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Dear Friends,

Danny and I are thrilled with all that our Father is doing on the farm! We've had three new girls join our farm family recently and they are absolutely delightful. Our healing homes are full (as usual). We continue to pray for the completion of our Healing Ministry building, which will enable us to expand the healing work to many more girls/young women who have been devastated by abuse.

#### Building a Dream

We've also had two designated donations to build 2 more houses....one is the Shepherd's House, which will serve as a hospitality home for those who need to live on the farm for intensive, short-term ministry and staff housing. Pamela Frye has joyfully agreed to serve as house mother while continuing to facilitate healing sessions to many. The second home is the TLC house, which will be a place for those children who are not thriving in the group home and need a season of one-on-one, tough love and tender care. Joshua and Dana Shonio will be the house parents for this home. We are in urgent need of construction volunteers. If you know how to build or would like to learn how, please phone Danny at 816-522-9011 or e-mail [danny@harvesthome.org](mailto:danny@harvesthome.org) for more information on how you can be a part of this life-changing ministry.

The Healing Ministry center construction continues. Labor Day weekend (Saturday through Monday) we begin construction on the interior! We will be installing over 100 floor joists in this 20,000 sq foot building. If you can help, please phone Danny at 816-522-9011 or e-mail [danny@harvesthome.org](mailto:danny@harvesthome.org).

#### Sara's Testimony

Sara came to us about ten months ago downtrodden and hopeless. I now call her our resident sunshine. We all love her...

I came to the Father's Farm September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010. That is the day when God reached out and grabbed me. Prior to my arrival I was under severe emotional pain. I could not get past the pain and was on a mission to die. I was looking either to kill myself through drug overdose or some other means. Death was my only option because I knew something terrible would happen if I continued to live in such an excruciating state.



My mother was 16 and my dad 17 when I was born. Being raised by two adolescents left gaping holes in my heart, which allowed for many bad things to happen in my life. From as far back as I can remember until age 25, I was physically, sexually, mentally, and emotionally abused. My abusers were not my parents, but others involved my life. However, during times of crisis when I needed my parents love the most they were unable to attune to my pain and I grew up independent with the attitude that I could take on the world. At age 15, I got an amazing job working for a rental car service making a very substantial income. I decided that schooling was unnecessary. I believed I already knew everything there was to know about life. I dropped out of high school. I started buying drugs and began to experience happy sensations which numbed the pain in my life. My life continued on this way until I reached the ripe age of 18 when I learned I was pregnant. I stopped using drugs for the sake of my child. Two days before my nineteenth birthday, I had first child, my beloved son Luke.

After Luke was born, I devoted my life to caring for and loving him. However, Luke's father and I were still very young and very broken. We tried our best to make life work, but it is impossible to give what you don't have. We separated and I remarried. My daughter was born right after my 23<sup>rd</sup> birthday.

Outwardly, my life felt perfect, I now had a son and a daughter as well as three step sons. I was enjoying motherhood and doing all the fun things that moms have the privilege of being involved in. I was somewhat contented, but deep down I knew that things were not right and deep wounding and pain I experienced throughout my life began to surface. To escape, I began taking pain medication, but instead of things getting better they just got worse. My family and marriage fell apart rapidly and ended in divorce.

The pain of my past and present circumstances was so unbearable that I fell apart. As a result, my children were taken away from me and given to my former husband. I was alone, deeply depressed, and suicidal. I wanted to die and was trying to decide how to do so. It was at this point that I heard about Our Father's Farm. A Christian couple cared enough about me to make the connection and drive me out there.

I began having Encountering God sessions where I was taught how to perceive God. I found myself crying out in anger and desperation to God. I told Him that if He wanted me He could have me because I could no longer stand living my life with such brokenness. An extraordinary thing happened, I felt the Father's love like I never experienced before. He opened my eyes to the revelation that I had never once been alone but He was always there with me. God showed me that His heart ached with so much more pain because of the abuse that happened in my life than even my own heart did. I was astounded by the depth of His affection, desire, and delight I received from Him as I rested in His arms of love.

During my time living at the Father's Farm I now know that all the attunement, hugs, words of encouragement and love offered by the staff and residents are "kisses" from my Papa God. I have truly found where I belong and it is in Abba's everlasting arms. This incredible journey of healing and restoration has truly been more than I could have ever asked for, dreamed, or imagined. I'm so blessed to be surrounded in a community of other believers who love Abba and love one another. My dream is to intern at the Father's farm and be shepherded by the shepherd's as I partner with Yeshua/Jesus. I want to help other broken women and children find their rest, peace, and love in the Father's arms just like I did.

I give thanks to Abba Father, Yeshua, and the Holy Spirit. I also want to thank Rhonda and Danny for being such good parents to me and my whole farm family! I LOVE YOU, I LOVE YOU, I LOVE YOU!!!! Your Sunshine, Sara

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Learn how to perceive and experience God in a way that brings healing to even the deepest wounds—it will change your life!

Oct. 22 & 23 Encountering God Training (Part 1)

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