

# Monthly Newsletter



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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This year has been amazing! God is doing so much through the ministry of Redeemed Steel and he's going to do even more.

This Issue is a recount of some of the things God has done this year as well as a vision of what's to come in 2023.

We are blessed to partner with each of you in ministry and are so excited to share this journey with those o you we are just meeting.

Forr even more information, go to [www.redeemedsteel.com](http://www.redeemedsteel.com) to get involved or to start giving.

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# Battle for a Blessing!

One the most unique elements of the Redeemed Steel Network is that it is made up of so many talented craftsmen and craftswomen. We have dozens, maybe hundreds of people in our network who have gifts and talents beyond those you find in the normal day to day experience most people.

Another great thing about this is that those same group of talented folks often have a competitive streak. Enter the Grudge Match at the USS Alabama, sponsored by Forging a Difference, a non-profit run by Jerry Gardner of The Blacksmith Experience.

Forging a difference is a Christian Faith based ministry offering blacksmithing classes to veterans and first responders. Like other Redeemed Steel partners, Reforged and Resilience Forge, this program offers what we affectionately refer to as hammer therapy.

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The Amazing Smiths in front of the USS Alabama with our host Jerry Gardner (right)

It's amazing what day in the shop can do for someone struggling with PTSD or depression. Seeing that something can be remade, reshaped, reborn, is often exactly what people need to experience to rekindle hope and a sense of purpose in their own lives.

This year Redeemed Steel partnered with Forging a Difference by teaching a week of classes and then participating in the annual grudge match. I won't lie that a lot of folks were super excited to see Billy and JoJo going head to head against each other in a smithing competition.

At the end of the day, we were able to raise some funds for a great cause, share the gospel with a few folks, and begin building relationships that will no doubt bear fruit for lifetimes.

It is always an honor to serve those who have served us, and Redeemed Steel is always ready and willing to bless those men and women who have sacrificed to protect and defend.

To learn more about Jerry Gardner and Forging a Difference, visit <https://www.forgingadifference.com/>

# 2022 in Review

2022 has been the biggest and best...and the busiest year for Redeemed Steel yet!

We started the year by training pastors and leaders in Costa Rica followed by the countries first ever Hammer in with 40-50 local craftsmen. This will become an annual even sponsored by those same craftsmen and used to share the gospel and the trade in their country.

We travelled to Virginia and to Colorado with our partners at Zoweh, ministering to hundreds of men, sharing the story of Redeemed Steel and how God reshapes our hearts to make us into the beautiful and useful works of art he always intended us to be.

We conducted our 4th annual Hammer In in North Carolina, sharing the gospel with hundreds of people and raising over 10k for our trade school mission in Guatemala.

Let's talk about that for a moment. As a result of our mission in Costa Rica and our ongoing work in Guatemala, God has given us a vision to begin building trade schools all over the world. The first of these will be in Guatemala. God has provided the land, and we are almost halfway to our fundraising goal of sixty thousand dollars to build it. We already have many of the tools we will need and teachers ready to volunteer once the school is built. Our goal is to have 250 people give 20 dollars a month. If we can reach this goal, we can build a school every year! We've still got a long way to go before we reach that number. Would you please consider joining us in this?

On faith, we've already broken ground on that school and progress is being made already. We are hoping to complete it's construction in 2023-2024.

We traveled to Montana and partnered with The New Frontiers Ministry, a natural fit for our passion for helping families.

We travelled back to Guatemala where we built a house, (we've built six in the past 2 years) and fed a village of 500 people with enough food for 2 weeks. There is so much work to do there, and we are so proud to partner with His Works and Global Action Ministries as well as Servant's Heart ministries in all they are doing



A Global Action Class in Xela Guatemala there.

To wrap up the year, we travelled to Alabama to teach a weeks worth of classes for Forging a Difference and participate in their annual Grudge Match.

That's not to mention the other events such as Travis Leblanc's Hammer in and others.

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# The Best is Yet to Come

Earlier this year, we shared with you the first images of our trade school site in Guatemala. This is going to be one of our primary focuses for 2023. We currently have about 20 people of our 250 goal committed to giving 20 a month. That number might seem small, but that's 20 people who share the vision and mission of Redeemed Steel. Let's not forget that Christ started the New Testament church with 12!



The Official Groundbreaking for Redeemed Steel Guatemala, Ciudad Vieja

We are committed to making this school the first of many. We have several of the tools ready to go the moment the work is finished. And, we have teachers ready and willing to serve.

What's more, we have so many opportunities to serve becoming available. We currently have 4-5 other countries already asking us to come build and serve.

Our priority is to first finish the school in Guatemala and then begin in other countries, but while they wait, we hope to bring folks to the US to train them so that they can lay the groundwork for our effort in those countries.

We currently have missions planned in Guatemala, Costa Rica, and all over the US on the calendar. Demand is high and we still have room to add even more trips to serve. There's plenty of work to do, so there's no chance we're going to run out.

We would love to have you join us. Please reach out to use at [redeemedsteel@gmail.com](mailto:redeemedsteel@gmail.com) or 1-828-289-6884 to find out how you can get involved in one of these trips.



Artist's Rendering of the School itself.

## 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.

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