Dear Partners in Christ,

Could you help us by praying for kids?

As you may already know, Yellowstone Boys and Girls Ranch serves severely emotionally troubled youth through their Residential Treatment Program on the 410-acre campus/working ranch west of Billings. On any given day, around 80 boys and girls ages 11 to 18 call the Ranch home.

One critical component available to children in Residential Treatment is the voluntary Spiritual Life Program. The SLP’s mission is to help youth, families, and staff to understand and experience God in ways that foster healing and relational maturity. Youth have a variety of activities from which to choose: a weekly, non-denominational, Christian chapel service; one-on-one counseling and spiritual care; a small group Bible study; and the 30-Day Challenge which involves reading and reflecting on scripture each day for a month. All activities are geared toward teaching kids about God’s love and healing power and emphasize personal prayer. This is where we need your help!

As part of the SLP, children write down their prayer requests, and these prayer requests are passed on to local congregations who share these requests with their members, asking for them to pray for the kids. Over 68% of children at YBGR participate in the SLP, and with these children having already experienced so much trauma and hardship in their young lives, these requests can sometimes be difficult to read, but whose prayer requests could be more urgent than “the least of these?” A sample of a Prayer Request list is attached.

On behalf of the boys and girls at YBGR, we hope your church will consider becoming part of our prayer chain for these troubled children. If you are interested in being a part of the YBGR prayer chain, please call Yellowstone Foundation at 656-8772 or email allyson@yellowstonefoundation.org.

Every few weeks I will send you an email with the most recent prayer requests for you to distribute to your members for prayer. If you are interested in learning more, we would also welcome the opportunity to speak with you and your members about YBGR’s Spiritual Life Program. God Bless,

Allyson Cole, Vice President of Development
YBGR SPIRITUAL LIFE PROGRAM

Here is a sampling of prayer requests from YBGR youth:

- Pray that I’ll heal from the pain that I’m suffering from right now and that me and T’s relationship gets fixed.

- Pray for my family. Making sure their doing well and healthy. Pray that God has good plans in store for them and that they’re safe.

- Please pray for my relationships with others, help me have a realization to try hard to do good. Also my family back on Fort Belknap reservation that are struggling a lot. Thanks.

- Please help me get better, please help me better understand myself and to learn how to do good…please help me change.

- Please pray for me that I can find a place in my heart and get rid of the guilt that I have. Deep down I want to know that it’s not my fault that my mother died. Thank you.

- Please pray for me to find a home before November. Pray I’ll like it and the foster home will work out. Pray for F. that he will soon love himself. Pray for my peers.

- Please pray that I can find a place to go and not mess it up. And my momma can continue to work hard and better herself. That my dad can forgive me and find more peace. Also that T.W. can find peace and do what’s good for her and be successful. Thank you so much. Amen.

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