

# Sabbath Rest

## The Next Cabin!

It does not look like much has been done, yet we are on the way with the next cabin construction. The wet fall weather has delayed us to some extent. However, the drier weeks approaching winter have allowed us to move ahead with road improvements and even dig out a pond, which will add to the restful environment we have envisioned the guests to enjoy.

During the third quarter of this year, the Selah Cabin was used 80% of the time, which confirms our push to construct the Next Cabin! The funds to accomplish this are already in our bank account, praise the Lord!

The vision He has placed into our hearts is having 5 cabins to serve the ones He sends our way. Water and power supply for all of them are in place; road improve-

ments for numbers three to five will have to be made.

Funds for the third cabin have already started to come in, close to 60% being pledged by the congregation of one church alone! Praise the Lord! Our prayer is that the year-end-giving will bring in the remainder, too. If you would like to be part of this, please use the [secure on-line link](#) on our website, or use the address on page two to send a check. Thank you in advance for considering this partnership!

Allow us to share a few testimonies of what the Lord has done this year through Shepherd's Refuge:



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*"Our expectations were met and exceeded by far! God began to bless us and minister to us the moment we stepped onto the property with the quietness, the peacefulness and the love that we found to be so evident here. God is in this place!! "* Pastor T.W., Florida

*"Purposing to go on a media fast is so beneficial and yet sometimes is very hard. You can almost forget what "Being still and knowing that He is God" looks like in our fast pace and busy lives."* Pastor M.T., Texas

*"How often do you have such a beautiful, quiet setting in the midst of God's creation to just read, talk and pray together?! This place of peace did our bodies and souls so much good! We can't thank you enough. Coming back to the US after serving overseas for 36 years involves a lot of expense as well as physical and*

*emotional fatigue. We needed the break but couldn't afford the expense right now, so deeply appreciate your ministry in our lives. God bless you! "* Missionaries

*"We needed time apart of the business of every day to hear God's voice and direction for the ministry. God spoke to us in the quietness of the morning, walking the trails and sitting on the porch enjoying the rain!"* Pastor J.G. North Carolina

*We not only go back rested and renewed, but our marriage was strengthened, we had time to talk and spend quality time together.* Anonymous



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."*



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

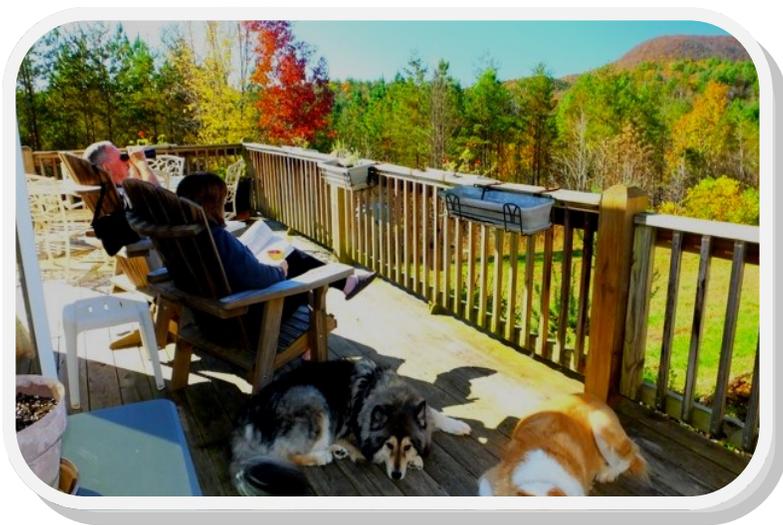
*Mar 6:31 And He said to them, "Come aside by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." For there were many coming and going, and they did not even have time to eat.*  
*Mar 6:32 So they departed to a deserted place in the boat by themselves.*

## Intercessors

There is no certificate on the wall proving our counseling degrees, but as one pastor said: 'you have over 42 years of marriage experience'! To top it off, we both have broad shoulders to cry on. We love to sit together with our guests and listen to their stories, tales of success when a church plant takes root, anecdotes of rivalry who is to choose the color of the carpet in the sanctuary, accounts of out-reaches into the community across the denominational lines, helping the poor, the orphans and the widows. And then we get to pray

with those whose son declares himself to be homosexual, parents who long to reconnect with a wayward daughter, a marriage that is on the brink of disaster, financial shortfalls that require staff adjustments, and so many more stories.

Our own words of encouragement fall way short of what the Lord can do! Our desire is only to be His hands, His feet, and the willingness to allow the Holy Spirit to speak through us. All this with the backing of an intercessory prayer team that upholds us, the ministry and especially those whom we get to serve!



## Anticipation

The following is an excerpt from a pastor's email in reply to our confirmation that he was sponsored by partners of Shepherd's Refuge who have the wellbeing of pastors on their hearts!

*"I truly appreciate the opportunity to stay at Shepherd's Refuge. I have served my church for seven years (and have been serving as an ordained minister for 12), and recently applied for a sabbatical grant from the Lilly Foundation. I did not receive the grant, which was pretty disappointing. I'm hoping my time away will allow me to restore some energy and joy, which I feel are lacking right now - not fair to my congregation and definitely not fair to God! However, the church is smaller, and funding is difficult to obtain - especially in the case of having someone to cover the pulpit and pastoral care needs while I am away, and for me to travel and stay somewhere using my own limited budget. This gift you have offered is truly priceless!"*  
*Pastor E.K.*

We cannot add anything else but say: THANK YOU, dear partners in the ministry!