

# GOOD NEWS FROM PINEHAVEN!



## It's Beginning to Look Like Christmas!

Your prayers brought about a narrow escape from one of the many fires in our area this fall. The Lord stopped it right at our boundary as planes and helicopters worked to contain it. We believe in the power of prayer as it changes things! The new milking system is up and going and the cows and kids are happy. School, sledding, keeping warm, and Christmas preparations occupy our time. Praise the Lord for more decisions to follow Christ and allow Him to change their lives!

*PINEHAVEN is supported by the gifts of God's people. If you wish to make a gift, the form at the right is for your convenience. Please PRAY for us too!*

Thank You for being a Ministry Partner!

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Dear Pastor Larsson,

I have heard for some time about Pinehaven Christian School but had never visited it. My wife and I were recently in northwest Montana and elected to find the school. We were very impressed with the mountainous setting. A faculty member found us walking about and offered us a tour around the campus.

The buildings for the school (we counted ten) are nested on low mountains at various heights giving an appearance that fits the natural terrain very well. The buildings are constructed in a similar fashion and materials so as to give a quiet and organized appealing setting.

The school was not in session but one of the teachers was kind enough to give us a tour. She took about an hour to tour several buildings. They are large and appear very well designed and built. The class rooms are well lighted and can accommodate twenty to thirty students. One class room had twenty-five new appearing computers. The gymnasium had a regulation basketball court and two levels of seating. There is also an Olympic sized swimming pool and a bowling alley is under construction in a separate building. The chapel is beautiful. Spiritual education is a most important part of the curriculum. All the buildings are heated by wood furnaces.

Our tour guide teacher has worked at Pinehaven for nine years and had glowing things to say about the school and the mission. She informed us about the students and those who are selected to be admitted. The school admits teenage boys and girls who have records of issues involving behavior and lack of self-discipline. The students are housed dormitory style with a family supervising 24/7. There are six of these buildings. The dining is family style.

There is homework as well as ranch work. Horses and cattle must be cared for and hay must be put up and barns cleaned. And I am sure there a near endless string of chores that require attention. The school raises much of the produce for its consumption. At days end I am sure the students welcome the chance to sit down and do some homework.

I am aware you are familiar with all of the above. I just wanted you know what kinds of impressions we gained on our first visit. God bless you and your wife for your decades of devotion to Pinehaven. I wish there were more such places.

Most sincerely,

J.M. Musgrave M.D.

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Dear Bob,

I would like to thank you for all that you are doing for my son, (*name removed for privacy*). The environment you provide is such a blessing. I wish there were a hundred more "Pinehaven"s throughout the country. That which you offer in the way of work ethic and strong faith free from the day-to-day distractions seems like our country needs to work with kids in need. Bill and Sherri have been absolutely awesome through all the goings on. Bill is one of the best people I know that I've never had the chance to actually meet in person! Dan has been awesome even in difficult circumstances. I think he will be an excellent heir apparent to carry Pinehaven into the future. Thanks again and may God continue to bless you. I have enclosed a check for you to use to help offset expenses or as you see fit.

In Christ,

(*Parent's name removed for privacy*)