



## A letter from the Executive Director

Dear Faithful Supporters,

We are overwhelmed with joy, excitement and humility for what the Lord has brought to **I AM Here Ministries!** 37 acres of nearly 100, which includes a large home, outbuildings, and so much more. This is a huge step in the next phase of the **I AM Here Ministries Ranch** for at-risk youth and teens! We give all the praise and glory to God who has been guiding and providing every step of the way.



Proverbs 3:5-6 says, *“Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not lean on your own understanding. Seek His will in all you do and He will show you which path to take.”*

This is the truth, and trusting the Lord to show us which path to take has definitely confirmed His truth!

After much prayer and seeking direction, we received confirmation that this was the property for the Ranch, our Board approved the purchase and we stepped out in faith and offered the sellers a small down payment which was all we could afford, and they agreed to accept it! This step of faith was rewarded, because once it was agreed to move forward with the purchase, a large donation came to **I AM Here Ministries!** This allowed us to increase our down payment, which blessed the sellers, reduced our mortgage, provided additional funds to cover escrow costs, operations costs, as well as costs for renovations to a separate house that will become the home for our Ranch Director, Ben McAuliffe and his family. This house is on the sellers adjacent land. A blessing we did not expect. After over a year and a half, the McAuliffe's will finally be able to move out of their 30-foot camper and move into a home!

We are so grateful that the sellers of the property have the same hearts and vision we do. This has not been a real estate transaction, it is a ministry partnership! We have spent much time in prayer and seeking the Lord's direction together, which has led to many doors being opened; on the land, at the local church, in the community, and in areas we have yet to experience! Doors that we would not have thought of or included in a manmade business plan. *".... Seek His will in all you do and He will show you which path to take!"*

We have much to do and many new expenses, but we trust the Lord will continue to provide as He has been doing so faithfully. We are grateful to those of you who have been a part of this journey; with your prayers, encouragement, financial support, godly guidance, all that you do behind the scenes and so much more. We thank you for being with us and for your continued support.

Please continue to pray as you are led and please pray for wisdom as we build and develop the Ranch and the program that will be implemented for the youth and teens who will be coming. Also, please pray for others who have a heart for at-risk youth teens to come alongside us, whether it be as prayer warriors, financial supporters, volunteers, providers of materials and supplies or those who would like to share our mission with others. We are so grateful for all of you and look forward to sharing future updates and praise reports!

God bless,  
Wayne Palica, Executive Director of **I AM Here Ministries**

If any of you would like to learn more about **I AM Here Ministries** and our mission, please feel free to call me directly (714-330-7117), check out our Facebook page I AM Here Ministries or visit our website [www.IAMhereMinistries.com](http://www.IAMhereMinistries.com)

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## Big News!!!



With the coming of the new year is a new start for the McAuliffe Family as well. They will soon begin renovations of their new forever home in Horse Creek, California! The landowners' generosity and support of the I AM Here Ministries mission has made this possible!



Built in the 1890's as a stage house, it holds a lot of history and memories, along with a lot of work and a few critters too!

Along with the house, life has been busy! Ben was asked to help move along the construction of the land owners' own addition which he agreed to do (donating his time), along with recommending to hire a local contractor to help speed things along. The local contractor has been a huge blessing to Ben and the property, he will help Ben with portions of the stage house.

A local nonprofit that supports veterans, needed help to move logs so Ben and Emma went up to haul out some logs.



All hands on deck for concrete day! Of course it snowed when it was done!



Emma hauling logs