



I loved my time sitting with the Lord, distractions quieted, just to hear His voice. Thank you for creating the space for His Spirit to dwell here.

Missionary K.S. serving in multiple war-torn areas!

December 2024

CHALLENGE FOR THE END OF 2024 TO BEGIN 2025

Dear Friends and Partners of Shepherd's Refuge,

Someone is challenging us!

And that is for real!

\$20,000 is on the table to match. Who will join us with a one-time or monthly gift?

And now to the **BOLD** part:

Once the \$40,000 is accomplished how about doubling it, which would allow us to finish construction of the CareTaker's Cottage! We believe that Holy Spirit will do the work, we cannot!

Thank you for your continued prayer and financial support of Shepherd's Refuge, where so many do what Jesus did!

We are grateful.

Ruedi & Sandy, Hosts

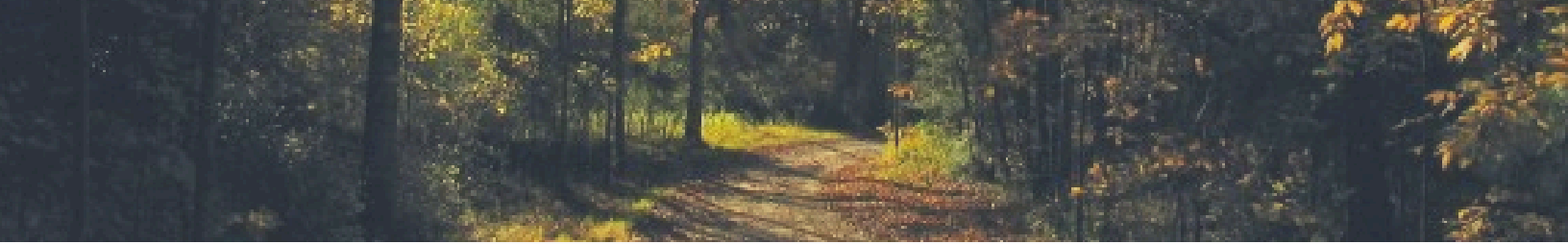


"However, the report went around concerning Him all the more; and great multitudes came together to hear, and to be healed by Him of their infirmities. So He Himself often withdrew into the wilderness and prayed."

- Luke 5:15-16



Shepherd's Refuge is a non-profit 501(c)3 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.



A RECURRING THEME

In his book **When to walk away** Craig Thomas describes Luke 5:15-16 this way:
“If we try to minister when our own fuel tanks are empty, we may end up doing more harm than good. We should follow Jesus’ example and not feel guilty about telling others NO until we have first sat at the feet of our heavenly Father and received His love and care. We have to occasionally play defense in order to go back on the offense with renewed passion and fervor.”

We don’t always know what is ahead of us in our ministries. But we do know the times are getting darker, the enemy bolder and more blatant. So why not get ready for the next battle? Sitting at the feet of Jesus in a quiet place, away from the office, the congregation, the community, will equip the weary soldier to face the next challenges. They will come and so we better be prepared!

With the fervent and generous prayer and financial support, we will be able to enter into 2025 even better prepared for what is ahead of us than what has been accomplished in 2024.

May Holy Spirit guide your thoughts when you consider your year-end giving opportunities.

WHY WE DO IT THIS WAY



“THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE QUICK RESPONSE, WE DREAM OF A GETAWAY WITHOUT KIDS AND WILL KEEP YOU ALL IN MIND. THANK YOU FOR SERVING THE LORD IN THE WAY THAT YOU DO!”

This was the answer from a pastor’s wife after we explained that Shepherd’s Refuge offers Sabbath Rest without the distraction of children. Not only do the parents benefit from such an arrangement, but also children! It is a win win solution for the busy family life.

Jesus modeled the same principle when He occasionally withdrew, even without His closest disciples.

Not that they were children, nonetheless, they would potentially be a distraction to His intimate time with the Father.



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“I needed quiet from people’s voices (real + digital) to re-establish the Lord’s place above them all, re-tune my heart to perceiving His Will + Ways as they differ from human will/ways!” Missionary S.W. (working in restricted areas)