



## > A FATHER'S DAY *CALL OF THE WILD*

What is your perfect Father's Day? How about...  
Praising your Father in Heaven in the morning...  
Enjoying time with the family over lunch...  
And then fishing the afternoon and evening away.

If this kind of day makes your heart jump, man, have we got something for you!

*Fathers in the Field*—a Christian adventure ministry—is looking for godly men in our church whose hearts race with the idea of serving the Lord and pursuing purposeful living through fishing, hunting, and outdoor fun.

### How you can join the *Fathers in the Field* fun this Father's Day:

- **Answer the Call to be a Mentor Father to a Fatherless Boy.**

*"Learn to do what is right!..Defend the cause of the Fatherless" (Isaiah 1:17).*

*Fathers in the Field* unites fatherless boys ("field buddies") with mature Christian men ("mentor fathers") in God's classroom, the great outdoors, to help abandoned boys learn about the liberating love of God and the healing that comes through the forgiveness of their earthly fathers. (See Masen's story on back)

- **Respond to the Call to be a Deuteronomy 6 Dad to Your own Son.**

*"...and when you walk along the way.... impress these things upon your children" (Deut. 6:7).*

*Fathers in the Field* equips fathers to disciple their sons and lead them in the ways of the Lord, all the while building the father/son relationship through blood-pumping, outdoor adventure that no video game can match.

- **Support the Call on Our Church to Help the Helpless in our Community.**

*"Pure and undefiled religion before God the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their misfortune..." (James 1:27).*

*Fathers in the Field* is a donor supported local church ministry that identifies and serves fatherless boys and widows in our community.

Outdoorsmen: This Father's Day, consider changing your trophy from a nice set of horns to a boy's healed heart—for Christ!

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Please contact me about joining our church's *Father's in the Field* effort.

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The fishing was great, but I just love being with my



# > FROM THE FIELD

## Masen's Story



Eleven-year-old Masen had never met his father, who abandoned him for a life of crime that ultimately led to prison. The wound of abandonment that Masen carried was not visible on the outside, but it gnawed at him on the inside—producing anger and resentment and convincing him that he was not worthy of a father's love.

In 2006, Masen, then nine years old, was enrolled in Fathers in the Field, a Christian adventure ministry that unites fatherless boys ("field buddies") with mature Christian men ("mentor fathers") in God's classroom—the great outdoors—to help boys learn about the liberating love of God and the healing that comes through the forgiveness of their earthly fathers.

About six months into his first year, Masen was asked by his mentor father, Scott, if he could forgive his dad for abandoning him. Masen emphatically and angrily responded, "NEVER, NEVER, EVER!"

Over the next couple of months, as Masen and Scott spent more time exploring God's creation and the forgiveness that He offers through His Son, Jesus Christ, the boy's heart began to soften. Then one Sunday morning, "NEVER, NEVER, EVER" arrived. Masen excitedly told Scott that he had prayed for forgiveness from his Heavenly Father and salvation through Jesus Christ. He went on to say that he had forgiven his dad too. To say the least, Scott was blown away.

But the story doesn't end there. Within two weeks of receiving God's forgiveness and giving his own forgiveness to his dad, Masen got a surprise letter from his father in prison who wanted to see him. Just months earlier, such news would have infuriated this hurting boy. But now, with his wound of abandonment beginning to heal, Masen welcomed the opportunity to visit his dad, tell him he forgave him, and share with him the freedom that he had found in Jesus Christ.

Today, Masen still does not have a relationship with his dad. But, he knows he has a Father in Heaven who loves him and will never leave or forsake him. Through his faith, his relationship with Scott, and the journey they are on together with Fathers in the Field, Masen is growing into the young man he never imagined he could be.

**ABOUT FATHERS IN THE FIELD:** Based in Lander, Wyoming and founded by a man who was deserted by his own father and struggled with the wound of abandonment for decades



before discovering the healing of forgiveness, Fathers in the Field is a non-profit, Christian adventure ministry that partners fatherless boys with mature Christian men who are passionate about God and His Creation. In the majestic setting of the great outdoors—God's classroom—the boys learn from their mentor fathers about the liberating love of God and the healing that comes through the forgiveness of their fathers who abandoned them.

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**O** **Ephesians 4: 31-32** (p. 1016) "Get rid of a brawling and slander, along with every form of anger. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving \_\_\_\_\_."

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**H** **TRAIL TIP**

Sometimes, forgiveness is one of the family, strangers, and yes, even your just as God, through His Son, Jesus, than words, it is a understanding in helps you with.

**Journey Question:** What if I never forgive him?

Well I'm NEVER going to forgive My "earthly" Father