



September 2013

Dear Friends,

September 25 is Harvest Home's 18th birthday. God has done so much more than we ever thought possible. He's partnered with us in ways that still amaze us and has exceeded any dreams or expectations we have ever had.

A Note From Lauren, a young lady who just graduated from our healing program:

This has been a year of breakthrough in freedom and creativity. This year I learned to share, to love, to give, to forgive, to fight for freedom and to let go of the past. Beauty for ashes has gone from a dream to a reality. I went low and I fell in love with God! I learned to choose joy in the midst of pain. I learned how to maintain an unoffended heart and how to return to joy quickly. I have been able to create again and to love again. I have been freed from a prison of self-hatred and torment. One of my areas of responsibility while living on the farm was pulling weeds. As I did that, God showed me the weeds growing in my heart. I also captured and destroyed the vicious bugs in the garden as God helped me catch the little foxes in my heart. I was able to create beautiful pieces of art as God helped me see the beauty in His heart, in His eyes, and the beauty in me. Danny and Rhonda, the hardest part of your "job" must be when you have to say, "I'm sorry, but we don't have any room." I feel deeply honored that you said yes to me. What an amazing dream come true. Thank you for giving me the tools for healing and freedom. Thank you for friendship and for taking me in as part of your farm family. Thank you for the love, for the words of encouragement and the hugs. Thank you for being my biggest cheerleaders as I fought for freedom. You will never know how much your words of encouragement have meant to me. This is really a farm where dreams come true!

ANOTHER TESTIMONY

I can hardly talk about the farm without crying!! These people had a dream-had a vision and not only are they right in the midst of God's will- but they are fulfilling the call on their life so that others can fulfill theirs. God did such a work in me from the inside out!! I am closer to God more now than ever in my life. I have tools to help me overcome the past, the present and things that may try to ruin me in the future!! Satan is such a liar and only gets as much power as we are willing to give him. The classes were phenomenal (just now learning boundaries at the age 50), the people were transparent as they were the hands and feet of Jesus in action & the God Encounters moved me closer to the Lord. Very practical and much needed. One thing God really showed me was that he just wanted to spend time with me. It was like I was an only child (His only child at that). I did not have to give him anything nor did I need to perform. I just needed to receive His love. He loves me for me and he was teaching me to trust him at a whole new level. Thank you Rhonda, Danny and the staff for being there for me at such a critical time in my life. God not only prepared me while I was there, but He prepared me for the many storms that came my way after staying at the farm. I feel like you have all given me tools to help me overcome everyday obstacles and THANK YOU for loving me back to health. Hope to see you all soon! You are in my prayers-Keep doing what you are doing-it is working! Love you!! Debi.

In honor of Harvest Home's birthday, Danny and I want to share with you a "snapshot" of some of the most heroic people we know—the Harvest Home staff, people who have laid down everything in order to help bring about transformation in the lives of others. They have chosen the lowest place and done so with great joy and amazing grace. Meet our dear friends and fellow laborers:

- Fred & Barb: this couple served by our side in Kansas City almost from the beginning of Harvest Home. This couple sold their home in the city and bought adjoining property to the farm where they built a house. Fred helps with construction while Barb serves as a facilitator and intercessor in many God Encounter sessions.
- Dave & Bev: this amazing couple retired from construction work and settled down to enjoy their newfound freedom. They soon volunteered to join our homeless team where they poured out the love of God in an extravagant way. It wasn't long before they were leading the homeless team. When we purchased the farm they were the first to leave the city and join us in the middle of a bunch of cows, dirt roads and endless fields.

