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February/March Redeemed Steel Mission Trips Costa Rica/
Nicaragua

April Western NC Custom Knifemakers Show Supporting
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Update On The Trade School

It's been a little while since we've shared an update or newsletter, and I apologize for that. It's been incredibly busy! God has been doing so much with Redeemed Steel and the Redeemed Steel Network that it has been difficult to keep track of everything—or find enough downtime to write an update. I want to take a moment now to share a few of the things that are happening and bring you up to speed on what God has been doing through Redeemed Steel. It's been an incredible year. Last year, we finished raising the funds necessary to begin construction on the trade school in Guatemala, and I'm happy to say that the building is nearly complete. We anticipate finishing it by December of this year and hope to move in as early as next April. We are currently about \$15,000 to \$20,000 short of what we expect to need to purchase all the equipment required to get the school up and running, and we know God will be faithful to provide those funds. Our on-site partners at Casa de Gracia opened their halfway home just a few days ago, as of this writing, and welcomed the first girls who will live there. It's so exciting, and it looks as though the home will be at capacity by the time our school is ready to open. God is so good! We also anticipate returning to Guatemala soon to potentially lead teams for house-building projects in partnership with Servant's Heart Ministries, conduct evangelistic outreach through Redeemed Steel and the trade school, and work alongside Casa de Gracia. Over the next year, we also hope to partner with churches in Antigua and throughout Guatemala for additional events. It's an exciting time to see what God is doing in that country, and we can't wait to share more. Here are a few pictures to bring you up to speed.



It's Opening Day!



Casa De Gracia Transition Home Officially Opens!

Left: The Trade School is so much further along now than even in these pictures. A couple of windows and electrical are nearly all that remain.

The Blood Sweat and Steel Weekend

I don't even know where to begin when it comes to talking about the Blood, Sweat, and Steel weekend. It was one of the most incredible men's events I've had the pleasure of being a part of. Over the course of several days, a group of men forged knives together, but it was so much more than that. They forged brotherhoods that will last their lifetimes and made memories that will shape how they grow as men of God. The bond of fellowship between these men is greater than I ever anticipated. What's more, God changed hearts throughout the weekend, culminating in a baptism—something I never expected. The water was cold! Each morning, this group of men worked hard. In the afternoons, they asked deep theological questions, spent time alone with God, and ate heartily. Then, they shared evenings around the campfire before enjoying a well-deserved rest. The weekend confirmed in my heart that this was exactly what God wanted us to do, and it looks as though He is already opening doors for us to hold more events like this. We currently hope to host a Blood, Sweat, and Steel weekend in Colorado next year and potentially another on the East Coast in North Carolina. I also hope we can return to Montana for another event next year. There has even been some discussion about holding a women's retreat centered on the same concepts. You'll be hearing more as we nail down the details, but my heart was full throughout the entire weekend, and God did an amazing work in each man who came out.



What Next

So, what's next for Redeemed Steel? There's so much ahead. Our calendar for 2027 is already nearing capacity, and we plan to serve in at least four—possibly five—different countries next year, including Guatemala, Costa Rica, Nicaragua, and the United States. Our school in Guatemala should open next year, and we eagerly anticipate hosting more Redeemed Steel events, such as the Blood, Sweat, and Steel weekend. It's so exciting to be a part of this ministry with you, and, honestly, none of it would be possible without the people who support us by giving, praying, and joining us at these events. People like Gary Barkalow of The Noble Heart and Chris Hartenstein of The New Frontier Ministries, who partner with us and help make some of these events possible, are invaluable friends, brothers, and allies in ministry. We're so excited to return to Costa Rica and Nicaragua to serve with friends and family there, and I can't wait to be on-site in Guatemala to see the amazing work being done at Casa de Gracia.

One of the best ways you can help make this possible is by introducing the work of Redeemed Steel to your local church. Right now about 90% of the work done by Redeemed Steel is funded by about 10% of the people, and we have multiple countries waiting for us to come do the work we're already doing in Guatemala, but it takes so long to fund and so much commitment to make it happen. By having more and more people partner with us we can grow the already existing ministry opportunities that God has given us all over the world.

Years ago I thought I would be a school teacher for the rest of my life, and before that I thought I would be a pastor for all of my days, but now God has me and so many around me taking up the title of missionary bladesmith using our gifts and talents to share the gospel with something as simple as a hammer, all over the world. It's more than I ever imagined. Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter and for partnering with us as prayer partners, financial partners, and boots on the ground partners.



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