

Sabbath Rest

God's Faithfulness

The door was locked and the curtains had been drawn closed. There was no way for me to find out what was going on behind these walls. I was not supposed to find out! My parents had made it clear that something was happening in this room, and that I would only find out on Christmas Eve. That, of course was still two months away, much too far into the future for a 9-year old boy. The challenge was on for me to find a way to enter that room, or at least sneak a peek at what was being prepared inside. Time seemed to stand still and there was no breach in the walls of that room. It was better so, because I would have ruined the joy of my parents, especially for my dad, who worked hard during his scarce spare time to build a room sized model railroad as my Christmas present! The surprise on Christmas Eve was wonderful, and definitely worth waiting for. The smile on my parent's faces was even greater when they realized that their secret had been well hidden and not found out. Had I been able to discover the project under construction, I could not have played with it. To top it off, the surprise would have been ruined, and I would have robbed my parents of their joy!

We can see our Heavenly Father answer our prayers in three ways, yes, no and not right now. It is that last one that bothers us the most. Why not

now, we want to know! As if He owes us an answer. How often do we get so impatient that we take things into our own hands!? We are not the first nor the last ones to try it. Remember the story of Abram and Sarai and the Lord's promise for them to be parents of descendants as numerous as the stars? They became impatient and took things into their own hands, the consequences are evident even today!

We are facing a much smaller challenge compared to Abram and Sarai's conundrum. The Lord has shown us that Shepherd's Refuge will have cabins to accommodate those He is sending our way. Why do we have to turn down reservation requests, like yesterday, just because of lack of space? Our only answer to this question is that the Lord must have His reasons. Just as much as He has shown us the need for cabins, He also made it very clear that we are not supposed to go into debt to build them. Although the temptation is there to get a loan to finish the first cabin, we do not want to rob the Lord of His joy. We also do not want to face the consequences of impatience like Abram and Sarai! So, we continue to serve the guests through Shepherd's Lodge!

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Headlines

*The Lord is good
and His faithfulness
is everlasting!*

Testimony

"Thank you for your generous hospitality and Christ-like spirit! Our time at Shepherd's Refuge has been precious to us. The scenery, the great meals, the wonderful accommodations and spirited conversation have been such a blessing. We feel privileged to have met you and hope you realize what a great ministry this is!"





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Caring for those who care.

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

Ps 34:8

O taste and see that the LORD is good; How blessed is the
man who takes refuge in Him!

We are on the Web:
www.shepherdsrefuge.org

Progress Report

- ◇ There were only 6 days in August where we did not have any Shepherd's Refuge Guests staying at the Lodge.
- ◇ Our call for your participation with www.goodsearch.com and www.goodshop.com has shown promising results! Thank you for your donations without spending any of your own finances!
- ◇ Our web site has been updated again, this time with all the back issues of this newsletter and also with 3 photo galleries. (Thanks Stefani!)
- ◇ Our Board of Directors has decided to increase its size from 5 to 7 members.
- ◇ At the same meeting we decided to establish a Board of Advisors.

Turned Down

"Now watch your pace on your way back up the hill" is what we tell our guests when they set out for a hike. More than one has returned to tell us that we were not kidding about that hill which leads back up to the Lodge. Those of you that have seen it know what we are talking about, those that have hiked it know first hand what it feels like to climb that steep portion after an otherwise enjoyable hike.

Well, here is the solution several people suggested: place 2 or 3 park benches along the road so that people have an excuse to sit down and enjoy the view (while catching their breath!).

So, we approached the charitable foundation of one of the big supply stores, only to be turned down because of our religious charity status.

Our next step is to make the need known.

Who among you would step up to the challenge to help a pastor sit down, enjoy the view and catch his or her breath?

Donations towards this project can be made online or by sending a check to the address above.

We hope to show you a picture of the road, with benches, in our next newsletter!



Artists rendition of the Selah Cabin which is under construction

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