

Inner City Slickers

Inner City Slickers Comes To Kansas City

We are excited to announce a new Open Range Equine Outreach (OREO) called Inner City Slickers Kansas City! On December 3rd, Ransomed Heart Ranch became home for a day to homeless and runaway youth from reStart, the only youth emergency shelter in the urban core of Kansas City.

Inner City Slickers, inspired by the 1991 film, *City Slickers*, is an "old west" program founded by Michael McMeel, former drummer with the rock group Three Dog Night. Michael's principal-based approach, along the lines of our HorsePower Experiential Learning Program (HELP), is a great fit with our passion and intentionality to reach out to at-risk youth.

The "old west" symbolizes strength, perseverance and hard work. Our ranch environment creates an opportunity for "inner city slickers" to break down the social prejudices that are so prevalent in our culture today, and then begin to build self-esteem, self-confidence, integrity, and character. "Slickers" learn the cowboy way — kindness, dependability, keeping your word, responsibility — a "code of the west" that will stay with them as life lessons.

As kids and teens learn how to rope, groom, feed, and sit a horse, they also learn to trust and respect these magnificent animals, themselves and each other. The impact of close contact with a horse in a ranch setting and the encouraging influence of caring volunteers combine for life transformation in the hearts and minds of "slickers!"



Want to partner with us in reaching a broken segment of the next generation in such unique and profound ways? Your interest or inquiry will go to Ken Forbes, our Open Range leader of Inner City Slickers Kansas City, pictured above with Michael McMeel.

Looking forward to hearing from you!

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From the Heart of Open Range *Seeking to do what is right for God, Family and Country.*

by Pastor Frank Slaughter

"And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.

Luke 2:8-14

When we were kids my mother used to ask, "Were you born in a barn?" as me and my sisters would run in and out of the house. Well, I have often wondered why Jesus was born in a common sheep shelter when He is the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Here is the answer God gave me: It was because He didn't just come to bring salvation to the high and mighty but also the everyday folks too. I think that's also why in Luke chapter 2 we see that the announcement of His birth was to those which society consider to be the lowest of the low, the Shepherds.

This Holiday season I want to challenge us all to try to reach out in some way to those who are in need. You will be totally blessed! And the next time someone ask, "Were you born in a barn?" you can say, I wasn't born in a barn but I have been re-born because of a Savior that was born in a barn, Jesus Christ!

Our Prayer for Today

Lord, we pray that you will do a great work in our hearts this Christmas that will last through the New Year and help us to see the needs of people all around us.

In name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

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Worship Service — Saturdays 6:00 p.m. (optional potluck at 5:15 p.m.)

Women's Bible Study — Wednesdays starting Jan. 11 at 9:30 a.m.

HorsePower (winter sessions) — Tuesdays & Thursdays starting Feb. 7

Annual Horseman's Priority Clinic — Feb. 4-6

Sermon on the Mount & Easter Sunrise — April 6-8