



ZEPHANIAH'S PROMISE RANCH

BACK AT THE RANCH...

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He's here! Mac arrived in our lives on the evening of April 26th. Tired and exhausted from a 2-day trip all the way from Southern California, Susie backed him out of the trailer, fed him, and watched him acclimate to his new home. He drank, he ate, he rolled, he licked his lips, and looked happy to be stationary! It was an uneventful trip for both, and now we hoped his transition to his new home would be equally as uneventful. Over the course of the next 36 hours, Steve and I got a crash course in tying knots, feeding, and playing with Mac. He is so patient and tolerant with us for all our fumbings and uncertainties! When Susie bid her last farewell on Sunday afternoon, we hoped she felt confident that her beloved horse was in good hands, and at peace with her generous, heart-felt donation to our ranch. Much to our relief, Zac seemed very accepting of this wonderful new animal on the property, and even trotted alongside us as we took Mac for a walk down Stirrup Lane on Saturday afternoon. Typical for Goldendale this time of the year, the wind has been blowing almost nonstop, making working with Mac in his paddock a bit of a challenge with the blowing sand and dust. Keeping the hay out of his water, the sand out of our eyes, and our hats on our heads has been an irritation, but not so much that we don't spend time out in the barn and in and around the paddock. In the two weeks that we've had him we already have multiple stories to tell, so stay tuned!



In the meantime, the countdown to the wedding continues--so many things to think about, plan for, and ultimately complete before the big, glorious day! We look forward to sharing that event with you in the July issue of our newsletter!

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ZAC TAILS: While Mac is definitely the new kid on the block here at the ranch, my job always has been, and will continue to be, to keep track of all things happening on the property. I check in on Mac as I make my rounds, play with Mr. Baggins as time allows, chase the tumble weeds, and yes, even retrieve magazine pages ripped from the hands of Steph one windy afternoon when she was visiting. My biggest time consumer, though, is chasing after most cars, many birds, and most importantly, the school bus that comes by every afternoon. At precisely the same time every day (except for some weird reason there are 2 days a week where this doesn't happen), the bus goes by our house along Saxton-Bane Road, and just 7 minutes later comes back down the same road, then turns left on Fenton Lane, the dirt road that goes along the back of the house. I stand at the ready on the south side of the house, calculate the distance that is about to be traveled by both me and the bus, and at the exact right moment I take off at full speed. The wind rips through



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my fur, my feet barely touch the ground, and my stomach skims low across the grass. As the bus approaches, I make a turn so that I can beat it down the hill. I can see the faces of the kids watching me from the window. As I reach the end of the property and the bus flies on down the hill, I feel satisfaction and joy that another job is well done as I escorted the bus off our property line safely. I think that is such a great gift--to chase after something you believe is really important, and to see it through every single opportunity you have. Never miss the chance to chase after your dreams and hopes and desires--you will love the way you feel when you achieve your goals! ZPR

"Maybe I can't accomplish my to-do list tomorrow, but I can do one or two things with a lot of love." ~Susannah Foth Aughtmon

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Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.
Ephesians 3:20 NLT

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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:

In addition to Susie's visit to the ranch at the end of April, we also were blessed with a short visit by Jen and Dave Veenbaas! Another 100 feet of temporary fencing was put up, and Jen sketched out our logo on plywood so we could cut it out and hang one on each end of the barn. We also had a "wedding planning day" with Russ and Debbie Manies and Chris and Steph--many things were accomplished that day and we had lots of fun just hanging out.

We had a rough couple of days here last week when Steve was out of town...Robin fell and hurt her knee, and Mac had an unexpected adventure--more about that next month, but many, many thanks to Randy for coming up at the crack of dawn on a moment's notice to come to Robin's aid!

Our funding drive for fencing and the veterinarian fund continues. If you would like to help purchase 1 foot, 1 section (about 8 feet), 100 feet or any number of feet of fencing, or want to make a donation towards the Veterinarian Emergency Fund you can donate tax deductible dollars to Zephaniah's Promise Ranch with a note in the memo section of your check and we will send you a thank you note and receipt. Send to: ZPRanch, 11 Stirrup Lane, Goldendale, WA 98620.

Feel free to share this newsletter with anyone you think might be interested, and if you know someone who would like to be added to our mailing list, please contact us at: robin@zephaniahspromise.org or steve@zephaniahspromise.org.

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