

Boys Ranch
Gladstone, New Mexico
88422

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God's peace to you my friend + benefactor,

For some time now, most of you knew that there were going to be some major changes in the Hacienda when we reached our tenth birthday. The main focus of these changes was to separate the legal person of the Hacienda from the dependency on the Real person of Father Ed. We are now in our tenth year.

Due to circumstances beyond my control it is necessary for me to leave the Hacienda at this time. Because of the dependency of the Ranch on my person, this will also bring about the dissolution of the Hacienda Boys Ranch.

The situation has been considered over the past six months, with numerous meetings held with groups and individuals, of my church, my state, the board, my staff, and my advisors in various capacities.

The results of my action of leaving here have been acknowledged. However, as I have already said, due to circumstances beyond my control, that is the situation.

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Those of you who have notified us, that the HACIENDA was the sole, or partial heir in your will, please see your lawyer and get this changed so as not to cause conflict when you go to your heavenly reward.

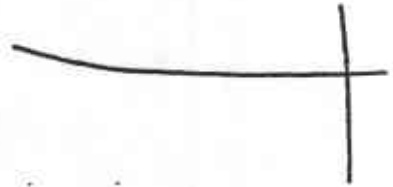


The Boy who is afraid may be checked but never corrected. Fear checks, Love corrects.

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Hacienda de los Muchachos
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Needless to say this decision has been the hardest decision that I have ever made.

These past ten years of my life have been the happiest years of my life. I have learned so much - and given so much - and received so much. Glory to God!

It will take a few months - our address will be the same - to liquidate and to pay off our bills so that Justice & the law will be satisfied. Whatever is left, over & above will be given to another Boys Ranch.

If in anyway I have offended any of you, I humbly ask your forgiveness. I do want to thank you for your kind benefactions over the past years - during my work at the Hacienda - and for some of you over the past eighteen years since I first started working with troubled children.

As you know, in this type of work you cannot measure success. All you can do is your best and then hope. A young man came up to me in a store the other day. I did not recognize him. He told me that neither he nor his brother had been in trouble since they had come under my influence. It was over sixteen years before "success" was "known" in the case of those two young men.

Thanks again for your support. You will be continually remembered before the altar of God. May I request a remembrance in your prayers?

God bless you.

Love
Father Ed

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Those of you who have notified us, that the HACIENDA de los MUCHACHOS - A Boys Ranch Project - was the sole, or partial heir in your will, please see your lawyer and get this changed so as not to cause conflict after God calls you home to your heavenly reward. I want you to know that your generosity was greatly appreciated.