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“For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 1:6

IT'S A MIRACLE! by Dana Shonio

“May, 2010, I was diagnosed with lupus anticoagulant, a life-threatening blood disorder which causes rapid and random clotting. This disorder is what most likely caused the premature birth & death of our son, Joshua Daniel on May 8, 2010. About two months ago, my husband believed that God had healed me so I went to see a specialist and asked to be retested. The Dr. didn't want to do so because she said it would be a waste of money—once you have this disorder, you always have it for the rest of your life or death, depending on how you look at it. I insisted, so she agreed to retest me and praise God the test results confirmed that God had indeed performed a miracle—there was no lupus anticoagulant detected! I thank my Father God for this!”

## OUR FATHER'S FARM FOOD PANTRY BY BEV BUTTERFIELD

Every Saturday afternoon our food pantry is open to the surrounding community. When we first opened in April, we only had about 12 people come. This past week we had approximately 30, with people having to wait outside the door.

In the beginning, the people were quiet and kept a keen eye on us and on their children. They expressed their suspicions that there had to be a catch, that the food couldn't truly be free. We reassured them that it was—freely we had received so freely we give.

Over time they saw we were genuine and that we truly cared about them so they began sharing their stories with us. Now, some

are even allowing us to pray with them.

Another exciting thing that is happening is that some of them are donating what food they have with others who come. A couple of the ladies brought tomatoes, acorn squash, peppers and melons from their gardens. On a different week, a lady walked in and plopped a small box of canned goods on the table. Another lady came 30 minutes early one Saturday and helped us sort food and set up the tables and chairs. A volunteer commented last week on how respectful and polite the people are as they come—no pushing, grabbing or unkind words. He was amazed.

One lady who lives close to the farm was getting married at home and needed to be able to feed about 100 guests on a very limited budget. She asked if she could look for food that might work at her wedding. Last Saturday she spied some large foil pans of cornbread that had been donated. She was so excited. Her fiancée really wanted cornbread but she didn't know how she was going to make enough for so many. The Lord had a plan—He supplied the cornbread and we all rejoiced with her!

Many of the people who come tell us how grateful they are for the food and how much it helps them because they are out of work and money is so tight.

When Jesus lived on the earth He fed the multitudes. We may not be feeding the masses, but we are feeding the hungry.



*Dave and Bev Butterfield have served on staff since 2003 and are an integral part of Harvest Home. They are the house-parents of The Father's House, a home for girls and young women in crisis. They also lead the food ministry. Dave picks up the food from Whole Foods and Price Chopper each day. Dave also helps with our building projects. Bev helps lead the Encountering God Healing Ministry, which is a huge undertaking. Dave and Bev have laid their lives down for the love of the Lord! They are wonderful people and greatly loved and appreciated!*

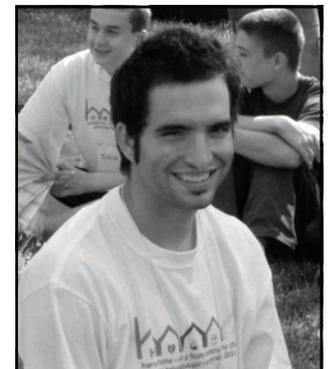
## A GOD WHO PROVIDES BY BEN SMALL

A week ago, I went into my bunkhouse on Our Father's Farm to get my belt. It was very worn down. I simply said, “Lord, I'm going to need a new belt pretty soon.” I put on my old belt and walked out. Dave, a fellow staff member, drove up in the truck. He looked over at me and asked, “Hey, Ben, do you need a new belt?” I looked up at heaven and

smiled. Looking at Dave, I answered, “Sure, Dave, I'll take a new belt.” He told me to jump in the truck and we drove to his house (he lives on the farm too). I told him how I had prayed for a new belt just minutes before. I asked him why he asked me that and he said, “It was just a random thought.” Dave went inside and came out with a new black belt. I asked, “Dave, is this yours?” He an-

swered, “No, it's yours.” The Lord recently provided me with tennis shoes, shirts, ipod and a guitar. I am beginning to get come to know and expect God's faithfulness, kindness and love for me.