- Pamela: for ten years, Pamela has served by our side. She faithfully ministers to her Beloved King as she helps shepherd those living on the farm and she has done so through many storms. With a kind word and a gentle touch, she helps lead those in need to find healing and hope. What a gifted lady she is with an amazing heart!
- Joshua and Dana: this young couple have led the charge by taking in children as young as 9. They are the house parents in the TLC house (Tough Love and Care). With God’s help, they have seen miraculous transformation in the lives of the children. What great lovers of God and people they are!
- Sarah B: this beautiful young lady started out feeding the homeless with us. Once we moved to the farm, she didn’t hesitate to obey—such is her heart. Sarah does a great job assisting our lead teacher in our on-site school, the Hope Academy. She is also worship leader.
- Elizabeth: another wonderful lady who joined us almost 10 years ago as an intercessor. Elizabeth has been so faithful to pray and stand with us throughout the years. (She and her husband were the real estate agents who found the farm.) Not long after, she and her husband purchased property adjoining the farm and became our neighbors. Elizabeth has a gift of faith and has a deep love for God and others.
- Marv and Mim: this precious couple (at the lovely age of 80 and 83) brings much wisdom and years of life experiences to the farm. After pastoring nearly 60 years, they retired only to follow the leading of the Lord to move to the farm where they “work” hard at loving old and young. This couple is a joy and delight and we are so thankful that the Lord would share them with us—His favorites!
- Allen and Denise: these two are truly a “momma and papa” in the spirit. They love so well and do so with such joy that anyone who meets them can’t help but be impacted. Allen oversees the construction of The Refuge building as well as joining his wife in developing and leading our intern program. They joined our farm family last July a year ago and what a blessing they are to so many!
- Jason and Ladonna: this couple moved here this past July with their four beautiful and *very* loving children. Jason assists Danny in overseeing the everyday operation of keeping a 347 acre farm running smoothly. He takes care of the sheep and the guard donkey, Cinnamon. Ladonna will be helping with our soap making business as well as her fulltime job of raising their young children and homeschooling. Their entire family is such a gift to those of us who live on the farm as they extend their arms and hearts to bring life, hope and joy.
- Jim and Kathleen: Staff trainees: this couple has such a servant’s heart! Jim will tackle any job and does so with a great attitude and lots of creativity. Kathleen has done an excellent job overseeing the Alpha garden—it’s beautiful and super productive.
- Celeste: is not only a dear friend but also the director for our gardens and our worship team. She leads with excellence and with a great heart. We couldn’t have a better person doing what she is doing for the farm family.
- Sheila: what a treasure this girl is! Sheila serves as my (Rhonda’s) assistant and leads the equine ministry. She serves with joy and a grateful heart. Sheila’s prophetic eye and servant heart truly blesses all who come in contact with her. She’s a true lover of God and others!
- Kelly: is faithful and true—through and through. Her love for the Lord is seen in her dedication to the teen girls who live with her in the New Creation House. What an awesome young adult Christian leader!
- Sara: joined us desperate for healing and hope. God restored her heart and life and now she pours that love into everyone on the farm. She is one faithful young lady! Because of her joyful heart she is now known as “Sunshine”.
- Claire: recently moved from CA to be the house mom for our interns. She not only has nearly a dozen girls but teaches in our school and facilitates God Encounter sessions. God sends the best for the best!
- Connie: this precious lady lives in Canada, but spends six months of every year on the farm. Connie and Claire serve together as house moms. Connie has a huge heart and just pours out the love of God on everyone she meets. What a delight she is!
- Stephanie: first came to us in need of healing (like so many of our staff). As God healed her heart, she began to reach out to others. She is now one of our best facilitators!
- Interns: Brandi, Courtney, Chelsey, Danielle, Jenna, Katie, Kelsey, Mary and Sarah. We are so excited to have these young ladies. They have set aside the next 12 months to grow more in love with God and to learn how to minister to those who have been abused and/or rescued from human trafficking.

2013 CALENDAR:

Oct. 4-11 ADVANCED FACILITATOR TRAINING (for men & women) Intense training, which equips you to facilitate Encountering God sessions.. For more information or to request an application email: sheila.mullinax@harvesthome.org

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