



"The love and compassion shown to us by you guys was beyond our expectations and the fellowship was completely refreshing for us. The time with no expectations allowed us to focus on the Lord and our marriage. W. and A. B. 2021

JULY 2021 NEWS

IT DOES NOT LOOK THE SAME ANYMORE!

Dear Friends and Partners of Shepherd's Refuge,

The picture of the "Prayer Tree" was taken back in 2004 when we purchased the property. In the meantime, the surrounding pine trees have grown way above it. The prayer tree still has it's full strength and provides shade for the bench below.

The original vision and calling of Shepherd's Refuge is still the same and will continue! The circumstances and surroundings may have changed, and the demand has increased beyond the current capacity, yet we intend to stay the course the Lord has called us to set.

We are indeed looking to add a *Caretakers Cabin* with a welcome lobby for guests to check in and out. A couple with administrative and custodial skills will be a welcome addition to the team, taking care of the needs of our guests, the cabins and the grounds.

Once we see this lining up, we will continue building the next guest cabin, the *Shalom Cabin*. And then the next one until the vision for 5 guest cabins is completed.

All this takes a team effort, with the Lord's guidance and provisions.

Thank you for your continued prayer and financial support! You make it possible for us to serve ministry leaders in their time of need at no charge. **We are grateful.**

Ruedi & Sandy, Hosts

*But those who wait on the
LORD Shall renew their
strength; They shall mount
up with wings like eagles,
They shall run and not be
weary, They shall walk and
not faint. Isaiah 40:31*



The prayer tree in 2004

Shepherd's Refuge is a non-profit organization that enables front line servants of the Lord to get refreshed and restored in their relationship with the Heavenly Father in order to return as leaders to their flock. Your support allows us to offer retreats at no cost to pastors and front line ministry workers. *Thank you for praying and giving generously.*



NO LOCK-DOWN ONLY SLOW-DOWN

A FEW SELECT GUEST-COMMENTS SINCE MARCH 2020

Yes, the conversation continues. The virus is still with us all, but not in us all!

We only shut down the Upper Room in March and April of last year. Many of our booked cabin guests still could not come for their reserved spots. Travel restrictions, child-care issues and their own health kept many at home.

But the need for solitude and renewal could not be met where they were. Indeed, the pressures they faced even increased to an unheard level. "They did not teach me how to cope with this situation in seminary or bible school" were comments we heard quite often.

So we thought a few comments from guests that could get here would best illustrate their situations. Oh, by the way, 2021 will prove to be another year for the record books!

"SHEPHERD'S REFUGE HAS BECOME A HUGE PART OF MY SPIRITUAL LIFE - PROVIDING ME A CALL TO "REMEMBER". THIS STAY ALLOWED ME TO REMEMBER AND LEAVE WITH A CLEAR VISION."

M. & K. M. 4/2021



"Come with the idea of resting and waiting upon our Lord. He will meet you. Don't rush to get the reading done or praying or whatever is on your agenda. Wait for Him expectantly and He will meet you - providing for your needs and speaking into your heart."

M. & B. W. 11/2020

"I want to create better patterns of Sabbath, which has been difficult to do while home has become my office."

K. & P. T. 2/2021

"This is a vital ministry for pastors and leaders for God-appointed seasons of rest."

C. & S. T. 3/2020

"Check out the secret place on Day 1. It usually takes me 1/2 week to disconnect from responsibilities back home, but being still on Day 1 helped me be present right a way. Take advantage of the great books available to read while you are here."

W. & H. B. 11/2020



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"This is a place where God clearly reveals Himself. Take the time to seek Him. We found Him in the sunrises and sunsets, the trees, the rocks, the falling leaves and in the season's changes.

Wow!!"

Tim and Bettye Williams 11/2020