

Sabbath Rest

The Same Picture?

If you remember the last newsletter, we had a similar picture on the front page! But, no, they are not the same, because these show the next step towards the cabin construction project. Last time it was the power line, now we are installing a water system that includes a 1550 gallon (6000 Liter for those overseas) water tank to provide for peak consumption of all 5 planned cabins! Are we excited about what is going on here at Shepherd's Refuge? Of course we are, because we see the profound impact the ministry has on the pastors, missionaries and church leaders that are able to spend time here. Once the Selah Cabin is finished (planned for this October) the number of requests we can accommodate will instantly double! Join us in prayer and financial support as we move forward with this project, all without incurring any debt.

I cannot stop now!

It was getting hot, but I did not realize it. I was getting thirsty, but I ignored the signs. Why? Simply because the task at hand was so important, and I could not stop doing the good work in progress! It was certainly nothing earthshaking, monumentally important. But the blueberry bushes were loaded with fruit, the branches bowing down, almost touching the ground under the heavy weight of the abundant harvest. It was way past lunch time, and only half the bushes were relieved of their produce. How could I stop now? Then it struck me! No, not the sun, but the realization that this was similar to what our guests must face in their ministries. There is so much good to be done, the harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. How could they stop in the midst of their work? The One whose example we should follow, showed us His way of ministering to the lost and the sick. He could have kept on teaching and healing twenty-four hours, seven days a week and still not reach everyone that was suffering. But He did not, He withdrew on many occasions to pray and seek His Father's presence, encouraging His disciples to do the same. Shouldn't we as frail mortal beings follow Jesus' example, and get our rest and receive refreshment from Him?

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Caring for those who care.



Sandy in the midst of blueberries!



Sandy and Ruedi making sure the bees are thriving and producing plenty of honey to put on her home-baked bread.

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

"A good name is to be more desired than great riches, favor is better than silver and gold."
(Prov. 22:1)



"275,000 nonprofits lose their tax exempt status - find out who!"

That was the subject line of a recent email from Guidestar, whose mission is "To revolutionize philanthropy by providing information that advances transparency, enables users to make better decisions, and encourages charitable giving."
<http://www2.guidestar.org/rxa/news/news-releases/2011/irs-revokes-exemptions-of-275000-nonprofits.aspx>
NO, Shepherd's Refuge - Selah Ministries is NOT on that list, because we regularly file the required IRS forms. If you are supporting non-profit organizations, make sure they are in compliance with IRS rules. Contact your accountant or us with any questions.

While we are on the subject

- ◇ Good stewardship is very important to us. We still have many who receive our newsletters by snail mail. Some with very good reasons. May we encourage the others to let us have an email address to reduce our printing and mailing expenses? If you want to stop receiving our quarterly updates, please let us know that, too.
- ◇ For us to be good stewards over the ministry's finances means we depend on such support. The traditional way we receive donations is by checks. For your convenience we also have two ways to give online, PayPal and Razoo buttons can be found on our web site. www.shepherdsrefuge.org
- ◇ Here is a big "Thank You Shout" to all who are supporting Shepherd's Refuge by using www.goodsearch.com and www.goodshop.com. We see an encouraging increase in clicks and purchases through these sites, not costing you anything! Once again, THANK YOU! www.goodsearch.com/nonprofit/shepherds-refuge-Selah-ministries.aspx

Recent guests from New Mexico enjoyed the Spring-like weather and wrote:
"We came exhausted -physically- and were given the space to rest up on our schedule. The spiritual fellowship was wonderful."

The spring-like weather also produced major storms. We were spared any structural damage! Thank you Lord!



Progress report:

- The Power Line to the cabin sites is in the ground
- The Water System should be completed in the next few days
- A time line to finish the Selah Cabin has been established (target date October 2011)
- More reservations have been made for next year than in any previous year at this time.
- Only 8 days (in December) and 2 days in October that just opened up remain available in 2011. Yes, we have reserved our own time of rest, too. We look forward to adding the available dates once we come closer to the opening of the Selah cabin!
- These are items towards which you may consider making your specific donations:

◇ 1550 gallon Water Storage Tank	\$967.50
◇ Pump	\$777.55
◇ Well Pressure Tank	\$665.57
◇ Various Valves	\$378.68
◇ Pipes	\$290.00
◇ Electric Wiring	\$361.20
◇ Labor (some jobs require licensed tradesmen)	every \$ helps!
◇ A list of Cabin Furnishings will follow in the Summer newsletter	

Words of Wisdom
"A man who rows a boat doesn't have time to rock it."
(Author unknown)