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The Fantastic 4 Youth Weekend Retreat Nov 16-18

For the first time, Son Set Ministries will sponsor the Don Lee Fall Retreat. This year's theme, **The Fantastic Four**, is based on the story of Daniel, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.....Serve Man or Serve God. This is a decision all of us face everyday. This awesome weekend will feature guest speaker **Steve Keaton**, Executive Director of Tsunami Ministries. Steve is a sixteen year youth ministry veteran who has spoken at hundreds of youth events throughout the Southeastern United States. He will challenge, inspire and spiritually nourish all who attend this event. For the eighth year, Sammy Hudson will serve as the Worship Leader for the weekend and those hilarious guys from the Son Set Program Team, led by Lenny Furlough will be back again to keep you laughing, crying and begging for more. This weekend is open to all youth in 6th to 12th grades. To register for this awesome weekend, call Dave at 1-800-535-5475. Registration fee is \$95.00. For more information on the weekend schedule, accommodation, meals and what to bring, call Sammy at 252 531-3214 or write to Son Set Ministries. P.O. Box 5247, Kinston, N.C. 28503.

Open House at The Refuge

On October 13, 2007, Son Set Ministries will host a "hoe-down" featuring the music of one of eastern Carolina's best-known bluegrass bands, The Grassy Creek Band from 4:00 PM to 6:30 PM. This event is open to everyone. Entertainment and activities will be provided for the children as well as hay rides around The Refuge for everyone. A picnic style dinner will be provided. Come and join us as we dedicate our first structure at The Refuge and provide updates on the plans for 2008 development. View detailed renderings of the cabins and dining facility to be built. Make a silent auction bid on



SERVE GOD ...NOT MAN

**Shadrach, Meshach,
Abed-Nego.....
and ME!**

**FLAME
ON!**



Steve Keaton,
Tsunami Ministries

a very special quilt being made just for The Refuge, with 10 special verses from the Bible.

This event is very important as we begin our Annual Giving Campaign with a goal of raising \$369,000 per year. Your continued support is essential and we encourage you to invite as many friends and interested persons as you can. There is no better way for you understand the potential for The Refuge than to actually walk the ground and see for yourself all that God has planned. So mark your calendars now and spend a beautiful autumn day with us at The Refuge. We'll see you there!

We Want to Shout From the Rooftops

Son Set Ministries' strategy for fundraising is based on the acronym G-I-V-E-S. Growth, Involvement, Visibility, Efficiency, Stability. How do we intend to execute this strategy..... Engagement, Engagement, Engagement! We want to talk with anyone who will listen...so set up some appointments for us to talk at your church, your rotary club, your bible study, your youth group. There is no substitute for personal contact.

The directors on the board are committed to making themselves available to talking with anyone, any group, organization or gathering that is interested in learning more about Son Set Ministries and the Refuge. The message is clear.....we are going to set hearts toward the Son! However, not only do we want to tell everyone about this ministry, we want to help you become engaged and invested in this ministry with us. From the beginning our intent has been to win hearts first, for if we are successful in that endeavor, the funds will follow.

Patience is a virtue that everyone connected with this ministry must exercise. Before you can pick the grapes off the vine, you must fertilize and water the soil, prune the vine, train the vine, and protect it from disease and insects. Only after time will it yield fruit. Son Set Ministries is much like the vine, yet through programs such as Erasing the Lines, the fruit is already being yielded.

You who are contributing to this ministry in these developmental years are the visionaries that are able to see what lies ahead. Your donations are providing us with the capital necessary to cover our operating expenses and demonstrate the efficiency and stability that will help to attract large capital donors for the construction of support facilities. Stay with us! This promises to be an exciting journey...one that we will take together, one step at a time!

