

Redeemed Steel

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Redeemed Steel will be travelling to Montana to serve with The New Frontier Ministries In August

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

Go to www.redeemedsteel.com to get involved or to start giving.

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Two Crosses, One Heart

We've mentioned this piece of art before in our newsletter, but I thought I'd take just a little more time to explain what it is, what it represents, and why we use it in our ministry.

To be perfectly fair, this idea is not new to me. I was inspired by a much larger version of two crosses with a shared heart made by Roy Adams of Christ Centered Ironworks.

It serves as a great introductory piece for people wanting to try blacksmithing for the first time. The construction is simple. Two steel crosses, one small, one large are cut from sheet metal (I use 11 gauge) with 4 matching holes. One hole on each arm and 1 at the foot with the final hole in the center in the shape of a heart. I laser cut the patterns, but this could be done easily with a drill and some hand files for the heart.

As far as the smithing is concerned, it couldn't be simpler. In fact, the entire project can be done without heat. Using a cross peen hammer, add texture to the cross, using the peen parallel to the direction of the beam. Just be careful not to hit the holes. Some people like to use a ball peen hammer to texture the smaller cross and give some contrast to the piece.

Then, using some pieces of 1/4 brass rod cut to about 1/4 in length, we rivet them together, one hole at a time, bending them into place in case the hammering distorted the lineup. I like to do this with heat followed by a mist of WD40 for color and finish with a wire brush.

But the best part of the whole piece is the message. It shows that our cross is nailed to Christ's. He takes our cross, so we can share his heart.



“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.

Galatians 2:20 KJV

Member Spotlight: Easton Rangel

There's a young man I've had the opportunity of meeting on several occasions that's made a huge impression on me, not only for his skills and talents as a rising bladesmith, but also for his heart and his passion for the Lord.

His name is Easton Rangel, and this is his story.

Easton's first forging experience was at Black Horse Forge with his dad. Easton's dad was attending the forge as a student and Mr. Steve Hotz (President) asked him if he wanted to give it a try. He loved it! He told his dad, "That's what I wanted to do!"

After learning the blacksmith trade, he wanted to continue his true passion...to be a COWBOY! He asked his mom and dad if he could learn to ride horses, western style, like the Lone Ranger. They said sure, as long as he could come up with half the cost of the riding lessons. That's when Little Black Ironworks was born. Easton started making metal candy canes to sell as Christmas ornaments. He was able to come up with his half of the money for western style riding lessons.

After successfully raising money for his riding lessons, Easton realized something else was being forged inside himself. He asked his dad who was the youngest Journeyman Smith and Master Bladesmith in American Bladesmith Society history? After a quick google search we found out that Josh Smith, ABS Master Bladesmith held the record for both Journeyman (age 15) and Master Bladesmith (age 19). Easton looked his dad in the eyes and said, "I want to beat his record."

Easton has been dedicated to learning the art of bladesmithing from various amount of people. The cadre members at Black Horse Forge have been a huge part of his success. Not to mention the knife community who have reach out to give him words of wisdom.

The Bladesmithing community has been very encouraging to Easton. Everyone wants to see him succeed.

Some have extended an invitation to their forge to help teach him some techniques that will help him along his journey.

Along with working towards my ABS Journeyman stamp, Easton is always trying to help others around him

Easton and his dad Sergio will be going on their first mission trip this fall to Guatemala! They are going with Redeemed Steel to allow God to reveal his glory and display his power through their works, leading others to a life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ. Easton and his dad will be forging and teaching the forging process while sharing the gospel!

Visit this amazing young man on <https://www.littleblackironworks.com/> or find him on social media using @littleblackironworks





5th Annual Hammer In



Our 5th annual Hammer In was our most ambitious yet! Switching venues to the Tryon International Equestrian Center meant alot more space and a lot more Air Conditioning! Praise God. It also meant alot more moving. We even put a 50 ton



press on an elevator. Thanks Big Blu. We had great support from the knife industry, with Pop's Knife Supply Turning out in a big way and donations from Holland Anvil



and Ameribrade, among others. The event was amazing, and we are already looking for ways to make it even better for next year.



1st annual Custom Knife Show

Our first ever custom knife show went great. We had around 45 vendors from all over the country! The quality of the work on display was astounding!

The venue was perfect for the show and even though



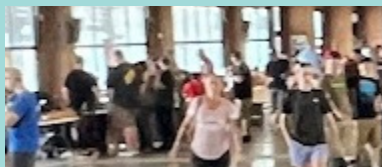
it was the middle of July the AC kept us all from melting!

Highlights including an awesome VIP Dinner, an iron in the hat event with amazing crafts being awarded to dozens of attendees, and a live auction for our battle of the bladesmiths competition.

We didn't reach our goal of 30,000 dollars, but we did raise almost 15,000! Praise God. We are closing in on having our first trade school fully funded.

With around 1200 people in attendance, this was our biggest ever!

We already have plans to make



next years event even bigger and better.

Thank you so much to everyone who made this possible and to everyone who supports the mission and ministry of Redeemed Steel!



Redeemed Steel started as a way to connect Christian Craftsmen, a network for us to share our love for Christ and our craft. It quickly grew into something so much more.

In less than a year, Redeemed Steel was sharing the Gospel all over the world in a series of evangelistic presentations centered around the craft of blade-smithing.

But Redeemed Steel has never wanted to stop at just reaching people for Christ. It partners with other ministries such as Global Action to disciple and train others to do the work all believers are called to do.

Redeemed Steel has joined forces with groups like Servants Hearts to serve the needs of others. We have entered into long term partnerships with His Works Guatemala and Casa De Gracia where we are now working towards building the first of what we believe to be many trade schools where we will not only train in hands on skills like welding and carpentry but also in the daily walk with Christ that all believers should strive for.

We are close to beginning the foundation work on the first of these schools, with hopes to have it completed in the next 2 years. Amazingly, we already have 4-5 other countries interested in having us come to do the same for their people.

So how can you help?

I'd like to suggest a few ways.

First, pray for the work of Redeemed Steel daily. God is doing so much that sometimes it's hard to even remember where we are going in the next week or two. It's a roller coaster journey, and prayers are the safety harness.

Second, come with us. We have spots open in sev-

eral upcoming trips. We are going to Guatemala in October and November and are in the early planning phases of trips to Costa Rica, Mexico, Romania, and Alaska.

Of course everything we do requires funding. But, we don't serve a beggar; we serve the King of Kings. We don't talk about money much because it's not our chief concern. We know that God will provide for us to do the work he has called us to do. Our hope is that you will join us in that.

You can sign up to give once or monthly at www.redeemedsteel.com or can send donations to Redeemed Steel 280 Honeysuckle Ct. Rutherfordton, NC 28139

We are seeking 250 people to donate 20 a month to aid in our work for the trade schools.

You can also schedule an event. We are glad to come share the message and ministry of Redeemed Steel at your church, business, or community center. We partner with multiple ministries and are always looking for churches or other ministries to join us in service or financially as we share the Gospel all over the world.

Share this newsletter. It's amazing how much word of mouth can help a message spread like wildfire.

Finally, you can simply give us a call. My number is 828-289-6884. I'd love to talk to you personally about what God is doing. If you're able, come by and visit and introduce yourself. Spend some time with us and see what God is doing face to face.

Thank you so much for your partnership with Redeemed Steel. I am so excited to see where God takes us together.

Billy Salyers
President
Redeemed Steel