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Shepherd's Bethel update and prayer request

Our last big project for 2022 was the excavation and landscaping of the bottom land frontage and creek area for SBBM. This took several weeks and was a load of work, but in the end all went according to God's gracious plan and provisions.

Dave Lanham and missionary Aaron Houtz felled over twenty trees which we cut into sellable logs. I rented a cat excavator and began removing stumps and cleaned out and reshaped the 1200 foot of frontage road culvert and 1500 foot of creek, piling dirt behind me as I went.

Dave's brother Terry loaned us his tract steer and Troy and his son Isaac came with their Kubota tract steer, following behind me leveling and manicuring the area. What a huge blessing to have these very skilled men to work this project with me.

Kyle Wade is pictured with us by the Kubota. He operated the big cat excavator for a day and helped dig up some giant stumps.



Pictured on the back page is the finished project. We received enough from the sale of the wood to pay for the entire rental of the big excavator. I think I took over 70 logs to the mill!



Now, here's the prayer request!

The board of directors approved me purchasing a new cat tract steer for 2023. I have over 100 truckloads of dirt piled up by the creek waiting to come up to the housing area and redo landscaping everywhere. We have the worst lawns for mowing that can be imagined and need to level and manicure all of them. Plus, we are always needing loader work and leveling work that our big tractor can't finish. The machine pictured below will cost \$89,000. God has given us \$50,000 as a gift to put down on this. Please pray for the remaining amount. It may seem like a lot, but it will deliver far more than can be calculated over the years.



As always, thank you so much for sharing our calling for missionary housing!

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