*Ben has lived on the Farm for 18 mos. He left everything to pursue a deeper intimacy with the Lord and the fruit of his decision is tremendous! This outstanding young man loves the Lord and others with a passion. He joyfully serves the King and His kingdom. He is loved.*



Benjamin

## EQUINE MINISTRY BY SARAH BUTTERFIELD

Prince is a 15 year old pony. Holly\* is a very sweet and gentle 9 year old girl who has been coming to Our Father's Farm for over 6 months. Her favorite things are dragons, myths and legends.

A week ago, we were working with Prince. It was a perfect day—not too cold, not too hot. Holly was riding bareback as I led Prince from the tack room back to his pen. At one point, I decided to walk a little faster. Just as I did, the dog came running around the corner which startled Prince. He jumped and increased his gait considerably. Holly got frightened so I got Prince to stand still and Holly got off. I asked her what happened and she answered, "He was trying to catch up with you."

We took Prince back to his pen. As we brushed him, I asked Holly, "What do you think about getting back on Prince and riding?"

She answered, "Naah."

I knew it was because she was afraid so I asked, "Would you like to ask Jesus to show you where He was when that happened?"

"Ok."

I led her through the steps to encounter God by consecrating her entire being, especially her imagination to the Lord. (This was the first time she was willing to do so.) We then invited the Lord to meet with her there and show her where He was when she was afraid. After just a few minutes, she said, "I see the devil. He's poking Prince."

I responded, "Where's Jesus?"

"He's sitting behind me, on Prince."

"How does it feel to have Jesus riding with you?"

"I feel safe. It feels good."

"Do you want to tell the devil to leave?"

"Ummmm...no."

"Why not? What does the

devil have to offer you?"

"Ummm...nothing."

"Would you like to ask Jesus what you should do?"

"Sure....He said He needs my help."

"That means He needs you to tell the devil to leave. Want to do that?"

"Yeah."

I led her in prayer, telling the spirit of fear to go. Her countenance changed as she was filled with peace and joy. It was amazing to see.

In less than 5 minutes, she was a happy girl. Now Holly turns to Jesus instead of turning to magic for comfort or escape. Her whole personality is changing as she becomes peaceful and filled with life. What a delight and what a joy it is to watch the impact God has on the human heart. Just five minutes in His presence does miracles and I am so glad.

*\*Name changed*



*Sarah oversees our equine ministry. She also facilitates numerous God Encounter sessions with women and children who are seeking healing and freedom. Sarah left her career in 2008 to pursue the Lord and His will for her life. She has grown so much in her love for the Lord and is a delight and a joy to all of us!*



*Prince has been part of our team for 2 years. He's a gentle and eager to please pony who has a special love for children. His blond mane and tail makes him a real beauty.*



**MINISTRY NEEDS:** *if you can help, please email [rhonda@harvesthome.org](mailto:rhonda@harvesthome.org) or phone 816-522-9011*

1. Chest of drawers (3 white & 2 brown) (for Mercy House & the Father's House)
2. Bedside tables (2 white & 2 brown)
3. Dining room table & 6 chairs (for Mercy House)
4. Twin blankets and comforters
5. Kitchen island (or the materials needed to build it)
6. 4 large storage bins to keep firewood dry outside
7. Firewood

*The Harvest Home family thanks you for all your prayers, donations and support!*

### TRAINING MEETINGS

**Nov. 13 & 14** Holden, MO  
Our Father's Farm  
Encountering God Training  
Sat & Sun 9-5 each day  
\$40 reg fee (\$70 per couple)  
includes snacks and lunch  
To register or for more info:  
[bev@harvesthome.org](mailto:bev@harvesthome.org)

**Nov. 20 & 21** Holden, MO  
Our Father's Farm  
Tree of Life seminar  
Sat & Sun 9-5 each day  
\$40 reg fee (\$70 per couple)  
Includes snacks and lunch  
[bev@harvesthome.org](mailto:bev@harvesthome.org)

### SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

**Jan. 21 & 22** Topeka, KS  
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**April 1-3** Saginaw, MI  
church conference  
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**April 15-17** Alberta, Canada  
Cold Lake Community Church  
Cindy Steeves at:  
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### BACKYARD BIBLE CAMP

**June 27-July 1**

Every summer we offer children ages 8-14 a fun-filled week where they learn how to encounter God in deep ways.

The camp is offered at no charge so that children who would not be able to afford camp can have the often life-changing experience. At the end of the week, we have a big celebration for the kids and their families, which includes baptisms.

*Please feel free to invite your unsaved friends and neighbors.*

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