain Ranch Christian School building is being built! Having a building dried in before moving into winter months is so important. We will be able to work inside on electrical, plumbing, heating/air, alarms, sprinkler, and more while it is cold outside. Not only are we building a new physical



BUILDING MORE TO REACH MORE

THE CHESTNUT MOUNTAIN RANCH CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

building, but we are building up the program through American Christian Schools International (ACSI) to become nationally accredited by May of 2017. This is a huge process that has taken over three years to complete!





They can dream. They can build a vision. They can develop goals. They can take action. They can witness the dream become a reality. They can see that if one perseveres that restoration can take place, and new life is possible.

About 8 months ago a friend of the Ranch dropped off an old, rusted out, 1978 Cama-

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ro that had been sitting in a field for years. The car was pushed into the garage of the Joy Home. With no budget or extra funds, the boys began to tinker with the car.

“Let’s sand the body down.”

“Pull the motor out”

“The interior needs to be replaced”

When you are building a school, the focus of fund raising is on that building. The old car didn’t have a chance...we were wrong. People with strong knowledge and interest in cars came forward. A little here. A little there. The project, led by Ranch staffer Grant Johnpeer, took on wings of its own. The car is now part of the education curriculum for the Ranch School.

The old car has become so much more than expected.

What can a group of boys do with an old, rusted out, tired car?

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2016 John C. Maxwell Leadership Awards

Steve Finn, Executive Director of Chestnut Mountain Ranch, has been named one of three finalists for the 2016 John C. Maxwell Award. The annual award recognizes leaders who are making life-changing differences. The Maxwell team receives thousands of nominations each year for the top leaders in the country. That list of nominees was trimmed to a Top 100, then the Top 30, the Top 10, and then to the Top 3.

John C. Maxwell is an American author, speaker, and pastor who has written many books, primarily focusing on leadership. His leadership company and team hold trainings and events throughout the year across the country, including an online university, and a leadership certification program. The story of the Ranch captured the hearts of the Maxwell Team, and Steve was given the opportunity to share to over 3,400 in Orlando on August 17 at the Maxwell Awards Ceremony. God continues to use unique events to share what He is doing for children in the mountains of West Virginia.



YOU CAN GET INVOLVED

Chestnut Mountain Ranch is completely supported through the gifts of others. Here are some ways you can get involved:

PRAY FOR US

Prayer moves the hand of God. Pray for us. Pray for the boys that are here. Pray for the boys that are not yet here.

GIVE

Estate Planning helps set the foundation for the future and monthly gifts help the Ranch build a stable budget.

DONATE GOODS

Donate your car, boat, household items, etc. You can get the tax write-off, and we can turn your goods into usable cash to build and move the vision ahead.

VOLUNTEER

Get your church involved through service projects, meals, working at the thrift store, etc.

COLLECT LOOSE CHANGE

Help us build the Change the Course program where unique mason jars are used to collect change.

VISIT OUR WEBSITE

Review our website for current needs.
ChestnutMountainRanch.org

INVITE US TO SPEAK

Schedule a speaking engagement for your church, corporate meeting, or civic group.