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A Kind Letter To Hunger Plus From:

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Dear J B and friends,

One of our mares just had a baby today. Some of the boys and staff were watching the baby struggle to get his long, awkward legs under him to support his weight. Within 15 minutes, the colt was trying to run around in the pasture. New birth comes through labor and struggles, but it opens up a whole new possibility for growth. In a very real way, all of our guys go through a new birth while they are here. That process involves a lot of work and struggle, to determine who will be in control. At noon one day, Shane was telling me that he had been working way too hard that morning. "I sweated and toiled and labored so hard in the last three hours," Shane reported, "that I could've had three kids!"

With all the rain and sun, we've been very busy mowing lawns in the community for other people. We've also been clearing brush, planting gardens, seeding lawns, planting trees, etc. to keep our boys productive and to allow them the opportunity to learn how to take directions from different employers and make money at the same time. With money we get to teach good stewardship. It takes a while before our guys realize that buying pop isn't as important as buying deodorant or socks.

We're still helping others clean up their yards after the storms went through and broke down their trees. We also volunteered to build some trails for a Branson park, and repaired a driveway and steps for a man who is terminally ill. After we do jobs like this, our guys come back with a whole new perception of the "entitlement issue" that almost all of our guys struggle with when they get to the Ranch.

Anthony and Jonathan have been starting on the Blue Eye public school baseball team. Both are hitting the ball very well and are making catches that are unbelievable. The jump that they get on the ball makes me jealous, as my reactions always seem to be in slow motion now. Anthony is graduating from high school this month and is busy now getting ready to go to college. Several of our guys had gotten lazy in keeping their grades up, but they redoubled their efforts after staying up late several nights to get their homework done correctly. It has been very encouraging to see our guys make some miraculous improvements in their grades compared to what they used to be.

Your willingness to share with us is encouraging as well. Each time our guys humble themselves to allow God to change their habits; we know that you have also been a part of that process. Thank you for caring enough to become involved in all our lives. We see new growth all around us. We are praying that you will see growth in you life as well. Have a great day!

In Christ's Service,
Ken, Sheila, the Staff, and Boys

P.S. Hunger Plus has been a wonderful supporter of ours, and we appreciate you more than words can express.

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