



The View from Our Porch

News from

The Refuge Ranch, Inc.

"CHRIST IN YOU, THE HOPE OF GLORY"

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Fred Beeson, Founder

I have been asked many times, "What is the meaning of The Refuge Ranch oak tree logo?" It was birthed from a prayer journal on March 20, 2004.

"He presented another parable to them saying, "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field; and this is smaller than all other seeds; but when it is full grown, it is larger than the garden plants, and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and nest in its branches." (Matthew 13: 31,32)

The Lord said to me, "My son, your part in the kingdom of Mine is to plant in a garden, that I shall provide, a mustard seed of faith, hope and love that will grow into a mighty tree that will provide shade, shelter and for some a home. It will be a tree of healing. It will be larger than the garden itself. It will become the seed producing tree for many other trees. It will be a symbol of My great love for the unloved of this world. This tree in the garden will become so large that it will be seen for a far distance away and will become readily recognizable as a great work of Mine. It will be seen as a tree of new life constantly producing life from death."

The picture you see here is of a large oak tree that we were able to save. It sits beside the road where the women will travel to begin their twelve month journey with the Lord. It is a visual reminder to all of us of God's love, provision and protection.



Speaking not only for myself, but for Melanie, Mike and Mitchell Dobrow, this has been an incredible walk of faith watching the Lord remove countless obstacles in this building process and opening people's hearts to give. When we've taken our eyes off of Jesus, the only True Provider, fear and doubt take residence within our hearts.

"And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him." (Hebrews 11:6)

In another prayer journal entry the Lord told me, "Do not lose heart, My son. Believe in Me and not what you see, for I am greater than any obstacle you face in life. I am the Author and Finisher of your faith. The women's ministry is a faith work. It is not the work of any man's hand, but it is My work. Have no doubt that it will be, because I have heard the cry of hurting people who need to know the truth so that they may be set free. This work is the answer to thousands of prayers that you are not even aware of. The things which seem large to you are non-existent to Me. All power and authority emanates from Me. I am in control even when it all seems out of control."

We have sold our home in Jupiter and are building the first ministry home where we will live, Lord willing, by August. This home will belong to The Refuge Ranch Ministry, and it will be a place for teaching and training, lunches and dinners to promote the ministry, one to two meals per week for the Refuge Ranch community, small groups, a house church and a place for visitors to stay when needed. We are excited about moving and becoming a part of the community there! We are so grateful to those of you who are diligently praying for The Refuge Ranch. We also thank those who responded to our need in the last newsletter for an additional \$150,000 to cover the remaining costs of building the second and third ministry homes. Through you God provided \$90,000! We are confident that He will provide the remainder. We have delivery dates for these two homes—May 29 and June 1!!



Mitchell Dobrow, Program Director

Over two years ago the process of building The Refuge Ranch began and at times we wondered why things were moving so slow. However, now we can look back and see this time was necessary for all of us. God has developed perseverance in us and grown us in wisdom and understanding. This growth has already proven to be profitable and we know that we will see its true value once we begin the ministry. In dealing with recovering women full of hurt, shame, pain and disappointment all of God's wisdom and understanding will be needed.

The development is moving along now and soon we will be prepared to open and receive the women the Lord entrusts to us. I am continuing the counselor training classes at the Women's Refuge in Vero Beach and the relationships that are developing between their staff and I are already proving to be invaluable. What a great blessing to have women with many years experience on my side and willing to give me direction and insight when I need it.

I was privileged to be able to share the vision of the ministry at a women's conference held at the Good Shepherd Methodist Church. God has called us to share the vision with the Body of Christ and we are looking for opportunities to do so. If you would like us to share in your community please let us know.

May God bless each one of you and thank you for your continued support.

How you can help

- Prayer for the women God will bring in the Fall to The Refuge Ranch, and for all of us as we transition our lives
- Staff for the first home that will house the women
- Monthly donations or a one time donation
- Three bedroom sets, each including two twin beds, two bedside tables with one drawer and one chest of drawers with six drawers
- Riding lawnmower with zero turning radius
- Tractor with lawn mowing capabilities
- 20 kw generator

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