



# Salt

a pastoral retreat

## Are You A Provision?

The New Year has begun and already we are playing witness to God's hand active at Salt. He has again confirmed our purpose and made His will clear. In response, we are moving forward in faith, action and a whole bunch of prayer! This should come as no surprise to anyone. Every plan in this day and age takes someone's time, money and commitment. We are preparing to tackle some of our biggest, but not most expensive projects. We all recognize that these will pave the way for the completion of the Great House. One thing I've come to know about big projects, they are usually scary and don't get done on their own! Salt needs people who know the meaning of the words — personal sacrifice. That is the only way this project is going to move forward. We are no different than any other ministry. We are dependant on God's people and their ability to hear and answer the invitation of His kingdom work.

A number of years ago I started putting one truth into perspective, I don't own anything except my soul. Anything I call my own is purely a "something" that God has given me as a provision. "Something" for me to use while I walk this earth. Even this body is just a "something". I will leave it behind when He calls me home and it is up to me what I will do with it until then. When we choose to bless others with the provisions He has blessed us with, I think He grins big, like a proud papa. And like any good father who gives their child a nickel, a free afternoon or a new bicycle, He watches to see what we will do with it. Will we buy someone a lemonade

on a hot day? Will we spend our free afternoon quenching the thirst of the blind, bringing scripture alive through our walk of service? Or will we disappoint and leave our bike out in the rain to rust?

What we do with God's provision is a visible measure of our heart. Our choice to invest His blessing back into His kingdom is our outwardly faced testimony that we are one of His.

God delights in watching us grow as we fellowship and work together on all the plans and opportunities He makes for us. When I stop and think about how and when God has provided for Salt's needs, how He has done it so many times, I get tears in my eyes and my hair stands on end. He is just so Good! One of the things

I have noticed in all that goodness is that His blessings for Salt don't come down like manna from heaven. All of His provisions have come through people, even people who don't really know Him. But more often, through His people. The ones who are listening for His prompting and know the sound

of His voice. People who respond to His direction with action. That action becomes provision through their sacrifice of either time or money. However it sounds to them, it is always their *personal* sacrifice that becomes the blessing. Yes, God wants his people engaged in furthering His kingdom. Salt is just another opportunity He gives us to act on His Holy will.

So what has your response been to the provisions God has blessed you with? He certainly gives us all plenty of opportunity to make Him proud. For many of us that is one of the best things about being a part of Salt, it makes Him grin big. Whether you choose to "engage" here at Salt or somewhere else, we're just praying that you do, because you are listening for His voice.

Your servant in Christ,  
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April 11<sup>th</sup>

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PASTOR

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# Wildlife Recreation



## Spring Mission Event

Spring greeted us with stunning weather and a dry road! Always a concern at Salt during the rainy season. We don't get much rain here in Salmon, only 9-13 inches a year. But most of it falls in May and June and sometimes April. So for those of you looking for a way to pray for Salt, pray for the Lord's provision of road topping!



The event was a total success, with a few new faces joining the "regulars". We got everything done we had on the agenda. The tongue and groove ceiling in the Great Room was in need of a good cleaning. We needed to remove all of the sawdust from recent construction, before it could be clear coated by the next mission team coming in. This small but mighty group set about making all ready for them. It was great to see one team serving in such a way that another would receive the blessing of their hard work and effort!



We also spread over 100 lbs of grass seed on the recently excavated road going up to Salt; about a one mile climb. We had recently done some road improvements adding three large culverts, reshaping some of the ditching for run off and re-grading the road. We were in hopes that the disturbed ground would allow some grass to grow. Unfortunately, our harvest was not as plentiful as we had hoped. But we had fun trying!

We also did some "rock picking" in anticipation of the fireplace install. It now sits in piles waiting for another team to come in, gather it and move it to the other side of the mountain. We had a surprisingly good time doing it and the Lord kept us all safe.



At the end of the trip, close bonds had been built between the small group.

This detail is always a part of God's plan it seems at Salt. No matter how large or small the group coming in is, it always works out to be the perfect number for His agenda. He really is an excellent planner!

## Summer Mission Event



Summer is so great at Salt. Especially when God makes you so aware of His presence. And present He was during this event. This group picked up right where the Spring Team left off, with the painting of the Great Room ceiling. It sure feels good to know that all of that ceiling work is done. And boy it sure looks great! We can now move on to projects like the fireplace, flooring and drywall.



