

## Landing Camp Update

Thank you so much for serving the foster children in our area through Landing Camp 2019. I have heard numerous testimonies about how the camp spoke to both campers and staff alike.

Just in case we haven't met, I am Brian Crisman, the new Executive Director of Heart of the Bride. I hope to meet you soon and will discuss that below. I know you have all been asking and waiting for news about this year. I need to give you both a short and long answer.

The short answer: due to the timing of multiple personnel transitions in our office, the logistics of putting together a Landing Camp would be very difficult. We have decided not to host Landing Camp in 2020.

The long answer: The Board of Directors and Staff of Heart of the Bride have entered a time of prayer asking God to help us do two things as we look to the future: refocus and clarify. We are seeking to REFOCUS on the primary calling and foundational values of HOB and CLARIFY the ministries and approach of HOB around our calling. Summing up the mission of HOB in one sentence is difficult but here is my attempt: to partner with servants around the world who seek to rescue the orphaned, abandoned, and forgotten and walk with them through to adulthood as mature believers in Christ equipped to thrive and transform their communities through the gospel. We do this through different approaches through out the world. Landing Camp was our first strategy locally.

As I visit with the leadership of Landing Camp 2019 one theme seems to be emerging; while all agree that Landing Camp fulfills a part of our mission at HOB, it seemed incomplete, especially in follow up. There was also the sense that we can't create community around the children if they are coming from all over the Panhandle. But, what I've also heard is that God started something. He brought people together around a common desire and calling to do something for the foster children in our area. I've heard several ideas and have asked those who shared to pray with me as we seek the next step for HOB in ministering to foster children and families in this area.

So, what I'd like to do, is ask you to pray. And then, I'd like to get together with you all and begin a discussion about our mission in this area. I am in a season of travel but I'll start looking for a date and venue to get us all together. Please keep your eye out for that announcement and let's get together!

I am so thankful for all of you and your dedication to the most vulnerable around us. I hope to meet you soon and dream of what's ahead.

In Christ,  
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