



Walk Reclaimed

Newsletter #1 – July 2016

My name is Jesse Hulse, and I am thrilled to be sending you the very first Walk Reclaimed newsletter. You are getting this because at some time over the last few months you asked to be added to the distribution list.

Who are we?

Walk Reclaimed was created to fight against human trafficking with a specific focus on providing housing and care for boys. We incorporated February 22, 2016 as a nonprofit corporation and are waiting for final approval of our tax exempt status. Our mission is to provide shelter, love and support to male survivors of sex trafficking, to give hope to boys who have forgotten what hope feels like.

How it started ...

Sunday, January 18, 2015, I was sitting in a Church service and heard a short presentation about Forever Found, a ministry that fights child trafficking locally and across the world. When I heard stories of local girls I was gripped by the horror of what was happening. I felt God stirring my heart, “You heard it, and you can't unhear it, so what are you going to do?” I knew in that moment that I had to do something or I would have to face God someday and tell him why his children weren't important to me.

I met with Katie, the local director of Forever Found and told her I couldn't imagine how I could help, but I had to do something. She suggested I take a class they were offering for mentors. Our conversation went something like this.

“You work with traumatized young women.”

“Yes.”

“And when they are ready for a mentor you are not going to assign them a 60 year old man who stands 6'3" and has a low commanding voice.”

“No. You almost scare me.”

“But we both know I have to do this.”

“Yes, we do.”

“OK!”

Late one night, while I was in the mentorship class I was praying about what I could do, and I started thinking about the victims of sex trafficking. Then my mind drifted to my childhood on a farm in the mountains of Eastern Oregon. What if I could give that experience, that security and that freedom to these kids? After the next week's class I asked Katie if something like that was needed. She said, "Yes, but there is something you haven't thought of. You are thinking of girls, and while we still need more places for them, at least we have some. You raised six sons, and you were a scoutmaster for over 20 years. You are uniquely prepared to work with boys, and there are no homes for trafficked boys in the entire country." I realized she was right. We don't often think of boys being victims of sex trafficking, but sadly they are. And I began to realize what Katie had seen immediately, that God had been preparing me for years.

What now?

Our goal is to create a boy's ranch, a place where these boys can have safety and space, both physically and emotionally, where they can have stability, where they can do things that make them feel valuable. Above all, we need a place where they can be part of a family.

Our first choice of a place is the farm where I grew up. It is a working ranch with space and rugged beauty. Most importantly, it has a century long family heritage. It is owned by a family corporation, and the stockholders have voted to sell the farm, so it is potentially available.

The next step is to start our fundraising campaign which will include grant applications as well as donations from individuals.

How can you help?

The first thing is you can pray. It may sound trite, but we do want your prayers. This project is far too big for us to do without God's help and his guidance. Pray that God will make the path clear to us, and that He will give us the wisdom to see and follow that path. Pray that he prepares us for the boys we are going to help, and that he prepares them for us. Pray that he will bring in the money for the initial purchase of the property.

Of course, you can give. If our tax exempt status is granted by the end of this year, it will be retroactive so any donations given during 2016 will be tax deductible. We will be adding tools to the website to facilitate donations, but we can also accept checks made out to Walk Reclaimed, and sent to the address below.

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