

Monthly Newsletter



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

The 5th annual Redeemed Steel Hammer in and 1st Annual Custom Knife Show will be July 15th at the Tryon International Equestrian Center. This event will help support our efforts across the world building trade schools and sharing the Gospel.

We also have spaces for Mission Trips in Guatemala in November or 2023 and are planning Trips for 2024 to Guatemala, Costa Rica, and more.

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Upcoming Redeemed Steel Events you can be a part of.

Revival In Costa Rica

Something amazing is happening in the blacksmithing community in Costa Rica. It seems crazy to think that Revival could begin in this way, but that really seems to be what is happening. A team from Redeemed Steel just went back to Costa Rica for the third time in three years. That team was made up of members from the US, Guatemala, and Costa Rica itself.

Over the course of the week we were there, we saw around 25 people give their hearts to Christ. We helped to train a dozen pastors/church leaders. We helped to install proper plumbing in a church made up of about 75% teenagers and we saw God doing amazing works in the blacksmithing community.

I want to share just one of those stories with you. Three years ago at the very first Redeemed Steel Event in Costa Rica, the country was still under curfews and restrictions. It was 2021 after all. We were at capacity for our event but a Costa Rican smith named Victor asked if we could make space for another smith and his wife. He explained that she had cancer and they were really just praying for a miracle for her to be able to make the event.

Of course we made space and of course we took the time to pray for her, but in the hectic nature of the evening, we didn't get to do much more than pray.

Fast forward to 2022 to the next time we were in Costa Rica and we ended up visiting a smith's shop. He had built a clay spencer style tire hammer from ideas he had from watching Youtube. But the tire was not balancing properly and had destroyed his shop floor. Since we were there anyway, we ripped out his shop floor and poured a new one. Our team also had members familiar with tire hammers and in the space of a few hours had his up and working perfectly. Turns out, that day was his birthday as well.

This year we decided to visit that smith's shop again. His name is Kevin by the way. As we were visiting, he and his wife began to share their journey to faith, and that's where we put it together. Stephanie, Kevin's wife, was the woman we had prayed for just a couple of years ago, and God had in fact healed her. Unbeknownst to us, we had been ministering to the same family for three years. We had got to be a part of tremendous transformation God had been doing. We spent hours in fellowship and worship with Kevin and Stephanie talking about all the things God had done and listening to their testimonies.

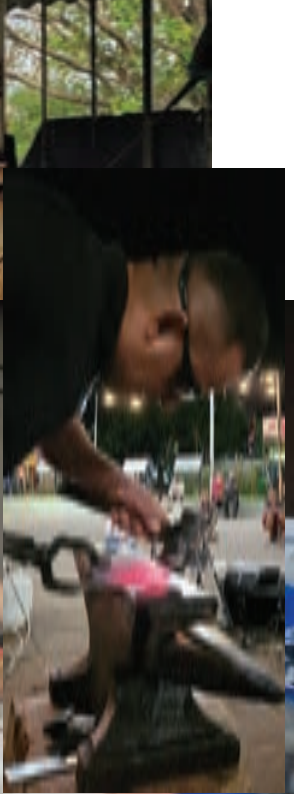
The next night, Kevin helped us lead an Evangelistic event. We saw nearly a dozen people come to the Lord that night, led by a blacksmith we had ministering to for years.

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Left to right. Stephanie, Billy, Kevin, Daniber, JoJo, Victor, Juanpa
Kevin, Stephanie, and Victor are the just the beginnings of the Revival Taking Place in Costa Rica.

Daniber is featured in the article on the next page.





Member Spotlight Daniber Ramirez Vargas

It's difficult to describe Daniber. His passion for serving the Lord is like that in very few people I have ever met. His heart is absolutely committed to ministry, and not to just one ministry, but to any and all opportunities that God will give him to serve.

Daniber serves at his church, Ministerial SELA, and is an indispensable part of their community. He also is the Costa Rican coordinator for Global Action Ministries, a partner of Redeemed Steel, which trains church leaders for ministry.

He works in prison ministry, sharing the gospel with those who find themselves at the lowest points of their lives, and he leads the way for Redeemed Steel by setting up and handling logistics for everything we do in the country of Costa Rica.

Without Daniber, our ministry in Costa Rica would simply not be possible. What's more, he provides us

transport while we are in Costa Rica, making it possible for us to get to where we are going. This is an almost laughable display of God's grace as five people and 500 hundred pounds of equipment are just about more than a Honda CRV can handle.

Of course, we give all the credit to God for the work that he is doing, but because of God sending Daniber, Redeemed Steel was able to do 3 evangelistic presentations in Costa Rica in a week, two of them in central parks drawing people who would never attend a church to hear the gospel. In each of these events we saw between 6 and 12 people give their lives to Christ and were able to help local churches plug into their communities to minister to them.

What's more Daniber is facilitating starting new home bible study groups for people we were able to minister to and is helping to arrange for future Redeemed Steel opportunities in Costa Rica.

He's even started smithing a little. I think he's on knife number 4 right about now.

