



ZEPHANIAH'S PROMISE RANCH

BACK AT THE RANCH...

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November already? This month is the last of the "first months" for us here in Goldendale. I found it interesting that after a month of rain in September, October was almost like a pseudo spring. You know the saying "April showers bring May flowers"? I found myself trying to create a new saying...."September rains bring October grains" Well. Maybe not, but I can tell you the golden hills and pastures have taken on a greenish hue, and some of the summer wild flowers had a second bloom. The horses once again had something to graze on after they mowed down the fields in August and September. The bright fall colors of October have faded, and we have already experienced a few frosty mornings preparing us for the upcoming starkness of winter

As Thanksgiving approaches, we are reminded that this is a month for taking an inventory of all the things we are thankful for, and here at ZPR it is almost overwhelming. Our Newsletter distribution list has more than doubled and we are so thankful for you, our friends and family, for your insights, prayers, and support. Our ranch has grown substantially. The barn is full of hay, pathways have been created, water and electricity are available in numerous places around the property, and our three horses are thriving. Multiple people have stepped up to assist us in a variety of ways from donating their time, offering their services in the event of an evacuation during the fire season, and assisting us when we need to be away from the ranch. We have even received several monetary donations that have paid the vet bills for our rescue horses, helped with the purchase of hay and supplements, and assisted with completing our pasture fences. And, we are thankful to be here...this place where God gave us the vision to start this ranch and time after time has re-affirmed in a variety of miraculous ways that THIS is where we are supposed to be. We are excited to see what He has planned in the weeks, months and years ahead. We are glad to have you along on this adventure--we love you and appreciate you more than you can know! Simply put: We are very thankful!



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ZAC TAILS: So, I hear Mr. Baggins took over Zac Tails last month. What do you expect for a cat? Sneaking around behind people's backs and stealing dog's columns. He's a thief, that's why he's named Mr. Baggins. The name fits him. He's always trying to find ways to sneak in and eat Mu's food or prowling around the barn or fields in search of mice. I will say he is a pretty good mouser and is looking a little chubby lately. Not like me, slim and trim from my strict exercise routine. Overall, the animals on the ranch get along together pretty well. Each has a job to do. Baggins keeps the rodent and bird population down,



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I patrol the area for anything that seems amiss and let the people know when I find something that doesn't seem right. The horses keep the grasses from growing too tall out in the pastures. I'm trying to teach them how to speak my language but so far, they're pretty slow to pick it up. And Mu...well I don't really know what Mu does. She's a cat and likes to climb stuff and chase after bugs. Maybe someday she'll move on to mice; I think Baggins is trying to teach her. But mostly she gets us all up at 3 a.m. because she wants something or other. Even so, it's a pretty good life and we've all grown accustomed to each other. Winter is coming and my coat is getting a little thicker. Maybe that's why Baggins is looking a little chubby, storing up for the winter. Soon, little white spots will start falling from the sky and I'll have something else to herd...can't wait!



PRAY IT...BELIEVE IT...LIVE IT



Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God, and the peace of God which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.
~Philippians 4:6-7



.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 On a brilliant, windless, cloudless fall afternoon, after weeks of trying to figure out how to introduce Mac to the two female horses, it all sort of came together. A week or so ago Steve completed the gate between the two pastures. After bringing Mac out to the southern pasture on his way out to work on the run-in shed, Steve left the gate between the two pastures open. Before long the horses discovered they were accessible to each other and what followed was 2 hours of a fun display of whinnying, prancing, calm grazing, more prancing, and lots of positioning. In the end, we were able to separate Mac again and bring him back to his paddock for the evening. Score one for us. We have also both had the opportunity to ride Mac around our newly finished round pen: Steve on his new Western saddle; Robin on the bareback pad. Aside from a few sore muscles, we are excited about the strides that have been taken and feel encouraged about what the future brings. With the wintery months ahead and projects turning to indoor tasks, we are excited to start planning the children's program that we plan to begin next June.



Our current project includes completing the run-in shed in the pasture for the horses to retreat in inclement weather. If you would like to help, please send donations to ZP Ranch, 11 Stirrup Lane, Goldendale, WA 98620. ZP Ranch is a 501c3 non-profit organization. All donations are tax deductible.



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