ANNUAL GIVING GOALS

The Annual Giving Campaign seeks to gain commitments from individuals, churches and businesses in five areas:

General Population Donations: 1,000 gifts of \$25 each year

Recurring Donations: 400 gifts of \$25 /month or \$300 / year, and 50 gifts of \$1,000 / year

Church Mission Donations: 30 donations of \$150 / month or \$1,800 / year

Small Business Donations: 50 donations of \$100 / month or \$1,200 / year

Corporate Sponsors: 10 donations of \$500 / month or \$6,000 / year

Breadth of Donor Base: 1,540 donors

Depth of Donor Base: \$369,000 / year

Projected Capital Campaign Goals

Phase I Development:

Site Work and Roadway Preparation: (In Progress)	\$ 640,772
Water System Connection & Development	\$ 201,480
Wastewater Disposal System (Permits In Progress)	\$ 224,425
Construction Contingency Costs and Engineering Fees	\$ 365,303
Cabin Construction: (8 Cabins) (Plans Finalized)	\$ 1,040,000
Dining Facility: (Plans In Progress)	\$ 900,000
Farmhouse Move & Renovations (In Progress)	\$ 25,000
Maintenance and Storage Building (In Progress)	\$ 60,000
Landscaping, Signage and Plants (In Progress)	\$ 75,000
Docks and Boat Storage	\$ 100,000
Furnishings	\$ 150,000
Ropes Course and Climbing Wall	\$ 100,000
Canoes and Safety Equipment (10 complete sets)	\$ 7,000
Recreational Equipment	\$ 50,000
Outdoor Basketball Courts (2)	\$ 10,000
Outdoor Volleyball Courts (2)	\$ 4,000
Totals:	\$ 3,892,980

Phase II Development:

Adult Lodging	\$ 900,000
Adult Dining facility	\$ 150,000
Adult Multipurpose Center	\$ 130,000
Worship Center	\$ 400,000
Quad 3 Youth Cabins	\$ 520,000
Multipurpose Center 2 & 3	\$ 50,000
Totals:	\$ 2,390,000

Phase III Development:

Gymnasium	\$ 350,000
Outdoor Pavilion	\$ 250,000
Guest Cabins	\$ 300,000
Conference Center	\$ 1,275,000
Multipurpose Center	\$ 140,000
Permanent Admin Building	\$ 75,000
Totals:	\$ 2,390,000

Phase I Plans Solidified Along with Projected Costs

To say that there has been some intense planning going on over the past six months would be an understatement. During the last quarter, we have worked very closely with our land development firm, Fuss & O'Neill, in completing the designs of the youth cabins and the dining facility for The Refuge. From the outset, our intent was to preserve the theme of eastern North Carolina farm communities and we believe we have stayed faithful to that intent. Both the cabin designs and the dining facility renderings will be made available for viewing at the October 13 Open House and one of the board members will be there to answer any questions that you might have.

Initial cost data has also been provided for these facilities. The dining facility will cost an estimated \$900K and the cabins will cost approximately \$90K each. Each cabin is 1676 sq ft and will sleep two groups of ten and two counselors. Bathroom facilities are included in each cabin. The dining facility is approximately 10,000 sq ft and will seat 500 persons. Throughout Phase I and into subsequent phases, the dining facility will also serve as a multipurpose center, worship center,

and recreation area.

Equally important was the completion of the plan for site preparation and road-work. This aspect of our development includes water supply, to include fire suppression, power distribution, waste water distribution and disposal systems, survey, clearing and grubbing, erosion control measures, permitting and road/path construction. Total cost for all site preparation is estimated at \$1.4M.

Some survey and clearing is already being accomplished through the goodwill of some supporters. However, the availability of sufficient funds and the completion of current sand mining operations will determine how quickly we can begin development in earnest.

Seeing the plans come to completion is exciting. Seeing the renderings of the buildings really gets your juices flowing! But nothing will be as exciting as when we break ground for the cabins and dining facility. So keep the funds coming, and invite your friends and church groups to be a part of what God is doing in eastern North Carolina.

