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H.O.P.E. FARM OPENS THE DOORS AT ITS NEW COMO LOCATION

by Ricardo Barber

One can always find himself marveling at the providence of God. What an awesome sight it is to look upon. His ways are indeed perfect and under his direction we find ourselves in the middle of H.O.P.E. Farm's new endeavor- a location in Como. The doors of the Como location opened January 11, 2010 and that's when the boys walked through them. For God to place us in this situation where we can start out ministering to these boys at a foundational level and travel with them through this process of maturation is sensational. This is a joy-

ous occasion in the life of H.O.P.E. Farm and God is surely being celebrated. Mr. Morris Mr. Butler and Mr. Barber will strive to build upon the solid rock established by H.O.P.E. Farm's pioneers. We are determined to make a recognizable difference in the life of the boys God grants us, their families, and the Como community. But only by the grace and presence of God will this ministry do the utmost. One is still in awe of God because he chooses to use feeble vessels as his mouth, hands, and feet. Our prayer is that he continues to do so.



H.O.P.E. Farm - Como staff.



Newest members of H.O.P.E. Farm - Como.

DIRECTOR'S CHAIR

Gary Randle



Obeying our parents is our main task when we are young. But honoring them should continue even beyond their death. One way to honor your parents is to provide for them in times of financial need or when they are ill and unable to take care of themselves. Perhaps the best way to honor them is to pass on their godly values to your children. Honoring involves all that sons and daughters do with their lives—the way they work and talk, the values they hold, and the morals they practice. What are you doing to show respect for your parents? Are you living in a way that honors them?

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THE SERIOUS BUSINESS OF HONORING PARENTS



by Joel S. Willis

that it is the first commandment with a promise for our personal future. It is the foundation for commandments six through ten which address our relationships to others. Honor is of the Hebrew translation “kabod” or “kaved,” meaning heavy or weighty as in one who carries a lot of weight.

As we continue to sift through the commandments, our journey brings us to the fifth commandment. It deals with our daily attitude toward our parents, a relationship so serious that it is the foundation for determining how we interact in many other relationships.

The fifth commandment is unique in

Parents are instruments through which God gave us life. They cared for us when we were not able to care for ourselves. The thing that makes this commandment so special is that during our class discussions, it helps to gauge whether or not they are honoring the Lord. It creates an atmosphere of openness as we identify specific ac-

tions that show respect (or disrespect) to their parents, authority figures and to the Lord.

The boys are challenged daily through the word to uphold this commandment and are held accountable for their actions. They marvel at how this commandment hits home and can clearly see the direct correlations their behavior has on giving honor to their parents. It is rewarding to see the boys make progress in this area as well as other areas. Now that’s a commandment with a promise and it’s serious business.

DINNER CONVERSATIONS AT H.O.P.E FARM

by Shawn Thrasher

The H.O.P.E. Farm dining hall is a place where the delectable delights of Ms. Stafford and Granny can be found, but much more than that; The H.O.P.E.

**“A fully gorged belly never produced a sprightly mind.”
- Jeremy Taylor (1613-1667)**

Farm dining hall is a place of reverence to our Lord Jesus Christ.

After prayer has been given, the 5th commandment has been recited, and the food has been delivered thus conversation begins. These are not just any conversations, but conversations that are governed and honorable unto the Lord.

The atmosphere of the dining room is that of a stable home where there is food, fun, fellowship, and most importantly teaching. Most companies conduct business in the company of a good meal and that is no different for H.O.P.E. Farm; except we are in the business of making Christ centered men.

Some of the conversations that have taken place include; “How to treat a Lady”, “Suitable entertainment for young men”, “How to Pray”, “Proper hygiene for a man” and we always reinforce dining room etiquette. We also have a day of the week in which we focus on world historical figures which helps to promote the ability to converse on a broad level.

When you think of our dining room think of your grandma’s kitchen, your mother’s table manners, and your father’s conversation. The H.O.P.E farm dining hall produces full bellies, but it is our intent that we fill minds with the knowledge of Christ.



that you may live in the land the Lord your God is giving you!

THE LORD WILL NOT LET YOU SINK

by Terrence Butler

First I would like to introduce myself; my name is Terrence Butler, a new team member at H.O.P.E. Farm Como. My wife Juli and I were blessed to go to Belize for Christmas. Our main agenda was to rest. (Mark 6:31) People that know me would find it hard to believe that I am capable of resting, but actually I'm quite good at it. The only other thing we added to the agenda was snorkeling.

The last time we snorkeled was almost 15 years ago on our honeymoon. Early one morning we set out for our adventure on a tiny boat with eight total strangers. On our journey the instructor told us that the Caribbean Sea was home to some of the world's most vibrant coral reefs and the most beautiful marine life. I was so ready to see all the amazing things the Lord had created under the sea, or so I thought. We arrived at a private island, put on all our gear, and listened to the instructions. I was in control and ready to "get my snorkel on".

However, as I began, nothing seemed to be going right.

My mask was too tight, and I kept putting my head too far under the water which resulted in me choking. To top it all off, we had just started and I was already exhausted. Sensing my frustration, one of our two instructors agreed to take Juli and me back to shore. Juli only came back to support me because she was doing just fine.

beach; it would be different this time.

I prayed and invited the Lord into this endeavor and allowed Him take the lead. When I entered the water I heard, relax, kick your legs slow, breath normally, and look at all the beautiful things that I have made. I did just that and it was an

incredible sight to see.

"Be still and know that I'm God." Psalm 46:10

After lunch the instructor informed the group that we would be going out for another round. And, I do mean round because it felt like I had been in a fight! All of our new friends were sure we would not be going back out. In the meantime, I thought about one of the character traits we teach our H.O.P.E. Farm boys, "Determination." Determination would not let me stay on the

We stayed out for about forty minutes and this time was very different. When it was time to return to shore, the Lord said, "Stop". I free floated, then he said, "Be still and know that I am God."

After returning to the hotel that night, I re-visited the scripture, Psalm 46:1-11. "God is the refuge and God's people express their confidence in Him." I know I will be

faced with challenges while instructing the boys at H.O.P.E. Farm, but I will have confidence in the Lord in all areas of my life, even snorkeling.





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UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 15-16: Spring Break Basketball C.L.I.N.I.C
- March 28- HF Choir performance at McKinny Memorial Bible Church
- April 14- First Grandparents luncheon at H.O.P.E. Farm

IT TAKES A VILLAGE...

by Susie Sanders

The Volunteers at H.O.P.E. Farm are a blessing each and every day to the H.O.P.E. Farm staff, boys, and moms. They tutor, help with homework, read with or to children, encourage good choices, play games, help with odd jobs, and just about anything else you can imagine. Long lasting relationships are built during their time and character qualities are modeled...dependability, faithfulness, and excellence, just to name a few. Thanks to all who have invested in so many ways. God is doing amazing things through you!

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