

# FREEDOM GATES BOYS RANCH

*Opening the gates to freedom*



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## Michael & Ariel Simpson—House Parents

Michael and Ariel moved to Hazelton in November 2019 to help with our need for house parents. They became full-time house parents on March 16th, 2020. We are excited about this move. They have 2 boys themselves who bring a fun family dynamic with the boys at FGBR. They bring with them a strong spiritual background, great work ethics, and a *passion and love* for this ministry.

**Kody Haas** joined us in January. He brings with him experience working with youth and horses. He is the Co-President and Co-Founder of the Northwest Horsemen's Association (check out their Facebook Page). He graduated from University with a Bachelor of He served a Youth Ministry Canton, Ok and assisted with camps, He had fun riding center working with look forward to the growth Ranch Program with the help



Northwest Missouri State Science in Agricultural Science. Intern at his a church in youth at several summer youth volunteering with a therapeutic horse therapy for youth. We and organization of our Farm & of Kody's knowledge/skills.



Meet Ronin who joined us February 29th. Ronin enjoys art, watercolor, markers, acrylics, woodworking and bike riding. For school, his

favorite subject is Social Studies. When enjoying the outdoors, he likes football and swimming. Reading is hard for a lot of our boys, but Ronin enjoys fantasy stories.

He has a drive to grow in his relationship with Christ and be the best he can be.



