



In Remembrance and Gratitude

A Change of Address

Early on the morning of June 4, Chaplain Jim Edgren was called home to his new Heavenly address. Jim served as one of the founders of the Refuge and will be remembered for his love for God and His word, for his faithfulness in the Lord's house, and for his love of ice cream.

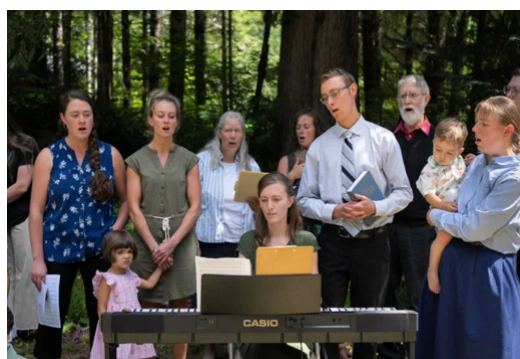
Jim is survived by Robbie (his wife of 63 years), his brothers David and Steve, his three children Mark, Tim and Posie, eleven grandchildren and twelve great-grandchildren. Jim has now been re-united with his parents (Roy and Elsie) and his sisters (Ruthie and Martha) who all passed into glory several decades ago.



Christmas Open House

Step away from the bustle of December and join us for The Refuge's annual Christmas Open House on **December 6th from 11am to 3pm**. Sing carols, wander in the woods, chat with a friend, rest by the fire, check out the chapel, and share your memories of Jim with others who were touched by his faithfulness and Christian example.

Most importantly, come celebrate with us the birth of our Savior and His faithfulness. Light refreshments will be served. **Please RSVP** to Lindsay Funches: lindsayfunches@gmail.com



Come aside ... and rest a while

Immediately following the miraculous "Feeding of the Five Thousand" recorded in Mark 6, Jesus encouraged his disciples with these words:

And He said to them, "Come aside by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." For there were many coming and going, and they did not even have time to eat.

Many who come to stay at the Refuge remark on the peace and serenity of the grounds and buildings; some crave it so much they are reluctant to leave.

A feast for the soul on a personal retreat, The Refuge is also a delight for families who want to get away from it all, spend time together, and seek God's face. Beautiful grounds, a playhouse, a treehouse, a log fort, a beautifully appointed children's library, a game room, a volleyball court and a wonderful toy room make The Refuge a place children never want to leave.



Financial Update

As we approach the end of our first quarter century, we are finding challenges in meeting the rising costs of insurance and maintenance, not to mention our desire for continued development of the campus and the completion of Hope Chapel.

In the past few months, we have been so blessed by the outpouring of gifts in honor of Jim, as well as by the many who have sent cards, notes and Scripture to encourage Robbie. Thank you for your generosity to The Refuge!

Online Giving

We have enabled online giving via Tithe.ly on the www.olympicrefuge.org website. Please feel free to connect with us there, or use the button below to give.

Give to the Refuge

Volunteer

Do you like to work outside in a beautiful setting? The Refuge welcomes churches, families, and others who would like to volunteer on Refuge work projects. Contact Robbie by phone or email (below) for information.

Phone: 360-796-0554

Email: theolympicrefuge@gmail.com

Fundraising Challenge

A Friend of The Refuge has issued an **End of Year Matching Fundraising Challenge**. If the Refuge raises \$10,000 by December 31st, this generous donor will match funds with an additional \$10,000. Gifts to The Refuge are tax deductible. If you would like to donate, mail a check to:

The Refuge
P.O. Box 641
Brinnon, WA 98320

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A Full Summer

On July 12, friends and family from near and far came to celebrate the life of Jim Edgren at a beautiful outdoor memorial service on The Refuge grounds. Robbie continues to be blessed by the cards and words of encouragement sent to her by so many who were touched by Jim's life. She has been greatly comforted by the Lord's nearness during this season.

Despite Jim's passing, The Refuge remains busy. From May through October, The Refuge hosted a number of church leadership groups, women's retreats, men's retreats and personal retreats.

Two couples were married at the Refuge this summer, and Jim's dream, Hope Chapel, is nearing completion, holding forth the promise of weddings to come.

Robbie also oversaw the replacement of the back deck in the lodge. Though she eventually asked them to leave, Robbie hosted two bears, a mother and cub, who enjoyed the delicious flavor of Refuge birdseed. Thankfully, they didn't eat the ice-cream.



Looking Ahead

With Jim's passing, the Refuge enters a busy time of transition. Robbie continues to "hold down the fort" as she and the board search for a new Executive Director.

The Executive Director position requires a leader (preferably a married couple) who will fully embrace the varied duties of this work with energy and a deep love of God and His people. Because there is a significant spiritual dimension both in oversight of the ministry and providing spiritual guidance to visitors, the board hopes to find a candidate with theological training, or ministry or counseling experience. Please pray for the Lord's provision of the best candidate couple to lead The Refuge into the next stage of this valuable ministry.



Refuge FAQs ...

Q: The Apostle Paul urged the Thessalonians to "make it your ambition to lead a quiet life ... " (1 Thes 4:11). What is one way I can do that too?

A: Come spend a night, or a week, at The Refuge. Bask in the quiet, the beauty, and God's presence. We would love to have you.

Q: Do the cabins have power, kitchen or bathroom access?

A: Yes! The cabin area has a stocked outdoor kitchen and fireplace, as well as a bathroom and shower. Cabins have electricity and lighting; bring your own bedding. Deposit for Group Retreats is \$100; Personal Retreats \$50.

Q: How can I help steward the Refuge's resources?

A: If we don't already have your email, provide it to us so we can save on printing and postage. If you give to the Refuge ministry on a regular basis, please take the time to set it up through your bank's online bill pay service so we don't have to pay fees for online giving.



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