

Sabbath Rest

What's that NOISE in the Forest?

Since January 19 quite some noise can be heard in the forest just up the hill from the Lodge! The long awaited continuation of the Selah Cabin construction is in full swing. Not only are we swinging hammers, but much more noise comes from the various power tools our friends, the framers, are using. Roy and Bert are skilled builders with decades of experience in the trade. Evidence of their work is the Lodge itself, but also cabins and houses all over this region that they built for the past 40+ years. Their good relationship with local suppliers also guarantees us quality materials. Made aware of the purpose of this cabin, they were willing to reduce their hourly rate, allowing us to move ahead much faster, and with confidence that the additional space for pastors and missionaries will come on line very soon! THANK YOU Roy and Bert.

Coordinator over the whole project is Rob, one of our Board Members, who brings plenty of his own experience to the job, as well as much muscle power when all hands need to be on deck!

Follow the progress on our [Face Book](#) page, and of course also on our [web site](#).

We mentioned that the added space is long overdue. During the past weeks, we received multiple reservation requests for dates, that were already shown as "reserved" in our [calendar](#) on the web-site. Why? The need for a time of rest and renewal is ever present for those in ministry, and the hope that we have additional space available is there, too.

We are learning not to get frustrated when we have to turn down such requests, knowing that it is all in God's timing. Holding off with the project until enough funds had been accumulated, follows the principles we had established in our by-laws in 2002, namely that the ministry will not incur any debt.

Our partners have stepped up to the challenge in 2011, increasing donations by close to 10%, when other ministries have suffered during the same period. We are grateful and give the Lord praise for what He is doing through the willing hearts of those who support Shepherd's Refuge.

As of this writing, we are waiting for the windows and doors to be delivered so that the entire Selah Cabin is dried in, allowing us to focus on the interior finish out. The [Smoke Rise Mission Team](#) is already scheduled to come and help with that portion!

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Headlines

Check out our web-site and our Face Book page for the latest news and updates.

Progress reports are available online, or by sending us an email, or even better, by giving us a call!





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

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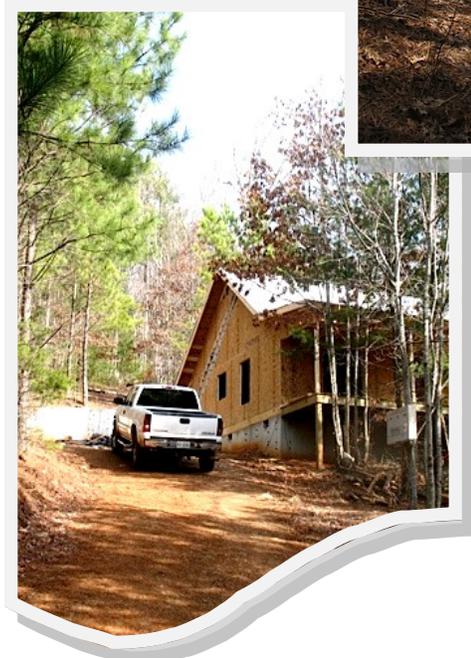
Caring for those who care.

Be still, and know that I am God.

Psalm 46:10a



We are on the Web:
www.shepherdsrefuge.org



***A pastoral couple that
was here in December
wrote:***

*"There was a tranquil
atmosphere, something
we desperately needed!
We were able to find
physical rest as well as
spiritual rest. I believe
that the Holy Spirit guid-
ed you to know when we
needed conversation
and when we needed
solitude."*



The Selah Cabin as seen from the Prayer
Tree! Even in winter it is well hidden!

Progress report:

- Donations to the ministry increased by 9.6% in 2011 !
- For those interested in statistics: we counted 244 guest/nights in 2011, and 8 who came for a one-day visit.
- Until June, we do not have any availability, except for a few days here and there. And yes, we do make time for our own rest, our Board of Directors is keeping an eye on that!
- Here is the updated list of items needed to furnish the Selah Cabin. Please indicate when making a donation: (can you find the "open" items?)

~~Dining Room Table....\$300 4 chairs....\$400 Living Room Couch....\$500 2 Easy Chairs....\$200 each
Lamps....\$100 Coffee Table....\$150 Bookshelf....\$100 Window treatment....\$200 Coffee Mak-
er....\$30 Toaster....\$30 Pots + Pans....\$100 Glasses....\$20 Hot Water Kettle....\$30 Micro-
wave....\$100 Dishes + Cutlery (in addition to already donated items)....\$200 Electric Range Ov-
en....\$400 Refrigerator....\$500 Bathroom furnishings already donated, except for: 3 sets of tow-
els....\$55 each Hair dryer....\$30 Shower rod, curved....\$40 Shower curtain/liner....\$40 Window
treatment....\$50 Queen bed + mattress....\$900 2 night stands....\$150 each Dresser drawer, mir-
ror....\$300 2 Sets Bed linen....\$150 2 Pillows....\$25 each Ceiling fan....\$130 Window treat-
ment....\$150 Lamps....\$100 Duvet....\$140~~

**Words of
Wisdom**

**"Fretting
springs from
a determina-
tion to get
our own
way."**

**Oswald
Chambers**