



ZEPHANIAH'S PROMISE RANCH

# BACK AT THE RANCH...

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## Occupancy Granted!!



As of October 10, we have been granted occupancy to the house in Goldendale! We have keys to the house, and the first batch of furnishings has been transported out and distributed throughout the various rooms of the! The extended summer days through September and into early October helped with the endless tasks of building the deck, having the "backfill" completed, and creating stairs to more easily get into the house from the various entrances! This is a huge deal, and we hope you will celebrate this achievement with us! From here

on out we will slowly begin to transition from our current home and into our new life. ZPR

**ZAC TAILS:** One of my MOST favorite things to do, as you might imagine, is to RUN! When we are on the ranch, of course, this is not a problem. I have 20 acres to roam, sniff, explore, and chase the innumerable real and imagined rodents and birds (and a random cow...but that's a whole other story). I have no true intention of actually catching anything...it's just my best excuse for giving chase and being busy. Back in civilization, however, it's not quite as easy to roam free and chase things. Yes, we take long walks, and we visit parks and I get to ride in the car, but obviously it is not the same. So, I have tried to "herd" quite a few things: a couple of chairs that were leaning up against the wall seemed somewhat out of place, so I completely displaced them, coaxed them into new positions, and gnawed on their arms in an effort to subdue them into submission. There are a couple of pairs of shoes that I have re-appropriated because no two shoes should ever stay together...it is easier to keep them "in their place" if they are kept separated, if you know what I mean. Any random items found lying around will be also forced into submission so that I can keep better track of them. I have also discovered that there are bird nests buried within the depths of bushes and the various trees in the yard. I can sit for long stretches of time waiting for movement--always at the ready to give chase. But here's the thing (and you know there is always a point to my

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stories): I NEVER give up! My efforts are unquenchable. My desire is renewed every time the back door, or the car door, or any door for that matter, is opened. It's a whole new game every time it swings opened. So I say watch for that door to open and be ready to chase after every potential presented to you. If you don't, you might miss out on an opportunity that has been sitting right outside your door! ZR

**I wanna live like there's no tomorrow, Love like I'm on borrowed time. It's good to be alive! I won't take it for granted I won't waste another second. All I want is to give You A life well lived to say, "Thank You"**

**~ Jason Gray, Christian singer and songwriter**  
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<sup>4</sup> Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. <sup>5</sup> It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. <sup>6</sup> Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. <sup>7</sup> It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. I Corinthians 1:4-7

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**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.

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### OTHER NOTEWORTHY NEWS:

Many of you have asked us to give you information on how to make a donation, so we wanted to bring you up to date on the current situation of our 501(c)3. We currently have established our Washington State corporation, Zephaniah's Promise Ranch. The next step is to submit our 1023 application for non-profit status to the Internal Revenue Service. Once that is submitted, we can start accepting donations. Before we submit the 1023 application, we need to establish a Board of Directors. We have been in praying for God to put the right people in place but as of yet, we are still looking at options. I'm sure God has individuals in mind that can get excited about the direction we want to take the ranch. As soon as those individuals are revealed to us, we will let people know that we can accept donations. Please stay tuned for what God has in mind!

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