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Dear Friends,

Danny and I want to share this God-story that Sheila shared with us. For those of you who received last month's newsletter, we shared a bit of her testimony there (you can read it on our website at: www.harvesthome.org). Sheila leads our equine ministry, which means she meets the daily needs of 5 horses and 2 ponies. She feeds, grooms, trains, scoops pooh and leads people into God encounters through interaction with them. And on top of all that, she is one of the house moms to the four wonderful teen-age girls who live on the farm. What a beautiful lady she is! Sit back, relax and enjoy!

It has been remarkably warm this year in Missouri; we've only had one light dusting of snow and some rain. Most weeks stay in the mid 30's or 40's, but this particular week in January when my story took place was in the lower 60's. It was a perfect day for a horse encounter with Kassi. I had facilitated encounters with Kassi for 8 months, and this particular day was very special. It was her first ride out in the big pasture! The sun was shining, the wind was lightly blowing, and the horses were peaceful. Kassi got Jakita ready and I got Shadd-O ready. We prayed for protection and asked the Lord to be with us. Once we felt His peace, we went through the basic safety reminders in the small arena and then rode out to the pasture. Jakita was very relaxed and Kassi was partnering with him beautifully, even though she was a little nervous.

We followed the fence line away from the feeding pen (where we saddle the horses) and then decided to cut across the pasture up a small hill. Instinctively, Kassi leaned forward, but because of nervousness she squeezed at the same time, which tells Jakita to go faster. I saw it and told her to pull back on the reins or turn him in a circle, but she froze and squeezed harder which means go really fast! And that is exactly what Jakita did! He took off at a full gallop heading toward the feeding pen. I started praying. Shadd-O and I took off after her at full gallop, all the while praying that she would stay on.

Kassi was bouncing up and down and doing her best to stay on. Once Jakita reached the feeding pen, he slammed to a stop and turned around to find his other horse friends. Not wanting to go for another wild ride, Kassi pushed herself off as Jakita trotted away. I rode toward her at full gallop watching it all happen and the only thing I could do was pray. When she fell, all I could do was think that I had to get to her as quickly as possible. I slowed Shadd-O down just a little, jumped off, and hit the ground. Thankfully, we both had helmets on and neither of us broke any bones.

Kassi got the wind knocked out of her, but I was able to get her connect to Jesus right away which calmed her down. Once she caught her breath, the first thing that came out of her mouth was, "I'm so thankful... I've never been this thankful in my whole life! Jesus protected me from getting really hurt!"

I was astonished! I could see from the Lord's perspective that the result of this frightening experience was the breakthrough I had been praying the Lord would bring to Kassi's heart!

We both walked away from the whole situation with bruises, scratches, sore muscles, and very thankful hearts. Once the adrenalin wore off and we were able to recover from that traumatic event, Jesus used it to heal both our hearts in deeper ways than we could have imagined. Later, in my God Encounter session, I asked Jesus where He was when Kassi was being bounced around like a rag doll. I saw a



picture of Jesus sitting behind Kassi holding her on while they both bounced up and down. When they slammed to a stop, I saw Jesus pull her off so that she fell on Him! The following day, in Kassi's God Encounter session, Jesus showed Kassi and Rhonda exactly the same thing! How cool is that! God has used that painful situation in so many ways since that day for both of us. He used it to bring us closer to Him and to each other. Praise the Lord! God turned a painful and potentially harmful situation into so much good!

Sheila Marie, Kassi and of course, Shadd-O and Jakita!



In Nov., while looking out the window of the Shepherd's House, I (Rhonda) had an open vision of a farmhouse with a wrap around porch. I suddenly remembered being a child and asking God if I could one day live in a farmhouse with a wrap around porch. I immediately heard the Lord say that He was going to give me the desire of my heart. Tears streamed down my face. I asked the Lord for a token, for something

to hold onto. I went outside and lying in the dusty dirt beside my car door was a brand new, shiny key. When I told Danny about my experience, he said that it would take a miracle since we didn't personally have any money. I watched as he taped the key to the fridge. A precious lady came for a visit and without knowing about the key, she prophesied to me about the Lord giving me a key. I smiled and showed her the key on my fridge. In a just a few weeks, Danny and I were given a large sum of money. They told us the money was a gift from the Lord because the Lord wanted to give us the desire of our hearts. Not wanting to assume that this was to be

used to build the farmhouse, we asked our accountability friends and the Lord what He wanted us to do with it. We felt like we had the green light and it was soon confirmed through our friends. The Lord soon provided a wonderful builder who is a Christian and because of the great weather, the house is going up faster than any of us thought. We are so excited because the farmhouse is right in the middle of all the other ministry houses! (The house we now live in is a half-mile from the ministry houses). Our present home will provide housing to a wonderful couple that will be joining our staff soon. God's extravagant gift is so much more than just granting a little girl a dream that she had long forgotten. It will bless so many others for years to come! "Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly beyond all that we ask or imagine, according to the power that works within us, to Him be the glory...." Eph 3:20-21a



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