October 20, 2007 - Family Nature Day

Looking for something different that the whole family can do together? October 20th is set aside for families to bring children of any age out to join us at "The Refuge" for a day of exploring God's creation. We will begin with a short introduction and explanation of the day's events and then move right into a time of exploring the local forest. Later, we will be discovering the freshwater eco-system at the camp. Following our pond discoveries, we will have a treasure hunt. Our time together will end with a hot dog supper and campfire worship. You will not want to miss this exciting day of hands-on exploration of God's truly amazing Creation. Anyone and everyone. Parents, children, grandparents and friends are invited to explore with us.

We'll begin at 12:00 pm and conclude around 6:00 pm. Please eat lunch before you come, or arrive early and bring a picnic! We will provide the snacks and water. We will also provide a hot dog roast after our time of exploring. This is a new program for "The Refuge" and we are considering it a trial run. Therefore, **the cost of this day will be free!** Please wear comfortable shoes. Bug spray is also highly suggested. Don't forget a blanket or chairs to sit on at supper and campfire.

Seeing Christ Behind Prison Walls

I wasn't sure what to expect when I agreed to join the KAIROS ministry team and spend four days behind the walls of Eastern Correctional Prison in Maury, NC. I must admit that I was a little apprehensive about what I was going to see and if it would really make a difference in the lives of these men. Let me tell you, it was one of the most powerful four days of my life. There were 20 men on our team going in to share the love of Christ to 30 prisoners who signed up to be a part of this weekend. When we met the prisoners the first time they were very stiff and most of them shared that the only reason that they were there was because of the homemade meals. However, after a couple of days of sharing meals together, praying together, singing, and receiving dozens of handwritten letters from people who genuinely cared we saw tears, and brokenness that can only come from the love of Christ. One of the prisoners shared that he had forgotten what it was like to be loved. If there was ever an event that summed up what our mission is at Son Set Ministries this would be it. We want to love the unloved, reach out to the lost and care for those in need. It is in these times that we see the face of Jesus, and yes, even behind prison walls! Don't you want to join us!

Sammy Hudson

Prayer List Items for the Refuge

Thanks to those who responded to our last needs list. We received a riding lawn mower, an awesome storage shed, and many tools. However, our list grows as we grow. Check your garage or shed and see if you have any of the below listed items. Let us put them to good use! Tractor with front end loader / box blade / Push Mower / Water Hoses / Chain Saw / Weed Eaters / Yard Tools / New Windows for Farm House / Lumber for Boat Docks and Boat Houses / Bush Hog Services / Brick and Mortar Services for foundations / a couple days of bulldozer work / shrubs and plants. We'll pick them up. Call 252 531 3214.

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Fear God, and He will offer us a place of Refuge

Do you ever wake up in the middle of the night worried or anxious about family, health, or job? For some of us, we have even worried about the Refuge. When will the first building go up? How will we get the ridges out of the center of the lake? Where will the funding come from for daily operations and the infrastructure?

It is natural to respond to worry with more activity. I have come to believe this ultimately perpetuates more worry. If not more effort, what is our job? Proverbs 14:26 gives us helpful instruction. "He who fears the Lord has a secure fortress, and for his children it will be a refuge." So our job, first and foremost, is to 'fear' the Lord. In my work at the courthouse, I regularly see people who stand before a judge and reflect fear. They have only a glimmer of hope, little to offer and are subject to the judgment which a human parcels out.

What about you and me? The reality is that we have no hope, nothing to offer and are subject to the judgment of the holy God. The Good News of the Gospel is that when we fear Him, we have a secure fortress full of new hope, a new life through Jesus with much to offer and are no longer subject to the judgment of eternal separation from our creator.

Do we want to know this place of refuge? Do we want to trade in our anxiety for His peace? Let us together learn again and again what it means to fear Him today and enter into the secure fortress He offers us, this place of refuge.

Jimbo Perry



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