With the ceiling tackled, it was time for the group to move outside. Everyone grabbed a can of foam insulation and went to work filling cracks and crevices. That behind them, they all grabbed calking guns and set about filling the smaller, remaining

voids. This was done in hopes that soon the Lord will provide a team to put the exterior siding on the building. Until then a new house wrap covering was needed to protect the structure from the elements. It took a little trial and error to get it right, but we don't think it turned out too bad.



Ever a hopeful bunch, unceasing in their prayers of expectation, they went to work getting the garage area ready for its transformation. By God's will, part of that area will be transformed into a large mechanical room for the radiant floor



heat and hot water boiler system. Big projects coming up in God's plan for Salt. We expect them to be a bit further off though. These two little items require lots of money and some real experts in the field

before we can get started on them. But we are persistent and are praying for an earlier than anticipated response from our Great Planner. He has certainly done stuff like that before for Salt. He can do it again if He wants!

Can you believe all the stuff this team got done in a week? They had such a good time they started making plans and setting dates to come back in this year! Now that is commitment! Praise God for hearts like these, they remind us that this God sized project might actually get finished someday!

# Focus

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# Purpose



## Craftsmen For Christ

"Angels in disguise" that's what we call them! You see we had it in our mind that we should get started on the fireplace. After all the Summer Team got everything ready. So, after a bit of planning, Craftsmen For Christ came down from the Northern Idaho area to answer that call. When they got here though, they realized God had other plans for them.

That's how God works at Salt! Ever the provider, even when you are least expecting it. Earlier in the year, we had hired a contractor to come out and pour the foundation for the kitchen area. That being done, we thought we were good-to-go until the Lord sent some framers. No framers appeared, so we put out a call for a mason. Through divine intervention we were introduced to Craftsmen For Christ who just happened to have a mason on their crew! Plans were made and soon they were at Salt's door. They took one look at the exposed foundation and quickly changed our plans. These three terrific guys knew what Salt needed, more than a fireplace, and apparently God did too. All the supplies that had been purchased

to build a fireplace, quickly were used to complete the foundation of the kitchen so that the area could be backfilled for protection during the subzero temperatures of winter.

When stuff like this happens, When God takes care of needs before you even know you have them, you realize just how Great and Almighty He is. Even in today's world He stands firm to what He promised in Isaiah's time,

*Even before they call,  
I will answer;  
while they are still speaking,  
I will hear.*

Isa 65:24 HCSB

That is the God this ministry serves. Not because He can, but because he says He will. No other loves you like that.



## Two Hearts From The West



Those masked bandits from the west did it again! They showed up when no one was looking and did a good work! Last year these "do-gooders" snuck up to Salt and sanded

all of the beams in the Great Room so that it could be painted during the Spring Mission Event.

This year they again worked behind the scenes. They found out that the "Weekend Warriors" had come up and prepped the fascia by

applying an excellent product, donated by our friends at PermaChink, Inc., to the tired wood that had been so long exposed to the sun. Then, just when we least expected them, those "Two Hearts from the West" showed up *again* and carefully installed the custom fabricated metal work that had been made to offer long lasting, durable protection for that same fascia. But guess what? They didn't get it done! So they are planning another sneak attack to finish up. If they aren't careful we just might catch them in action and get some pictures for our Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/saltmountain](http://www.facebook.com/saltmountain). We're out to catch them in the act this year!



## New To The Board Of Directors

A New Year brings a new Board Member to the still growing leadership team at Salt. We welcome LaNette Harper, of eastern Washington, as Secretary. If you haven't already, you will likely meet her on one of the Mission Events. She hardly ever misses! We are honored that among the many other ways she serves, both at her home church and within her community, she has agreed to bless us too! Her long-standing walk with God and close relationship with Christ have grown her to be a woman of compassion, self control and perseverance. Qualities this team knows to appreciate!



