

STILLWATER REFUGE

Winter Newsletter

Dear friends and family,

We are thrilled to update you on many new and exciting adventures happening at the ranch. One of the most recent blessings begins with the sweet aroma of coffee. Our wonderful friends at Cream and Coffee decided to create a special blend just for Stillwater Refuge, and most of the proceeds go directly to help out the ministry. How great is that!?! If you are interested in purchasing the coffee, please email us at info@stillwaterrefuge.com for more details.



This winter season, we've been fortunate to have an abundance of amazing friends who have visited and/or contributed to Stillwater Refuge. Because of you, we were able to accomplish many needed improvements around the ranch. Stillwater created a fundraiser for our summer camp project on www.fundrazr.com and raised \$800 out of our \$31,550 goal. Even though we have a long way to reach this goal, we are so grateful that people gave. We have extended the deadline so, if you are interested in giving, please head on over to the website listed above and search Stillwater Refuge Summer Camp Project.

We had the opportunity to take two different groups of young men to our facility in Rockport, TX to duck hunt this season. The first group consisted of some of our local boys and young men from Field Guides. A few weeks later, we had the privilege of taking a group from Real Men Outfitters. For most of them it was their first time to duck hunt, and it was a joy to watch their faces light up when they got their first duck. One of the young men got the rare experience of shooting a banded duck. Even though duck season is now over, we are looking forward to hunting again with these young men next year.



The 2014-15 hunting season was a huge success at Stillwater Refuge. We were blessed with a number of good hunts. Some hunters harvested their first animals ever at Stillwater this season! There were plenty of trophies taken and good memories made, including a ranch record 203" monster.

To finish off 2014, Stillwater Refuge hosted a Father/Son Whitetail doe hunt for our local residents. It was an awesome weekend getting to watch fathers learn, hunt, and play with their sons! Campfire discussions are always rich with the presence of God and challenging conversations, but the most powerful thing we witnessed that weekend was fathers and sons vulnerably opening up in front of one another around the fire.



We are overjoyed with all the new relationships God has blessed us with in the year of 2014 and can't wait to make even more this year. Many people have asked how they could bless Stillwater Refuge and be involved in what God is doing here. Most of all, we need and appreciate your prayers as we walk out our mission to love God, love people, and advance His Kingdom. If Stillwater is going to successfully fulfill the mission God has tasked us with, we desperately need a committed team of prayer warriors. If you would be willing to receive a short weekly update with practical prayer points, please send an email to info@stillwaterrefuge.com, use "Prayer Team" for the subject, and we will start sending you those prayer updates shortly.

We genuinely need partners who are willing to come along side Stillwater and invest in this ministry financially. We now have three full-time families on staff, maintenance, repairs, and constantly need to improve our facilities. So, if you would like to make a monthly, yearly, or one-time tax-deductible donation, you can either give securely online at www.stillwaterrefuge.com (click donate) or send checks to PO Box 549 Grapeland, TX 75844. If you are not in a position to invest financially but would like to help in this area, allow us to suggest a few possibilities. Please consider introducing us to a friend or hosting a dinner to let us share about the ministries at Stillwater. Or, would you be willing to schedule a time for us to speak to your church body? If so, please email info@stillwaterrefuge.com, use "Financial Team" for the subject, and we will contact you to about possible dates and times. Please continue to follow us on Facebook and Instagram for frequent updates on exciting developments at the ranch.

Sincerely,
Stillwater Refuge Family