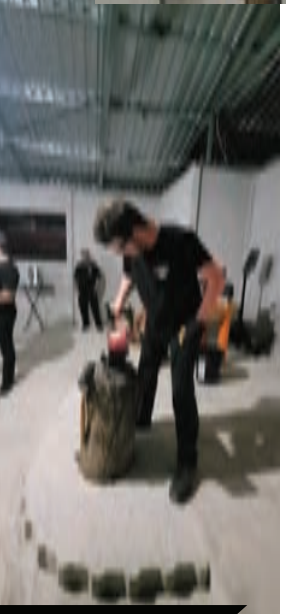
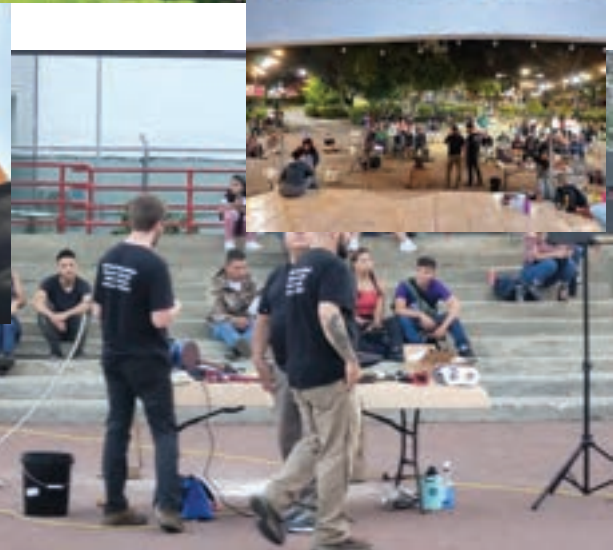
I was blessed to have him come by my home and spend a day in my shop on a recent visit to the states when he was travelling with some missionary friends.

What has impressed me most about Daniber is his absolute commitment to serving the Lord. Even in talking about relationships (he's a young man in his twenties who hopes to have a family some day) he shared that he has very little interest in dating, but is hoping to find a wife someday who understands that their lives are meant for service and ministry together. I truly believe he will find such a lady.

Daniber is an essential part of Redeemed Steel and I'm so glad to call him my brother and my dear friend.



Daniber and Kevin (Cuchillos K.E. Nox) lead a Redeemed Steel Presentation in El Parque Central, San Rafael, Heredia Costa Rica



All it Takes

All it takes to change a life is a willingness to give part of yours. A team of Redeemed Steel Smiths recently saw this lived out as they travelled to the Masters Ranch to share their talents to help enable "Faith based character change, improved education and trades training on a working ranch."

Redeemed Steel smiths made a piece of artwork called "Two Crossed, One Heart" with the young men at the camp. The idea behind this forged work is that "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me." This is found in Galatians 2:20 and exemplifies the idea that Christ gave his life for me so that I might allow him to live his life in me. I give him my cross, and he shares his heart with me.

Over the course of several days of smithing, the Redeemed Steel team worked with about 90 young men, and even conducted knife forging demonstration during which about 6 gave their hearts to Christ for the very first time.

Praise God for his amazing Grace and his redemptive work! He want's to change the world, adn he wants to use us to do you. We are so blessed to be a part of the work He is doing!



Britt Shares the Word



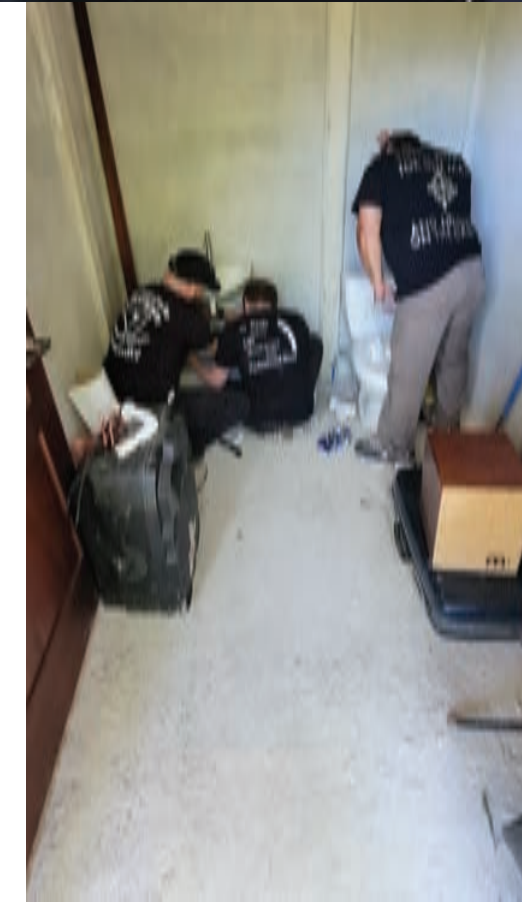
Two Crosses
One Heart



Chris Pedergraft Sharing at the Master's Ranch



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What's Coming Up?

Here's just a few of the events and places Redeemed Steel will be over the coming months.

May 4-7 2023 Heart of the Warrior Encounter with Zoweh

May 8 2023 The Chape in Chesterfield Virginia

June 2-4 Blade Show Atlanta Georgia

July 15th Annual Redeemed Steel Hammer in Tryon International Equestrian Center, Mill Springs, NC

July 23 Calvary Chapel Diamond Springs California

August 2023 New Frontiers Ministry Montana

September 2023- Billy and Joseph Travel to Argentina to visit and Train with Sobral Brothers

October 28-November 11th Mission Teams to Guatemala



We are still working to build the Redeemed Steel Trade School in Guatemala, the first of what we hope will be many. We estimate the total cost to be around 100,000 US dollars to complete the work and supply the initial tool and equipment.

As of this writing, we have raised about 30k of this need. Praise God!. Please consider partnering with us as we share the Gospel all over the world and continue to serve those in need through the works of our hands and the words of our lips.

How You Can Help?

To reach our goals, we need help. If 250 people will commit to giving \$20 a month, we will be able to build this school and others, maybe even a school every year.

