



ZEPHANIAH'S PROMISE RANCH

BACK AT THE RANCH...

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Happy New Year!

January is often thought of as the month of New Beginnings. That certainly holds true for us this year--new home, new surroundings, new state, new weather...WOW! We did NOT expect to have this much snow! Ever since our first snow fall back on December 16 (the day we moved in), the weather has turned very cold and we have since had several "snow days." Good thing we both can work from home and have managed to avoid driving into town most days. We are still getting used to rural life and the challenges it brings. One morning we woke up and didn't have any running water. The water line in our well that connects to the pressure sensor had frozen and we had to have someone come and thaw out the line. After that we wrapped insulation around the well head and covered it up so it wouldn't freeze again in the 23° daytime temperatures. Who knew?



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ZAC TAILS: Anyone who has met me and has taken a moment to kneel down and say hello to me knows that I love to give hugs. Sometimes I like to just nuzzle behind your ear. Sometimes I will gently "kiss" you with my nose. My favorite hug to give though, if I sense that you have the time and the need for a REAL hug, is worth waiting for. I put both my front legs over each of your shoulders and press in so you have no choice but to hug me back. I bury my head between your neck and your shoulder and just rest. This is not a quick release moment; this is to be enjoyed for lingering moments. And it can be anytime, anywhere. You don't have to make an appointment. Yes, I do have things to do, like bark at the birds, chase the field mice, play with the cats, and even take an occasional nap. But

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hugging is also on my agenda and trust me, when you get a hug from me I'm not thinking about anything else except enjoying that very moment.

Hope you'll come visit the ranch sometime soon so we can enjoy a quiet hug together!



Nothing has to happen for me to feel good. I feel good because I'm alive! Life is a gift, and I revel in it. ~Tony Robbins



But let all who take refuge in You rejoice; let them sing joyful praises forever. Spread Your protection over them, that all who love Your name may be filled with joy.

Psalm 5:11, New Living Translation



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: We had a wonderful Christmas with the kids and Steph and are looking forward to an amazing 2013! We were between snowfalls that weekend and took a wonderful (but cold!) walk around the property.



We are honored and thrilled to announce the wedding of our son Christopher with his lovely and beautiful bride-to-be, Steph Manies this summer at the ranch. It will be a small family affair, and we are humbled and grateful that this will be the first major event on the property--what could be a more wonderful way to affirm God's plan for this place than with the union of hearts in marriage?!



We wish a wonderful 2013 to all of you—may you be prosperous, joyful, and blessed in all things.



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