

Zephaniah's Promise

The LORD your God is with you,
He is mighty to save.
He will take great delight in you,
He will quiet you with His love,
He will rejoice over you with singing."
Zephaniah 3:17

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Recent Happenings:

Building continues! We could hardly believe our eyes as we first approached our property earlier this month! Not only was the building well under way, but now there was a structure with windows and the beginnings of the roof! The truck out front belongs to the installer for our free standing wood stove. Things continue to fall into place and God continues to open doors! The most major event this month that gave us additional confirmation that the Lord is bringing us along was when the internet guy came and not only said we had a great connection, but it was

faster than we had been quoted! This means both of us will be able to work from home as we begin the transition this fall. Next up: With the exception of the siding and the exterior painting, all the changes will be taking place on the inside of the house.

God continues to remind us that He has a plan and what we are doing is a small part of His bigger picture. The contractor we use for excavating was telling us about a lieutenant on the Goldendale Police Department that is building a youth camp near to where we are building. He was expecting 250 kids to be at the camp around the July 4th holiday! This could be a great opportunity to partner with him and provide kids some options to interact with horses. We are already thinking of various possibilities.

In Matthew, Jesus speaks of the wise man who built his house on a rock. "The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock." When we were digging the holes for the posts for our barn, we hit some rock that was so hard we had to rent a rock hammer to break it up so we could get deep enough to set the footings for the posts. Now I am not saying we are wise, in fact some may say we were not too smart to locate the barn where we did and have to spend extra money to rent the rock hammer. But at least the horses will have a barn that will stand up to the wind and sometimes it is pretty windy in Goldendale!



FIRST RESCUE! One of the things we feel we are being led to do at ZPR is to be open to rescuing horses. While we know this is a huge endeavor and will entail much faith and trust, we know this is part of the plan. Well, we may be starting small here on the ranch, but we thought it was interesting to document that last weekend we conducted our first rescue thanks to visiting Chris and Steph who came up to help with laying plumbing and helping to finish the first round of debris cleanup. Within minutes of arriving, Chris and Steph found an adorable little kitty hiding behind our bathtub. She was very friendly, definitely domesticated, and seemed to be pregnant. After staying around the house through the night, it was decided that Steph and I should take her to our neighborhood vet who confirmed she was not only pregnant but due within the next 10 days! Steph and Chris bravely decided to keep her and take her home. Chances are, when you come to visit our ranch, one or two of the kittens will be here to greet you!

Lamentations 3:22-23 "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." ESV

**I am only one, but still am one. I cannot do everything,
but still I can do something; and because I cannot do
everything, I will not refuse to do something I CAN do.
~ Edward Everett Hale, author & minister (1822-1909)**

Our mission/vision: To provide free equine experiences for youth in a safe, loving, and encouraging environment that is fun for both children and horses.

OTHER NOTEWORTHY NEWS:

- Internet works and is faster than we were quoted!
- Poles are in the ground--the pole barn building begins!!

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