journey update

SUMMER 2025

Paths, pastures, and planning ahead

While summer break signals rest for many, the work at Zeteo Community is in full bloom. The foundations of two homes have been laid, marking a tangible beginning to a vision long in the making. Beyond the building sites, God is illuminating the land itself—offering clues, confirmation, and blessings with each step.

A recent visit from the equine therapy team brought fresh perspective. As we walked the land, a massive oak tree – previously overlooked – emerged as the perfect anchor for a shaded pasture. Despite having planned the pasture placement elsewhere, the surrounding tree line and thriving grass for grazing further confirmed that this unexpected spot was better than what we could have planned. Continually God reveals to us that "we can make our plans, but the Lord determines our steps" (Proverbs 16:9)

Further along the property, walking paths designed for play and reflection are being beautified. Volunteers clearing the area a few weeks ago were stopped in their paths by swaths of what appeared to be poison ivy. Pausing work in that area for the day was necessary until we could eradicate the risk to our volunteers and future participants. As a team, we prayed that God would remove the poisonous ground from the spaces He intends for healing. When we returned to begin remediation, what we thought was poison was merely a harmless flora resembling poison ivy! We were able to identify some spots deeper in the woods but farther away from the spaces meant for healing. It was a poignant reminder: not everything that appears dangerous is, and what *is* harmful can be rooted out with care.

As we plan ahead we are focused not only on the building but the day to day life and

programs provided to the participants who will come to Zeteo Community. Trauma-informed, Christ-centered programs will help survivors of commercial sexual exploitation rebuild their internal capacity for trust, identity, and peace. The program we are developing is not passive—it's a transformational, community-driven process rooted in neuroscience, discipleship, and truth. We are working to cultivate a culture where participants, staff, and volunteers journey together. This is not just recovery—it's restoration. Because when individuals are restored, communities are restored.
We pray over this coming year that you will journey with us on the paths laid before us, planning ahead for all God has in store!

Leadership perspectives

We are excited to announce that the foundations are complete and ready for the construction of the two residential homes! As monumental as this is, after patiently waiting to see the physical structures beginning to take shape we are just as excited to see God provide the equally vital foundations of the programming for the participants.

When we observe how much care is taken to make the physical infrastructure solid and according to plan we are reminded how critical the unseen foundation of the restorative programming is as well. We are amazed to witness the seen and unseen structures taking shape simultaneously.

God's timing is perfect and his generous heart towards his project, that he began and will complete, is expressed by providing a community of people like you who share their time, resources and wisdom to make Zeteo Community a place for many to find healing and hope. And for that we are extremely grateful.

With love,
Kenton and Marlene

Community time and family fun this August – Join us!

Coming up on **Saturday, August 9th** we will be hosting our VERY FIRST Zeteo Community family fun event. This will be a time for fun, fellowship and (of course) food! Beginning with a "park crawl" along the bike path at 9:30 am, we will make our way to Winnequah Park for a potluck picnic at 11:30 am. If biking or walking isn't your thing, you can simply join us for the picnic at the park. Keep your eyes on your inbox for the official details and invites. Let's get out there and play this summer!

Thank you!

We are still sailing high from the joy and time to gather with purpose and prayer earlier last month for our annual Zeteo Community benefit. Setting Sail is the theme for this coming year, as we are pushing off into the wide waters of what is to come. Thank you to all who came and celebrated with us, and all who committed to supporting us with tides of faith. If you are looking for additional ways to partner with us in what God is doing on behalf of survivors here in Dane County and beyond, head to our website to see how you get in the boat with us!

"...to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness..." Isaiah 61:3

Journey Update connects you to the mission of Zeteo Community: To serve women who have been sexually exploited by providing residential programming and a supportive community in which they are free to dream and thrive.

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