

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:

Well, it certainly looks pretty on the outside! Now we just have all the unseen work on the inside! We have been painting, dropping wires, cleaning the never-ending dust, and now are awaiting the plumbing and sewer hookups. Next up, installation of all the cabinets and appliances! Could hardly believe our eyes as we first approached our property earlier this month!

SECOND RESCUE! So last month, Chris and Steph rescued an adorable cat. Turned out she was pregnant and has since given birth to 4 adorable kittens. This month, a second rescue took place. Meet Zacchaeus! In Luke 19 there is a story about a "wee little man" who climbed a sycamore tree so that he could see Jesus when he came into town. Jesus called him out of the tree and "rescued him" to live a life for Christ. This little doggie was found with a piece of twine wrapped tightly around his muzzle that had been there long enough to embed itself in his muzzle (the white stripes across his nose is the scar it left). He was very thin due to his inability to eat (and probably even drink) when he was found and taken to the Shelter and has been recuperating for the last 3 weeks. We went to visit him on Friday evening when we arrived in Goldendale and we seemed to make a connection. He is (we think) part border collie and part blue heeler and is about 10 months old, though a friend of mine says he could also be part Australian Shepherd. We talked about it all weekend and on Tuesday, July 31st (Mom's birthday!!) on our way back to Canby we made arrangements to pick him up and "foster" him for awhile. We call him Zac (short for Zacchaeus) and are excited that he has fit right in with the family (and even is friendly with our elderly cat Simba). He loves to snuggle and given the opportunity will climb up and nuzzle behind your ears and give you a hug. He



is very, very smart and is already sitting on command and looks up at us when we call his name. Thanks to Goldendale's D.O.G. (Dogs of the Gorge) shelter, for taking him in and making him available to us! We feel so blessed to have him be part of our project! More Zac Tails to come!!

"For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. Ezekiel 34:11-12

The sun comes up
It's a new day dawning
It's time to sing your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes!
~Matt Redman

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:

- Tetra gave birth to 4 beautiful kittens--we are anxiously awaiting adoption of 1 or 2 of her beautiful babies!
- Installation of cabinets and appliances is occurring now--can't wait to see the next advances on the inside of the house!

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