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SMALL THINGS

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When a person comes to Haven Acres, one of the first things he/she sees is the paddock of Max, the big black Percheron draft horse and the small, timid, blotchy white **miniature mule named Zacchaeus**. When Zacchaeus first came to Haven Acres he was very fearful and could be found hiding behind Max if anyone came near. No one could get close to him. However, in his time at Haven Acres, he has **endeared himself** to all of us!

Quite possibly the next animal the visitor would likely see would be the little, independent, pregnant-looking pygmy goat named Gabby. She goes where she wants, when she wants. **No fence can keep her contained!** However, she struck a boundary one day when she confidently followed me into one of the horse paddocks. For a few minutes she moved steadily forward, ears flopping as she walked, until two of the geldings spotted her, decided they did not want the little goat on their turf, and took off after her full speed ahead. I worried Gabby's little legs would not carry her back to safety before it was too late, but she hurriedly squeezed between the gate and the fence post and exited their paddock **just in the nick of time!**

The chickens are possibly the smallest animals at the ranch. Egg laying hens can be found wandering around the ranch, pecking at the dirt searching for insects and bugs or fluffing their feathers as they take a dust bath in the barn. Though they **may not be the main attraction**, you'd be mistaken if you assume the chickens go unnoticed. Not only do they provide wonderful home-grown eggs, but many a child can be found squealing with delight as they take on the challenge of attempting to catch a chicken, darting this way and that through the long pasture grass.

Each of these animals **have their own place at Haven Acres** and add to the **merry atmosphere** of the ranch. Most of us look for them each time we come. We enjoy the presence of the smaller animals just as much as the big horses.

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“Never doubt God’s mighty power to work in you . . . He will achieve infinitely more than your greatest request, your most unbelievable dream, and exceed your wildest imagination! . . . for his miraculous power constantly energizes you.” – Ephesians 3:20 TPT



The Bible says in Zechariah 4:10 that God asks, “Who will despise the day of small things?”

In 1 Kings 18:44 after the huge contest between Elijah and the false prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel, we see that God sent a tumultuous rainstorm from a tiny cloud the “size of a man’s hand.” Why didn’t God choose to turn the whole sky completely black with clouds and pour down rain? Maybe it’s because **He values small things**. Here are a couple of other examples I found.



In Matthew chapter 14 **Jesus fed an entire multitude** with a boy’s small lunch of two fish and five buns. When the disciple, Andrew, suggested the little lunch to feed the crowd, Jesus did not rebuke him. No, Jesus gladly accepted the food and multiplied it, performing one of **His most famous miracles!**

In Matthew 19:14 Jesus rebuked His disciples and said, “Let the little children come to me and forbid them not....” The Creator of the Universe has **compassion on the small, the insignificant, the overlooked, and the marginalized**. In His amazing sovereignty He can use the little things for His glory. We need only to have a willing heart.

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What has God given you? You think it’s too small? You think it is insignificant? Nope! When you put your small amount of money, your little bit of talent, your tiny bit of faith, or your trivial dreams into the **hands of the Almighty God**, He will make them into something great, something beyond what you could ever hope or imagine!



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- ▶ April 1 Volunteer Applications Due – www.havenacresmn.org/volunteer
- ▶ April 11 Volunteer Training Begins
- ▶ May 21 Spring Work Day
- ▶ June 6 Sessions Begin
- ▶ June 11 Bowling for Bucks Fundraiser