



ZEPHANIAH'S PROMISE RANCH

BACK AT THE RANCH...

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May 17th was our 2nd Annual Volunteer Workday at the ranch! This year there were two goals: One was to fill the raised beds we had built earlier in the month with donated soil and then plant the seeds and the tomato and zucchini starts donated by Margaret and also start the herb garden. The second was to put in a line of fence posts along the new pasture. Both were easily accomplished by a strong team of workers that conquered and divided. Not only did 4 friends from the Portland area come up, but also Chris and Steph showed up to surprise us! The

weather was perfect and we finished up early so everyone voluntarily set to work on helping to deepen my trench so we can eventually place pipes and bring water closer to the garden. Next year we will think up some bigger projects to do to keep us all busy!! Hay--not bad for a great day, free lunch, and lots of laughs and fun. (Although I did ask for everyone to pull at least 10 weeds while they were here and sadly I do not recall seeing one person pull one weed. ☹ No worries, though--I've pulled enough for all of you, so you are covered this time.)



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ZAC TAILS: Lately I have been finding myself spending more time in the barn. I won't go into the reasons behind it--mostly because I really have no idea—but hey, it's not really a bad thing. Mr. Baggins and I hang out. He showed me the secret passage that he dug to get into the barn when all the doors are closed. He showed me his little bed upstairs. By the way, he made no small deal about the fact that it has been taken over by Mulan, his nemesis, on more than one occasion, to which I replied "welcome to MY world." Then he showed me how he hides in the hay to catch unsuspecting mice, which, I might add, is a full-time job. Speaking of hay, I noticed that the stacks of hay have dwindled significantly down to one stall full (before it took up 2½ of the stalls during the winter). Man, those horses eat a lot of grass. What a boring diet--I'm really thankful for the great food my people serve me. So, after all that exploring and discussion with Mr. B, before I know it, my time in the barn is concluded, the doors open, and it's time to eat. Then it's a race as we all head back to the house for a fine meal!



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

Love knows no limits to its endurance, no end to its trust, no fading of its hope; it can outlast anything. It is, in fact, the one thing that stands when all else has fallen. ~ Elisabeth Elliot

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Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another. Romans 12:10

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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:

We are very excited about two upcoming events! The first is that we will be receiving a horse named Shana as a donation at the end of this month. She has been around kids all of her life and she will be a perfect addition to the ranch and to the program. She is close to "retirement" so we are happy to let her settle into a quiet life here, play with kids a few times a week, and enjoy some pasture time when she is ready.

The second is that on June 14 we are planning our 2nd annual BBQ at the Barn. While last year we invited neighbors and a few friends, this year we are expanding it to new friends in the community that we hope will help get the word out about our program. We already have the June calendar created for days and times available for kids to come participate, and we are looking forward to seeing what God will do. If you are going to be in the area and want to come by just let us know!

One last thing that I wanted to let you all know about. One of our newest partners, Maren McGowen, has taken on our ranch as an ongoing project as part of her Photo Gallery and Essay writing. To read the essay she wrote about Mac, you can visit her web page at marenphoto.com.

We continue to have projects planned for the summer: new pasture, additional run-in shed, more walking paths for the winter months, and a hay shed. If you would like to help, please send donations to ZP Ranch, 11 Stirrup Lane, Goldendale, WA 98620. ZP Ranch is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. All donations are tax deductible.



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