



Nov. 1, 2011

Today is my birthday. 54 years ago I discovered America. As I look back over my life, I am astonished by what God has done. As a child, I thought I was a nobody and always would be. I felt powerless, small and terrified of almost everything. By the time I was a teen-ager, I felt used up, trapped, worthless and hopeless. But God found me and in a moment my life changed. I am living proof that God can make something beautiful out of nothing.

I was born to an angry, alcoholic father who was given to frequent fits of rage, which was often directed at his children. He verbally, emotionally, physically and sexually abused me. As a result, I lived in constant fear of him. In the first grade, I discovered that other adults and children could hurt little girls too. My mother was a believer so we faithfully attended church. I felt safe there until I became aware that because we were not invited to their parties because we were so poor, etc. Desperate to protect myself, I retreated further into my shell. My entire childhood was steeped in chaos, anger, suffering and poverty. When I was young, I remember telling God that I wanted to be special—to somebody. But I never found that somebody. I felt alone and rejected and unwanted.

But that was not the truth. The truth was that I was special to God. He was with me and had a plan for my life—way beyond anything I could imagine.

Oct. 17, 1976, on our honeymoon, I asked my new husband, “If money was no object and you could do anything you wanted what would you do with your life?”

He answered, “That’s easy. I’d buy a farm and build homes for women and children who need help.”

I couldn’t believe his answer! When I was twelve, I asked my mother why she didn’t leave my dad. She said, “I have five children, no money, no job, no car and no one to help me. Where would I go and what would I do?” I ran out of the house and into in the field behind our shack. Sobbing, I told God that when I grew up, I wanted to help women and kids who didn’t have anyone to help them.

I can look back and see so clearly how God has used what Satan meant for evil for good—not just for me but for so many others. He had His hand on my life—He had a plan. And I married the right guy!

30 years later God made that dream come true. n Oct. 17, 2007, the Lord provided the money to purchase (debt free) a beautiful 347 acre farm. We presently have 5 ministry homes on the property with 4 more under construction. In addition to these homes, we are in the process of building The Refuge. The Refuge is a 20,000 sq ft home for girls rescued from human trafficking. This building will also serve as a school (for adults and children), healing, prayer rooms and a dorm for interns. Each month, our dedicated team facilitates more than 100 God Encounters\*. Some of these precious women and children live here on Our Father’s Farm while others come from surrounding towns. And God restores their shattered hearts, redeems their broken lives and ignites a deeper love for Himself.

And so it is, the Lord looked down on a small, Georgia town and noticed a poor, skinny, frightened little girl and thought she was worth saving and investing His love. And I, for one, am so very grateful!

\*God Encounter is a Holy Spirit inspired method given to Rhonda in 1988, which brings healing and restoration to those who have been devastated by life. Because these sessions are God-centered and God-led, the healing we see is nothing short of miraculous. And the greatest fruit of all is the fact that people fall in love with their heavenly Father.

## A TESTIMONY FROM THE GOD ENCOUNTER TRAINING

Dear Rhonda,

My family has been so transformed and blessed by encountering Jesus in the way that I learned at Our Father's Farm (the God Encounter training) a little over a year ago. My husband, me and our two adult children have run together into a deeper love for Jesus and for one another...greater than ever before. I would like to share of a recent encounter and miracle that we experienced.

My son has a 1987 Porsche, a gift from his grandparents and us on his 18th birthday 5 years ago. It runs faithfully and has been a delight to his heart. Recently, my son & his dad were about 40 minutes from home when they got into the Porsche and started it only to hear a loud backfire and then dead silence from the engine rather than its faithful sports motor sound. They called and we prayed together, standing in faith for the car's healing for about 3 hours. We didn't want to stop praying until the car was drivable or until the Lord released our hearts. That night we saw a partial healing because the car that wouldn't even turn over, started and was driven around the parking lot, but it over heated and stuttered and had difficulty idling. The guys safely parked the car and I drove down to bring them home about 1AM.

The next day, Neil and I drove down to get the car. The car started up right away and Neil drove it onto the trailer, but the engine was getting hot, fluid was leaking and the idling was rough still. We brought it home, our hearts straining and crying out to the Lord, believing that He would heal this car. The next day was Saturday, so Myron, Neil & I were home together. We got out a repair manual, but felt our hearts drawn to the Lord and decided to pray before taking any other steps.

We sat down together and asked the Lord for an encounter. Instantly, in my spirit, I was standing with Jesus at the Porsche. The hood was up and He was standing there in mechanic's clothes, smiling. I smiled at Him and said, "Lord, You're funny!" As I asked Him about fixing the car He asked me, "Beth, if you had plenty of money to fix this car, would you be asking me for a miracle?" I said, "Probably not, Lord. I'd just go get it fixed." He replied, "That's ok too". I understood that this would also be His provision and was acceptable to Him.

Then He asked, "What would you like...the money to fix the car or for me to fix it?" I exclaimed, "Oh, Lord, I want You to fix it!" He smiled and touched inside the engine and said, "It's fixed!"

I shared what I had experienced with Neil and Myron. Neil said that we had always considered these encounters we experienced with the Lord as holy and this one was to be considered the same. We praised the Lord and thanked Him and went outside to the car. When we opened the hood, Myron showed me the area where he thought the issue was. It was the very place I had seen the Lord touch! We declared healing over the car. Neil started the car, it leaked but the idle was better. He drove it off the trailer. The car was running lots better and staying cool. We then drove it a few miles with a cool engine and a steady idle. The next day it could do all this with the air conditioning on as well. Jesus had given us a miracle!

We bless you and Danny and all those at Our Father's Farm. We are so grateful for all the ways we have learned to love Jesus more and more through your ministry. Thank you so much.....Beth

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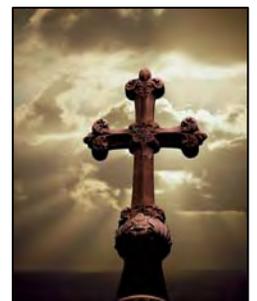
### OUR NEXT GOD ENCOUNTER TRAINING

Dec. 2, Friday 3 pm to 9pm

Dec. 3, Saturday 9am to 5pm.

At: Liberty Christian Life Center 572 E. Park St. Olathe, KS

Seating is limited to 150 so register early at: [www.harvesthome.org](http://www.harvesthome.org).



### A BENEFIT EVENT TO STOP HUMAN TRAFFICKING

**Sat. Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> 10 am to 2 pm**

Hillcrest Covenant Church...8801 Nall Ave....Prairie Village, KS 66207 (913) 901-2381

Purchase handcrafted items, baked goods, unique gifts, international wares and so much more.

Lunch presentations by: Rhonda Calhoun from Harvest Home; Mark Brende from IEmpathize (complimentary lunch provided)

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