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Dear friend of Shepherd's Canyon Retreat Ministry,

Some incredible things that have happened at Shepherd's Canyon and it's your fault. ©

- 1. A pastor on the verge of walking away from ministry found renewed hope.
 - Your generosity provided a safe space for him to rest, heal, and hear God's voice again.
- 2. A couple in ministry rediscovered their love for each other.
 - o Because of you, they left their retreat with their marriage—and their calling—restored.
- 3. A missionary couple experienced healing after years of burnout.
 - Your support allowed them to process their struggles with professional counselors.
- 4. A retreat participant finally got a full night's sleep.
 - Sounds simple, but for someone carrying years of stress and exhaustion, it was life-changing.
- 5. Tears of exhaustion turned into tears of joy.
 - o Because of your generosity, participants have a place where they can let go of their burdens.
- 6. Laughter echoed across the retreat center.
 - My wife and I heard a group of church workers belly-laugh together and it's your fault!
- 7. God's Word was opened, and hearts were restored.
 - o Every retreat is centered on Scripture, and your gifts make that possible.
- 8. A burned-out ministry leader returned home with fresh energy.
 - o Their church and community now have a leader who is whole, renewed, and ready to serve again.
- 9. Our team was able to say "yes" to someone who needed help.
 - o No one has been turned away because of financial need. Your giving makes that possible.
- 10. More leaders are still in ministry today because of you.
 - Your generosity is ensuring that churches, ministries, and communities continue to be led by healthy, restored shepherds.

In reality, of course, God is the One who makes this all possible, but you are the one who said "**Yes**" when you felt the prompting of the Holy Spirit to give with a grateful heart.

"I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth." 1 Corinthians 3:6

Because of Jesus' death and resurrection, we have new life, restoration, and hope. That's what Shepherd's Canyon is all about, and you have been part of bringing that resurrection hope to ministry leaders who need time set apart to be reminded of all God has done and will do. Lives are being changed and more leaders are remaining in their calling. Thank you for helping us "plant" and "water."

What will God do with the gift you send today?

Happy Easter! Christ is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

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