



THE SOUNDS OF "THE REFUGE"

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December's Gathering at the Refuge: A Blessed Day

What is the one thing an outdoor event planner can never control? You got it....the weather! Scheduling anything outdoors in December is always a risky proposition, but sometimes you just have to have faith. However, Friday, December 1, was anything but promising as the rain poured in sheets, the wind howled at gale force strength and the temperatures began to plummet. Was this a foretelling of what Saturday would bring? Would all the preparation for Saturday's gathering be for naught? Hardly! We just had to remember who was in control.

Saturday, as it turned out, was a near perfect day with temperatures in the high 50's, bright blue skies and a gentle breeze that made the glory of God shine even brighter at The Refuge. With this backdrop, more than 125 persons came to learn of the vision, see the architectural plans and walk the grounds. This gathering of saints shared in the fellowship of a delicious meal, shared in the singing of praises to God and heard a terrific message delivered by Jason McNight of Grace Church in Kinston.

All who were there met the board of

Sammy Hudson Named Executive Director

As alluded to in the first Son Set Ministries newsletter, The Board of Directors elected to hire a full-time Executive Director effective January 1, 2007. We are pleased to announce that Sammy Hudson has agreed to the terms of this position and is now the point man for this rapidly growing ministry.

Sammy is a 1996 graduate of Methodist College where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration. He served for 3 years as the assistant camp director at Camp Don Lee in Arapahoe, N.C. before accepting the position as the Youth Director at

directors and heard a heartfelt presentation by Sammy Hudson on the vision for The Refuge while Board Chairman, Chip Olmstead addressed the need for support in many forms;



"Participants listen intently to plans for The Refuge during the December 2 gathering"

whether they be through financial gifts, prayer, talents and services offered, or by just telling others of this wonderful place that is being created in Eastern North Carolina to serve others and glorify God. This was an awesome day in the life of The Refuge and all who participated left knowing that they had just spent the day being a little closer to Christ. As for the weather, Sunday turned out to be cold, blustering and overcast! But

Queen Street United Methodist Church in Kinston, N.C. Sammy was instrumental in starting inner-city youth programs in Kinston to include his program "Erasing the Lines" and the Friday night teen coffee house. Sammy's passion for youth is surpassed only by his passion for serving the Lord.

Sammy, his wife Desta, and their two beautiful daughters Addie and Kearston bring a level of talent, enthusiasm and trust in the Lord that will be the hallmark of Son Set Ministries and The Refuge for years to come.

“The Refuge – The Vision”



The above architectural rendering , prepared by J Davis and Associates of Raleigh, was unveiled during the December 2 gathering at The Refuge. This rendering illustrates the multi-faceted approach that is being taken to facilitate numerous ministries simultaneously while preserving the solitude and integrity of individual programs. The camp, as illustrated, is designed within the 111 acres currently conveyed to the ministry and does not include the additional 60 acres to the southeast that has also been set aside for the ministry. Fuss and O’Neill of Greenville is the prime contractor and is completing the master plan / land use study that will include wetlands delineations, soil surveys, power distribution and waste water dispersal plans. Actual construction and shaping of the property is linked to the progress being made by an independent mining contractor that is extracting sand from the property. That process is what is enabling the Board of Directors to influence the shaping of the two dominate lakes on the property. Mining operations are scheduled to be completed within eighteen months.

As 2007 commences, our first objective for this year is to let everyone who will listen know of the Refuge and Son Set Ministries! If you were fortunate enough to have been with us at the gathering on December 2, you know just how special this property is and how ambitious the plans are for making it a regional center of excellence in worship, outreach, retreats and preparation for service whether in international missions, local prisons, or inner city outreach. Many of you have already caught the vision and are out there sharing it with others. Let us know how and when we can help you. We’re ready to address your church, civic organization, family group or small circle of friends. Call us to schedule a date and time. We’ll need a little preparatory information and will contact you directly. Remember, each of you knows two people who will support this ministry and each of them knows two people, and so on and so on! We look forward to hearing from you and seeing you soon!

How, When and Where You Can Be a Part of Making The Refuge a Reality

As I write this article it occurs to me that in a few weeks time, someone will be reading this and will know almost instantly that this is the opportunity for which God has been preparing them. As a board of directors, we are trusting that God will provide for, and will resource this ministry as is necessary. 2007 is going to be a year of great activity, much planning, fundraising, and preparation as we move toward ground-breaking. This may be the year that you are being called to serve.