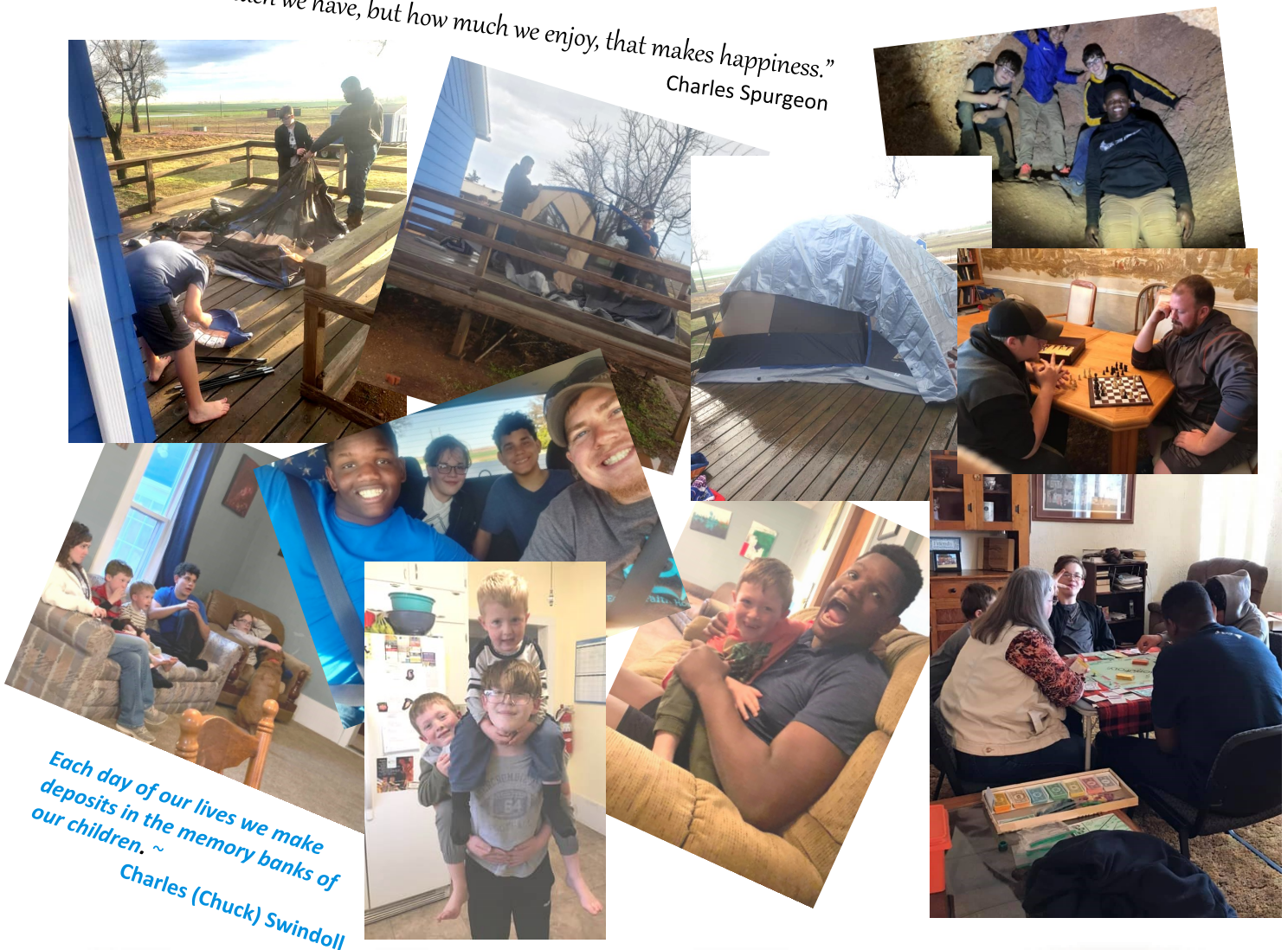
## FROM OUR PRESIDENT ~~



These last 6 months God has revealed himself over and over again. In November my wife Ariel came to me and said she felt God calling us to move in as temporary house-parents and we moved in immediately. After several months we knew that God wanted us to stay full time. For the last 9 years we have prayed about when and if God wanted us in this ministry full time, but as always God has His timing. Only a few days after we told my family God wanted us to step out of the family business the oil economy started slowing down; and, 20 hours after the board hired us on as full time house-parents and myself as president of the organization Kansas schools closed for the rest of the school year. God is always on time. Now we embark on the next chapter of FGBR, we are educating on our campus, and working tirelessly on our second residence. Cont'd on page 3

## HAVING FUN AND STAYING BUSY

*"It is not how much we have, but how much we enjoy, that makes happiness."  
Charles Spurgeon*



*Each day of our lives we make deposits in the memory banks of our children. ~ Charles (Chuck) Swindoll*

The year started off with our house parents settling in and the boys adjusting after the Christmas holiday. They were able to go caving and had an amazing time. As you can see from the pictures above, all the staff joins in to connect with the boys and each other giving everyone some fun times....putting up their tent on the deck, watching movies, play around in the house and, of course, board games.

*"The family should be a closely knit group. The home should be a self-contained shelter of security; a kind of school where life's basic lessons are taught; and a kind of church where God is honored; a place where wholesome recreation and simple pleasures are enjoyed."  
~ Billy Graham*

*Isn't God the one who urges us to "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord"? Why do we always think that means singing? Seems to me the most obvious joyful sound on earth is laughter... I've seen folks quote verses like "Rejoice in the Lord always" while their faces look like they just buried a rich uncle who willed everything to his pregnant guinea pig. Something is missing.  
~~ Charles Swindoll*



**Please pray with us for everyone who is affected by the COVID 19 virus. Pray for God's will to be done with each item listed below -**

- ⇒ **Healing all peoples worldwide who are ill**
- ⇒ **A cure and vaccine are found and shared worldwide**
- ⇒ **All businesses affected are able to open their doors again**
- ⇒ **That all peoples find strength and peace in our Lord, Jesus Christ**

### President Cont'd ~~

Our response to the national Covid-19 crisis has been that we know school is an escape for many children from the fear of home, and work is an escape for many parents. We believe that we will be getting in many new applications for families needing help in the next weeks and months and we want to be ready to say yes. We realistically know that funding will be low during this crisis, as we are 100% donor supported; but, we also believe not just with words but with action that God is bigger than any virus, any economic down turn, and any hopelessness that we feel. Our plan is not to survive, but to thrive and grow through this because God has His children that need to know how much He loves them, they must know that their suffering is not His plan, and that His people "*Who are called by His name*" are willing to put actions behind words to show the love of Christ.

Please pray, keep on praying, and never cease to pray for the wondering children of God that live without an anchor to hold them steady through the storms, but after you pray don't forget to act.

*"But how can they call on Him to save them unless they believe in Him? And how can they believe in Him if they have never heard about Him? And how can they hear about Him unless someone tells them?" Romans 10:14*

*The power of words is that a life can be launched with as little as a single phrase, an uplifting word or an act of kindness. Think of the power we wield and the impact we can make if we become more intentional about encouraging our children. Our words are often the very things that help create future dreams. And sometimes those dreams are to be just like us.*



The farm and ranch program has really taken off over the last couple of months. We have moved away from the goat side of things and are working to build our herd of cattle. We were blessed with a beautiful bull calf born a few weeks ago and both mama and baby are doing great. Our chickens are doing a great job keeping our cartons and tummies full. The boys are really starting to connect with our horses and enjoy rides down the road and around the yard. A garden has been started and we plan to fill it with a variety of vegetables to add another fun and educational element to our farm and ranch program. We are very excited to see the future of this program and its ability to show the boys a new outlook on God's vision for Freedom Gates Boys Ranch .

~~~WISH LIST~~~

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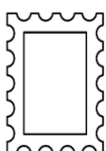
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