# Monthly Newsletter

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### Announcement

Thank you so much for being a part of the Redeemed Steel Network and welcome to our first monthly newsletter. In this publication, we will share what God is up to across the world through the ministry of Redeemed Steel and its partners. We will also share ways you can pray for us or help in the ministry.

It is so exciting to share this with you and we look forward to serving with you all in the days to come as we bring the message of Redemption to the world through all of our shared gifts.

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### The New Frontier

Nestled beneath the shadow of one of the highest peaks in the Bitterroot Mountains in Montana is an unassuming field where deer graze by the dozen, bear stroll through the grass, and where mountain lions and wolves hunt for their next meal. This is the backdrop for the men of The New Frontier Ministries, a team of fathers and sons dedicated to "guide[ing] men and their sons into a deeper understanding of true sonship and real manhood."

Founded By Chris Hartenstein, this ministry offers men and sons a unique and exciting way to connect with each other and with God. They not only offer biblical guidance but also adventures such as hiking, rafting, horseback riding, and a number of others in the heart of the American West.

This year, Billy and Joseph Salyers of Yellow Rose Forge were able to visit and add bladesmithing to that list of adventures. Each day began with prayer, with everyone taking a turn. Becoming comfortable in praying was a part of the process. Following that, the men entered a time of training as new bladesmiths. Billy and Joseph would demo a technique or process, answer questions and then share the biblical principles behind it. For example, the men learned that it's not the forging process that made the steel special, but the choosing. Each one chose a piece of steel to work with that was his from that point forward. It was special, not because it was forged or sharpened, but because it belonged to him from the moment he chose it. That principle parallels our lives and relationship to God. We are special because he chose us. The rest of our lives are part of the shaping or serving processes.

As the day progressed, the men would share lunch and then enter a time of intense study of Biblical principles followed by times of reflection, prayer, and connection on a father/son level.

Later, the men would enjoy buffalo stew or bison steaks.

# "The Father sent his Son as the Perfect older brother to come and bring us home to him"- Chris

### Hartenstein



### Older Brother, Younger Brother

One of our favorite lessons was that of the Older Brother and Younger Brother in Luke 15. We talked about how the older brother in the story was just as much a lost son as the younger. What's more, we don't know if he ever truly repented of his disobedience and rejection of his father's will.

Chris Hartenstein, the founder of The New Frontiers Ministry showed us that Jesus was doing for his father what the older brother in the parable failed to do. He came to earth to seek us as brothers and sisters to bring us home to the father. The Father sent his Son as the Perfect older brother to come and bring us home to him."

Redeemed Steel is looking forward to partnering with The New Frontiers Ministry in the future in Montana and all over the world.

To learn more, visit https://www.thenewfrontierministries.org



### Interview with JoJo Salyers

Q. How is God currently using bladesmithing in your life and ministry?

JoJo- "It's not just a way to pay the bills (that's God taking care of me in my life), but it's also a way to meet people in places we'd never get to because those people are interested in bladesmithing. That lets me share my faith with people I'd otherwise never get to meet."



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### Forged in Fire

Joseph Salyers was recently crowned the newest Forged in Fire Champion. That makes him and his dad the first ever Father/Son champions. Here's a quick interview with JoJo on how God is using bladesmithing as a worldwide ministry.

Q. How's it feel to receive the FIF champion Title?

JoJo- "It's a blessing. It was really fun to go and be a part of. It was also cool to get to know the other competitors." I'm so excited to see how God is going to use it. I definitely don't think it was for nothing.

Q. What was the best part of the experience, from the time you filmed until after watching the episode with friends?

JoJo- "The best part was getting to share it with other people. They seemed to have as much or more joy watching as I did competing."

Q. What's your favorite part of the smithing process?

JoJo- My favorite part is forging, especially as I get better at it. It's cool to go from something shapeless and changing it into the shape you have in mind.

Q. How does that fit into the Redeemed Steel Story?

JoJo- "In our lives, we can't see exactly what we are going to become, but God sees our value and is shaping us into something we could never have imagined being ourselves. His plan is so much greater than ours and only he knows exactly how we are going to turn out."

Q- Now that you are a FIF Champion, what do you think is next for you?

JoJo- The plan is to keep making knives and to keep taking the opportunities God has for us. He's already using this ministry and so I'm going to keep following him in it.

### His Works

Redeemed Steel is proud to announce a partnership with His Works, a non-profit Christian ministry in Guatemala. His works partners with other ministries to build houses, provide food, train pastors/leaders, build churches, provide translation services and more in Guatemala and the rest of Latin America.

We will be taking a team to Guatemala in September to partner with His Works to do the following:

- Build a home for a family in need.
- Pack and distribute food bags to 100 families in one of the most impoverished villages in the country.
- Present the Gospel through blacksmithing/bladesmithing demos
- Train pastors and church leaders in partnership with Global action ministries.

We will post pictures and discuss this trip in more detail in our next newsletter. If you would like to help support our efforts, you may give at <u>www.redeemedsteel.com</u>

Every Redeemed Steel volunteer covers his/her own travel costs. We pay nothing to our administrators. Donations directly fund the mission work of Reaching people with the Gospel of Christ.



"We seek to serve the people of Guatemala by sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ and living out our faith through HIS WORKS. It is by His Work on the cross that we are saved, faith without works is dead. His works are our faith in action."

- Juanpa and Wendy DeRodas: Founders of His Works