

Sabbath Rest

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You might say that we just finished the second cabin, which is true, but the road to access the next one is already built, the water and power line just need to be tapped into. And, the saying: “build it and they will come” has once again proven to be correct, we have seen it with the Shiloh Cabin!

This is the picture hanging in our office and is on our minds as we move forward with planning yet another expansion. The need for a place like Shepherd's Refuge is not diminishing, otherwise we would not see the guests that come back for more of the same, namely a place where they are safe and secure, can withdraw like Jesus and His disciples did. They are just following His example!

We love the very traditional cabin look in this sample picture, blending perfectly into our forested landscape which is bordering the Chattahoochee National Forest.

As we pursue the calling to make more room for pastors, missionaries and ministry leaders, we call upon all of you to join us in this effort, partnering with us in prayer and [financial support](#).



The basis for establishing ECFA and developing *Seven Standards of Responsible Stewardship*[™] is stated clearly by the Apostle Paul in 2 Corinthians 8:21 (NIV):
" For we are taking pains to do what is right, not only in the eyes of the Lord
but also in the eyes of men."



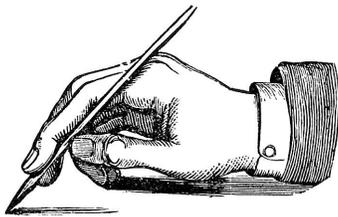
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The purpose of Shepherd's Refuge is:
To strengthen His church to fulfill its Great Commission
by caring for its leadership!

Hab_2:2 *Then the LORD answered me and said: "Write the vision
And make it plain on tablets, That he may run who reads it.*

Hab_2:3 *For the vision is yet for an appointed time; But at the end
it will speak, and it will not lie. Though it tarries, wait for it; Be-
cause it will surely come, It will not tarry.*

Are you the person we are looking for?

We have no paid staff, all of us are volunteers doing what the Lord has gifted us to do, whether hosting, building, planning, cleaning, cooking and lending a shoulder to cry on.

That means, no payroll has to be met, but the lights still need to be on and the air conditioning running! And with the vision before us to add another cabin, we are looking at two areas that involve moneys: Operational and Building Funds.

So far we have not pursued grants from foundations because the Lord met the needs without tapping into such sources. Lately we have been inundated with phone calls and emails from companies that would do that on our behalf, of course against payment.

However, we are certain that there is at least one person gifted with the skills necessary to do this, also on a volunteer basis, like we do.

Are you that person we are looking for?

Email us at hosts@shepherdsrefuge.org

Thank you!

Numbers, Numbers, Numbers ...

Every year we report numbers to the Internal Revenue Service when filing our form 990-EZ. The company insuring the ministry looks for numbers, too. They both want to know how many guests we hosted during the previous year. That is why we keep statistics. (Well, for our board of directors, too ;-))

The occasional questions from others look for the same type of information. But what these figures don't tell, are the stories behind them. You see, we meet these guests face to face, spend time with them, and we especially love to listen to what the Lord has been doing through them, and what visions He has placed in their hearts to pursue.

Whether it is first hand reports from missionaries to Papua New Guiney, or how growing up in the inner city of Detroit shaped someone's life, or how a couple met 45 years ago coming from different States, the struggles of a bi-vocational pastor faces, the miraculous survival in an airplane crash in the Amazon, there is always a life experience, a story, a testimony of how the Lord leads and guides, how He calls and equips, how He networks to bring people together at the right time in the right place.

Some of these stories are uplifting, so we can rejoice hearing them, others are tragic, frustrating, disappointing, questioning, where we have an opportunity to come alongside in prayer.

We don't pretend to have the answers, we know He does!