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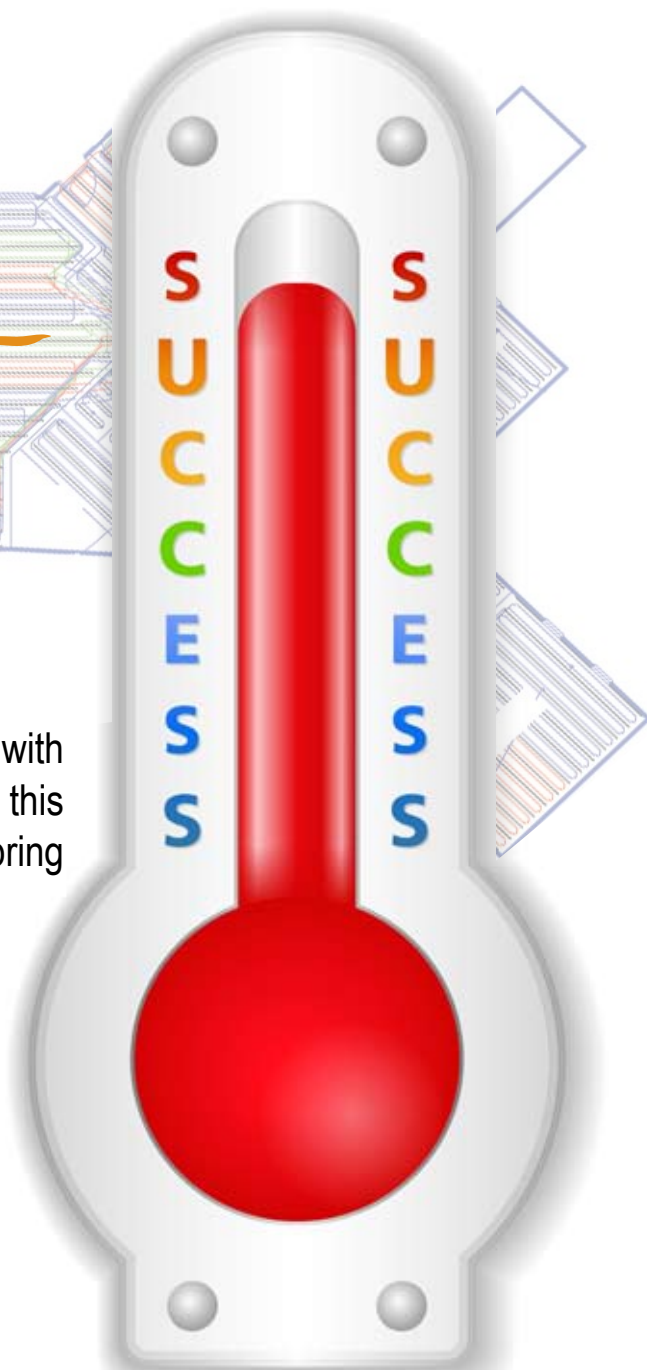
The plans for the radiant floor heat are near completion, with an estimated cost of \$15k in materials. Like all the rest, this phase of the project is not going to build itself. The Spring Mission Event will begin the preparation for the launch of this complex installation.

Thanks to our faithful matching contributor, who turns every dollar donated into two, we're already half way there with just \$7,500 to raise. So it's time to ask,

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***Just include a note that says, "Turn Up The Heat!" We'll know what you mean.***

# AT LAST COUNT . .

**4,000 new churches open each year — 7,000 close**  
**3,500 people a day leave the church and**  
**1,500 pastors leave the ministry each month**

Those are some staggering facts that tell us of the temperature of our Christian Country. Our pastors do such a good job of leading, that their reality remains hidden to most until it's too late. Salt's purpose is to serve and be used by God to meet the needs of the pastors next in line to be counted. Your decision to become a supporter of Salt will make a difference to a struggling pastor and his family. That decision will affect the entire community where he lives, the people he sees each day and the hearts he has yet to minister to. You have opportunity to reach so many for Christ by giving in the name of a single pastor, yours. Equip us in his name so that we may reach the broken as Christ would have us. Seven donations of \$70 is what we need to begin serving one heart in need. It all starts with you being counted as one of the seven.



*A place of God's provision for pastors to come and rest in His arms, experience His comfort and be reminded of His purpose for their life as the salt and light of the earth.*



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*"You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt have lost his savour, how then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? How will they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how will they hear without a preacher?" ~ Matt 5:13*

**Romans 10:14 NASB**

*"You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, what good will it be? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled by men." ~ Matt 5:13*

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