In everything we do, we want to bring glory to God. Excellence in effort is what we are seeking. Yet, we recognize that there are critical areas of expertise that we need to fill. These include:

- Fundraising experience
- Marketing experience
- Financial Growth and Investment
- Underprivileged Youth Programming
- Adult Programming

Son Set Ministry Office Established

With the hiring of an Executive Director came the requirement to provide him with adequate office space and resources to fulfill his functions. Once again, God's servants saw the need and answered the call.

Perry and Perry Ltd of Kinston, had a member of their staff retire effective January 1, 2007. The vacated office was immediately made available to Son Set Ministries for use by the Executive Director, complete with access to all

- Government Coordination
- Grant Seeking/Grant Writing
- Certified Public Accounting
- Work Day Sponsors / Coordinators
- Construction Supervisors

We are seeking individuals who will be committed to this endeavor and will, without reservation, see it as a calling. There is no pay, there are no benefits; but in the end the rewards are eternal. We constantly remind ourselves that in five or ten years we are going to be standing at the welcoming center as a new group of youngsters come to camp and we'll here a parent tell a son or daughter, that this is where they first met Jesus Christ. Can there be anything greater that to introduce someone to Christ? If you have felt the tug at your heart, heard the soft whispers of the voice of God, or just know that it is time to serve, give us a call. There is a place for you at the Refuge! Call Sammy at (252) 531-3214.

necessary office equipment and furnishings.

The office address of Son Set Ministries is 518 Plaza Blvd, Kinston, N.C. 28503. To contact Sammy Hudson, telephone 252 531-3214 or email him at sammy@thesonsetrefuge.com.

The Board of Directors wishes to express its sincere gratitude to the Perry's for this donation of space and equipment..

Son Set Ministries Establishes Web Presence

As a newly formed ministry counting on the support of the general public, the need to make information available in an efficient and reliable manner is essential. Son Set Ministries is pleased to announce its presence on the world wide web. For nearly two months, our web site has been in development under the guidance of Design Brothers, a local North Carolina-based web development company. Our address is www.thesonsetrefuge.com. We hope you'll pay us a visit and learn more about the ministry, the Refuge, our plans for development, and general information about opportunities to serve and contribute to this effort. The web site will be

updated continually and will provide a direct link for your comments and feedback as they relate to our programs, facilities and service.

Want to know when the next workday is? Check out our web site! Want to see how the camp is going to be laid out? Check out our web site! Want to know what programs will be available? Check out our web site! Want to know what employment opportunities may exist? Check out our web site! Want to schedule a speaker to talk with your group, church, or service organization? Check out our web site! We look forward to your visit!



Scheduled Work Days

February 17, 2007–

Debris Removal

March 3, 2007–

Debris Removal

March 24, 2007– Trail

Improvement

April 7, 2007– Trail

Improvement

Want to Organize Your Own Work Team?

If your church, scout troop, civic organization or neighborhood would like to organize a work day or work weekend at the Refuge, contact Sammy Hudson at 252 531-3214. This is a great way to build teamwork and enjoy a spiritually uplifting time that will benefit the Refuge and each participant.



“When it comes to giving, some people stop at nothing.”

Financial contributions are tax deductible and can be made to:

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A Message from the Executive Director

Words can't express the excitement that is overflowing from my heart in regards to being a part of this ministry. It has been a passion and vision of mine for many years to be in ministry with a group of people who sincerely wanted to reach out and make a difference for Christ in eastern, North Carolina. For years now God has been preparing each of us in unique ways to serve Him through this ministry, and one thing I have learned along the way is that it will not be done by a hand-full of people, but rather the full body of Christ working together to serve the one who created each of us individually.

Desta, Kearston, Addie and myself are looking forward to beginning this new phase in our lives and ask for your continued prayers as we step out into this exciting ministry. It has been truly amazing how God has made it abundantly clear that this was the step He wanted us to take. Without a doubt we knew this was the time for

us to join this ministry on a full-time basis and give it all we had. After the decision was made to serve this ministry on a full-time basis it has been one blessing after another for our family. Hardly a day goes by that we are not affirmed in some way that this is where God wants us to be.

I look forward with great anticipation to serving along side you at "The Refuge". It was such a blessing for me to talk with many of you at our December gathering and hear how God might be calling your gifts into action at "The Refuge". So much needs to be done over the next few years that it seems a bit overwhelming at times, but with everyone working on this, as one body working for the Lord, it all of a sudden becomes extraordinary as we watch it unfold before our eyes.

Please let us hear how we may be in prayer for you. God Bless!

Sammy Hudson



On Dec 2, 2006 over 120 persons gathered to see the land, hear the vision and worship the Lord. It was an awesome day!

If you would like copies of previous "Sounds of the Refuge" newsletters, contact Son Set Ministries at
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