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Where did this year go? I find myself amazed at how quickly time seems to be going. It's difficult to believe that it's already December and that we've been on the farm six years already. I look around and see so much growth and so much fruit...thank You, God! Danny and I continue to be amazed at all that God has done and is doing. One of our key words on Our Father's Farm is "change". Ever growing, always changing so that we can bear more fruit so that God will be glorified. What a privilege we have to partner with the Lord every single day! We truly are blessed beyond anything we ever imagined. Included in that list of blessings are two very special young ladies, Jordan and Katiana. Both of these young women turned 18 this past month and both of them are joining our internship program. We recently celebrated their birthdays on the top floor of The Refuge, which is nearly complete. It was extra special that their birthday party was our first official gathering in this building.

Jordan first came to Our Father's Farm when she was 13 years old. Katiana (also known as Kaut) joined our farm family when she was 14. Jordan has a beautiful heart that runs hard after God and Kaut's love for the Lord is so deep and strong. They joined our internship program so they can be equipped to help other girls overcome their pain and abusive pasts. Kaut and Jordan are two of my most favorite people and a whole lot of fun!

From Kelly Scott (house mom for Jordan and Kaut)

This last month, on November 15th, two of my favorite people in the world turned 18 years old. For the past four years, I have had the immense privilege of working and then living with these young women. Many people have come and gone from the farm, receiving the seeds that the Lord has planted in their lives. Few are able to stay, to let the Lord till, plant, water, weed, bask in the sunshine, weed some more, and watch something beautiful grow...and then do some more weeding. Jordan and Katiana have allowed the Lord to do just that, and I have witnessed the beauty and good fruit that is coming from their transformed lives.

Jordan was the very first teenager to live on the farm. Her bravery overcame her fears, and I watched as the Lord performed miracles in her heart through her encounters with Him. I honor her today for facing her fears and letting love win in her heart. I honor her for her fiery spirit that is determined to not let the enemy win. I honor her for continually laying down her will to do the will of the Lord, to bring Him glory in her life. I honor her for her willingness to learn, to hunger for God, and for her vision to see others transformed.

Katiana came as an angry girl who had never really allowed anyone close enough to her to experience true love. The kindness and patience of Yeshua (Jesus) has slowly broken down her walls, and she has truly gone through a miraculous metamorphosis. I honor her for trusting the Lord and letting Him near enough to learn *Who* perfect love truly is. I honor her for letting me, another broken human being, have the chance to love and protect her. I honor her for her determination, perseverance, and when given the choice, choosing Him every time. I honor her for her compassionate and merciful heart, and for her desire to share with others the love and comfort she herself has experienced.

Both of these young women are truly overcomers. They have overcome by the blood of the Lamb, the word of their testimony, and not loving their lives unto death. They are running the race with endurance and are keeping the faith. Being a teenager in the days we are living in comes with its own set of challenges. On top of that, the abuse and mistreatment of former years have set these young women up for failure. But the love and grace of God are stronger than anything the enemy meant for evil. Yeshua, the Savior of the world, has set His eyes upon them and rescued them. He has bound up their broken hearts and set them free from their prisons. He has comforted them and given them beauty instead of ashes. He has given them joy and gladness instead of mourning and sadness. They are becoming oaks of righteousness, planted by the Lord, that He might be glorified in their lives. I believe they will be a part of rebuilding the ruins of former generations and will help repair the devastations of many generations as they learn to partner with the Lord.

Jordan and Katiana have chosen to stay on Our Father's Farm as interns. They will serve on the farm and learn how to help others as they continue their own healing journey. I am so proud of them and love them with all my heart.

A note from Danny:

I don't normally write in the newsletter because Rhonda is so good at it, but for these two young ladies I must share my favorite memory of each.

When Jordan came to live with us, she had so much fear that she avoided me simply because I was a man. As the days turned into weeks, I watched her change and soon she allowed me to come a little closer. One day, she allowed me to give her a tiny little hug. Then as time went on she allowed me into her life more and more to where she didn't mind my fatherly affection. But my favorite memory is when I came into the room for breakfast and she asked, "Grandpa, can I give you a hug?" I cried and my heart was filled with joy!!

Kaut was a little different than Jordan when she came to the farm. She would speak to me, but not look at me. It took a little longer for her to accept the fact that I could love her as a father without conditions on her part. Eventually she allowed short hugs and spoke directly to me and dared to believe that I could love her. We laughed a lot and she has learned that I am safe and I do care for her. But the most favorite memory of her was just a few weeks back when she asked, "Can I call you grandpa (and Grammy of course)?" Again, I cried and my little heart was flooded with joy!!

A note from Rhonda:

My favorite memory of Jordan is the day when she was swinging and singing worship songs to the Lord. It wasn't long before the Holy Spirit flooded her and baptized her with His love. She jumped out of the swings and ran down to the chicken house where I was shouting that God loved her! She proceeded to preach the love of God to the chickens. A spirit of prophecy rested on her and she began to prophesy to us. I've watched Jordan fall in love with God. I've watched her face her fears and doubts and believe that there is good in life for her. I've watched in awe as she would get knocked down but refuse to stay down. She's truly a beauty to behold. I've been changed and impacted by her life.

I can say the same thing about Kaut—she has changed me and impacted me greatly. My favorite memory of Kaut is watching her dance her heart out in worship. She would choreograph a dance and then share it in worship with the farm. One day, I asked her why she loved to dance so much. She answered, "Because when I dance, I can feel God!" What a beauty she is! Kaut is an overcomer. She is kind and caring. She is strong in her faith (even though she's weak like the rest of us).

Both of these girls are remarkable. I thank God for bringing them to us. We are richer and better because of their lives.

If you would like to support Kaut and/or Jordan, you can do so by sending a check to Harvest Home and write their name in the memo. They are truly rich ground to plant seeds into. Your gifts are tax deductible.

I wanted to thank you for writing *The Invitation*. For my 21st blessing party, a friend sacrificially gave me her copy. With extended amounts of time during the break of my school year I was able to read your book in a few days. It has definitely changed my life already. It has made spiritual warfare more understandable. It has drastically changed the way I speak to Holy Spirit. What I really want to share with you is how it made me cry on my bed for a good 30 minutes at a time. I catch myself crying, speaking to Jesus in a way I never have before and *receiving much healing from just a few pages*. I love Jesus *more* because of your book!! You have blessed me so much. Thank you for all that you have done! Yours truly, Alyssa Rose

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