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Dear Friends,

I would like to introduce you to Rose; she is one of the teens who live with Danny and I at the Grace House. Rose has been part of our family since March and has truly reflected her name. She is growing more beautiful with each passing day. She has a tender, compassionate heart and loves God with a depth that is rare for her age. She is delightful and is pursuing wholeness with courage. As you read, feel free to pray for her and the other girls living on Our Father's Farm. May the Lord bless you and keep you. May He cause His face to shine upon you and give you peace.

Our Father's Farm by Rose:

When Rhonda asked if I'd like to write something for the newsletter the first thing that came to my mind was where do I begin? Some people might think that it's just a farm, how hard could it be to tell about a farm? Well, that's where they're wrong. Our Father's Farm is not just a farm. It's much more exciting and different than other farms you may have heard of or been to.

My name is Peniel Rose Koth, but around here I'm known only as Rose. I am a 15-year-old girl who was adopted from Ethiopia when I was 10. I've been living in America for 5 years with my adopted parents. However, God brought me to the farm in March of 2013 because I needed help. I could go on and on about myself, but instead I would love to tell you more about the farm and what we get to do here.

Before I start, let me introduce Danny and Rhonda Calhoun. You should know them because they are not only the founders of the farm but they also have the role of making sure everything is running smoothly. Danny and Rhonda also minister to people on the farm and off the farm. Their dream was to have land so they could build houses and to take in people who were abused, raped, abandoned and hurt in many other ways. God has the same desire as them. God gave them the land so they can live out their dreams of helping others connect with God. By the grace of God, it wasn't long before Danny and Rhonda started making a difference in people's lives. And I'm one of them. They are able to help because of their painful life experiences. God showed them how to bring healing to their pain.

At the farm, people don't get counseling. They get trained in how to let God help them. God is able to heal and help people that couldn't get help even after many years of getting counseling. Now, I'm not saying counseling doesn't work, but on the farm God heals the ones that have given up and thought there was no hope. We get to know God more intimately, and also get to build a deeper relationship with Him.

My personal favorite thing about the farm is the people. We all are different, but there is something that knits us all together. It is a big community all filled with the love of the Father. Before coming to the farm, I was always in my little cocoon and I believe that I would always stay there. However, all that has changed because of the love and care of the people that surrounds me like a shield of honor. We always work as a team and build each other up. When you are hurting or you need to talk you can always count on someone to be there and to comfort you.

We all come with our own expectations and plans, but usually leave with new plans and expectations partnered with God. It is absolutely beautiful to watch God free someone from all the pain that causes them to shut down. Feeling loved, accepted and knowing that God really was there is truly breathtaking to me. Not only am I getting healed but also I'm learning that there is such a thing as being happy. I don't know how to describe it beside the fact that I feel restored inside. This whole place has changed the way I see things. This didn't just happen for me but for others who have lived here and are living here.

On the farm, we have horses and have encounters with God through them. God shows us things through the horses. And it's funny because I just had one of the best horse sessions I've ever had. It was very life giving and helped me understand what I need to work on. The horses know how to "talk" to people. They are like pet dogs. They come to you and are protective. They are safe and won't hurt us. I learned a lot about me through Princess, the pony.

I attend school on the farm. I like it that God comes before everything. If it means class is postponed, it happens. Everyone is helpful. Even the other kids love helping each other. It's not stressful. It's peaceful and fun to work on my classes. My teacher, Dianne, helps me know that life doesn't always have to be serious; it can be fun, too. I get to go at my own pace in class. Sarah (my other teacher) is helpful too. She likes to make it easy for us to understand. Larry (another teacher) is the encourager and always tells us we can do it. He's very life giving.

The biggest change I've seen in myself is the way I see and relate to myself and to others. Before I came to the farm, every time I thought or looked at myself in the mirror I would feel depressed. I hated myself and I hated the world. I didn't like to be with anyone and wanted to be alone all the time. Now I'm more relational and at peace with myself. I

love God and I'm getting to where I understand that God lives in me and I can live from the inside out. I'm no longer faking it with other people. I can talk to them and tell them how I really feel. I've learned how to have real friendships with others and to trust them and know that they won't hurt me.

The presence of God dwells on the farm. It is God's heart to set people free and restore their lives. Our Father's Farm is always safe and I feel protected here. The farm people always welcome people with wide-open arms. It's a great place to be.

Rose

Shay's Testimony:

I've been home for a while since the Healing Intensive, and feel it's the perfect time for an update. While I was away I grew very close to God and was able to learn how to listen to Him in new ways. Before I came to the intensive I experienced between 10 to 20 flashbacks a day of my earlier abuse. I have not had a single flashback since being home from the program! I knew intuitively that my healing would not impress me until I went through a time of great stress and see how I respond. The time of great stress is here and I am not rattled by it. In fact, my husband is in shock. He doesn't know how to deal with me now that I'm fully present, far less emotional, able to communicate about money without shutting down, and capable of helping him instead of always needing help! He's been telling me that he can't continue blaming me for his issues anymore and is going to have to take more responsibility for his reactions in our relationship and in his own life. I don't know what to say to him, other than rejoice that the healing I've experienced is in fact REAL!

I once was tormented both day and night, incapable of living in the present and afraid of the future. Now, I am free when I rest and when I wake, through fire and through calm. I look forward to my future on earth and in heaven with joy and no longer as a way to escape this life. And all the glory, honor, thanks, and praise be unto my King and Beloved Jesus my Christ.

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2013 CALENDAR:

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- Sept. 6 & 7 Encountering God Seminar
- Nov. 8 & 9 Encountering God Seminar

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- Oct. 5-11 Advanced Facilitator Training

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- July 11-Aug 1 Healing Teen Intensive (full)
- Sept. 5-26 Healing Intensive

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