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Dear Friends,

Life on the farm is so very good—a real testimony of the love God has for His children—such extravagant love and mercy and joy! If that wasn't true and wasn't manifest in our daily lives we couldn't do what we do. His grace truly is sufficient.

We are excited to be able to invite you to join us on Our Father's Farm on Aug. 17 from 1pm to 5 pm for a fascinating brain seminar taught by Dr. Arlene Taylor. To learn more or to register, visit our website: www.harvesthome.org or email Sheila at: sheila.mullinax@harvesthome.org

Arlene R. Taylor PhD, one of the world's leading speakers on brain function, is sometimes referred to as the brain guru. She specializes in simplifying this complex topic of brain function, with the goal of helping individuals learn to thrive by design. Dr. Taylor has spoken to thousands of people at conferences internationally. She is a sought-after charismatic speaker who presents practical brain function information in entertaining, educational, and empowering ways.

The following is a story written by one of our girls when she first arrived on Our Father's Farm. It so clearly described the pain, fear and suffering these girls feel.

My Story:

“Heavy laden, once a slave now freedom calls. But chains hold on. I try to stand but the weight of yesterday keeps pulling me down. Invisible cell bars fill my memories, shadows of my past. Taunting men circle around me. Open arms offering hope are in front of me while grasping hands hold me from behind. A battle rages for my life—safety in my cell versus the fear of the unknown.

My name is called from every side. My master calls from behind me with taunts, threats and fear. I pace in my cell of self-protection feeling alone and fearful. The weight of the decision I must make would crush some. It would seem easy to others. Can I face a life of supposed freedom with my past facing me every day? Is it even possible to live free? I know I want out; no more beatings or waking up to rape. But to be free means I must let people in. Would I simply be trading one master for another? Are the ones who offer hope true as they say? Or will they use me for their gain?

Once a child but now a slave. Once pure, but now defiled daily. They used to call me a beautiful girl, now they call me a slut. They speak judgments that isn't theirs to make. I was pure, my life wasn't chosen—it was forced on me. I may say yes to physically leaving, I ask myself if it can be done mentally and emotionally. Can I move past the games and sales? Can I live a life I used to dream of? A life of grace and peace and joy. Is it possible for someone like me?

The mirage of the door must disappear—if I am to escape. I must stand tall and speak the truth. I am not a victim, but a survivor. I am not poor of heart, but great in value. The past wasn't my decision to make, but the future is.

Every day that I live without the beatings, everyday without being raped, is a day I learn to breathe again. One day, I will truly be free—free in spirit, soul and body. I am free to surrender the past and take the hand of the One the bearers of hope spoke of. The One who is hope, the One who is kind. He was a Man and He gave His life for me. He is a Man who does not use me. A Man they call Yeshua. I am now free to fall in love and let Him heal the wounds and scars made by the chains that once held me.

I am no longer bound with chains of defeat, chains that held me down and kept me in prison. Now the chains in my heart are being broken. And my life is being restored. Because He cares for all, slave and free. Abuser and abused the bound will be free one day. And we will all dance with a King who is kind, who loves so well, a King who stopped for us and kissed us with mercy. We will find refuge from our captives and rest in His shade. We will be free, free in body, free in spirit, free to fall in love. We will grow in strength, little by little. And one day, we will be a shelter for others. We will rise up and find our voice. We will be free.

SAVE THE DATE:

Rhonda Calhoun will be teaching the life-changing Tree of Life seminar in Olathe, KS on Aug 9-10!

Location: Liberty Christian Life Center 572 E. Park St, Olathe, KS. 913-764-4359

I want to thank all involved for the Encountering God training last week. I loved how the mixture of testimony, scripture and scientific information swirled around the concept to train and validate the process. I learned so much.

I too am very visual and in the past have had God encounters in my imagination. He has met me at His cross, in beautiful fields, and in heaven. He's picked me up and cradled me, placed me in His lap and stood behind me and instructed me to command demonic activity to leave me. I don't believe I've ever looked Him in the eyes. He has been a hand, a figure, an array of massive light but I've always known His presence. I suspected I was creating these encounters, making them up in my mind.

Rhonda made so many points validating what I've experienced! I often would come out of these encounters asking, "Am I crazy?" I always thought I don't think my mind could've made this up! I have often started the scene in my mind and God takes it over. I've asked Him to show Himself to me, to open my eyes and ears, and He's been faithful. Thank you for helping me see it.

I have been blessing my family's spirit since I returned home. It's such a wonderful battle technique for our families who live in a toxic culture. Thank you so much for sharing your story and experiences. You've blessed me and my family and I hope to bless others in Cincinnati! Donna

2013 CALENDAR:

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ENCOUNTERING GOD TRAINING SEMINARS (men & women) Friday & Saturday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Learn how to encounter God in ways that not only bring healing and deliverance, but also produces an intimate relationship with Him. Register online at www.harvesthome.org (registration closes when we reach our seating capacity of 75)

- Sept. 6 & 7 Encountering God Seminar

ADVANCED FACILITATOR TRAINING (for men & women)

Room and board are provided on Our Father's Farm while you go through intense training, which equips you to facilitate Encountering God sessions. You must have attended an Encountering God Training Seminar in order to attend. Registration is limited to 20. For more information or to request an application email: sheila.mullinax@harvesthome.org

- Oct. 4-11 Advanced Facilitator Training

HEALING INTENSIVES: (an intense immersion into the heart of God) For women only...sorry guys.

Room and board is provided while you go through classes and various inner healing ministries on Our Father's Farm. Registration is limited. For more information or to receive an application, please email: sheila.mullinax@harvesthome.org

- Sept. 5-26 Healing Intensive (full)

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