

Jody Kennedy International

Wrangling at the Diamond J Youth Ranch

Inner-City Youth Camp at the Diamond J Youth Ranch

Partnering to Share Christ and Give Hope

Each year, Jody and Trisha dedicate the spring break time to their home church, Hulén Street Baptist Church in Fort Worth. It is difficult to describe what was experienced at the Diamond J Youth Ranch in Gustine, Texas during the spring break period of March 16-20.



After careful and prayerful planning by Jody and Trisha, Scott Parrish, the Student Pastor at Hulén Street Baptist Church and Kenneth and Paula Kavanagh, owners and operators of the Diamond J Youth Ranch, the student ministry of Hulén Street Baptist Church took the lead in hosting and conducting a camp for members of Helping Inner-city Kids In Danger (H.I.K.I.D.s) of Fort Worth, founded by David Carrizales.

As always, Kenneth and Paula Kavanagh, pulled out all the stops to get the ranch ready. Kenneth invited ministry partner Mission Outdoors to set up shooting and archery training. Mills County Cowboy Church provided horseback riding, horsemanship and horse shoeing demonstrations and an amazing presentation of the gospel through the breaking of a 2-year old colt.

Jody, Scott and their adult leaders oversaw the students as they ministered to 22 young boys and girls that ranged from 5th to 9th grades. Horse riding, steer riding, shooting and archery, the Diamond J Survivor course and the newly completed low confidence course were just part of the many activities the kids enjoyed.

Of course the main events were the relationships that were forged among the youth. Practical and applicable Bible studies gave the young people much insight into spiritual matters. The gospel of Christ was clearly presented several times. Some lives were changed forever.

Since 1995, H.I.K.I.D.s of Fort Worth has mentored and rescued kids in danger from drugs, alcohol, abuse and hopelessness. Learn more about them on the web at <http://www.fwhikids.org>.

God willing, this could be an annual event. A special thank you goes to Retta Baptist Church and members of Hulén

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