

# The Vistoso Voice

## Weekly

Friday, March 19, 2021

### BLESSED UPDATE FROM THE FLYING H RANCH

*One of the most difficult boys in the history of the ranch has done a 180 degree turn and is now thriving.*

This encouraging report is the result of the love, prayer, and constancy of the ministry at Flying H Youth Ranch. Flying H, located in Naches, Washington, is a Christian residential program for troubled teenage boys struggling within their families. The Ranch serves up to 24 boys year around and focuses on helping entire families and encouraging faith in Jesus Christ and the Bible.

These boys often come with little ability to build meaningful relationships, control impulses, achieve academically, or form responsible moral codes. The program addresses many social problems including issues surrounding: divorced families; single parent struggles; adoptive family conflicts; poor academic achievement, and so on.

Richard Wagner is the administrator of Flying H Ranch and his wife Tricia serves in the area of children's and women's ministry.



Richard and Tricia, along with their children Gabriel, Abigail, Elisha, and Brielle, live and minister at Flying H Ranch. VCC provides monthly support for the Wagners and their work.

To learn more about how God intervenes in the lives of these boys, visit the Missions Corner or the Flying H website: [flyingh.org](http://flyingh.org).

## thisweek

**March 22-27**

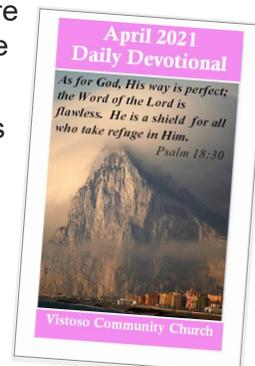
- **Tuesday**, Men's and Women's study of Revelation 1-3—in church and streaming, 10 am.
- **Wednesday**, Midweek Bible Hour, streaming at 10 am.
- **Thursday**, HeartCall Ladies Bible Study, in church only at 9:30 am.
- **Friday**, Men's Bible Study, in-church only at 7:30 am.
- **Friday**, *Love for Israel* with Bruce Scott, Director of Program Ministries for the Friends of Israel, streaming at 10:00 am.
- **Sunday**, Worship services at 9:00 and 11:00 am, in-church and streaming.

### APRIL DEVOTIONAL OUT, NEW MISSION VIDEOS

The April devotional is available today in the literature racks in the Fellowship Hall and on the Visitor's table in the Church foyer.

Our website Missions Channel has three new videos to help you get acquainted with these missionaries:

- Love Thy Neighbor Ministries highlighting their outreach to nursing home residents.
- John Coleman and his ministry to the Tohono O'odham nation
- Gilgal Gospel Ministries in India



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## VACCINE THOUGHTS FROM PASTOR KEVIN

If you have been waiting for the next installment in our effort to provide vaccine information, I am sorry to disappoint you. My medical collaborator has been dealing with some very pressing workplace demands. As a result we have had to temporarily set aside our writing efforts. While I apologize for this interruption, I still hope to provide some further information in the future.

In the meantime, let me take a moment to express my personal opinion on the subject of vaccines and getting vaccinated. Pima County is just “opening the window” for the next vaccine group—and this one includes me. I intend to get vaccinated as soon as possible! So why this response from someone who has not had a flu shot in 25 years?

### Why I Will Get Vaccinated?

Given my history, why am I now ready to get the COVID vaccine as soon as I possibly can? I have three major reasons:

1. **My health.** Although I have pretty much ignored it for the past year, two years ago I had a successful heart ablation. Medically it would be best to avoid something, like COVID, that would provide undue stress on my heart.
2. **My Concern.** Carrying much more weight than my own health is my desire to avoid doing anything that could potentially bring a COVID infection into our fellowship and getting a vaccination is an important way to avoid doing so.

3. **My confidence.** I have done a good deal of reading and have discussed this with my medical expert and I have confidence in these vaccines. That is why, as soon as we move from limited availability to widely available, I will be getting vaccinated.

### What About Safety?

From the conversations I have had, I know many have concerns based upon the large amount of negative information disseminated about the available vaccines. I understand those concerns, and I am not trying to influence you (well maybe just a little bit). But, I can tell you from my own investigation that I have not seen one credible argument against the vaccines among the many over-the-top comments.

To the contrary, there has been quite a bit of error and even some outright misinformation. For example, you may have heard from so-called *medical experts* that these new drugs aren't even vaccines. Here is the definition of a vaccine: “a substance used to stimulate production of antibodies and provide immunity...without causing the disease.” That is exactly what these vaccines are and what they accomplish, without the need to inject any virus into your body. You can see for yourself that the currently approved vaccines clearly fit this definition.

I am pointing this out because I myself tend to discount *experts* who begin their pronouncements with such obvious misstatements of fact.

### Which Vaccine?

When asked what vaccine I am going to get, my answer is generally: the first one available to me. However, if I had my preference, I would choose either the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, as both are based upon messenger-RNA technology. I have an engineering background, and, these new m-RNA vaccines are what an engineer would call an *elegant*



engineering solution, which is the highest engineering praise.

These vaccines work without using any COVID virus. They are just in essence a *sticky note* telling your immune system what to guard against and getting it ready to repel the attack. As I said, an *elegant* solution.

### What Next?

You must decide what you will do regarding the vaccines, and I fully support whichever decision you make and I'll be praying for you as you work this out between you and the Lord. As you do, let me suggest:

***Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not to your own understanding. In all your way acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight”***

Proverbs 3:5-7