



Feb. 1, 2014

Dear Friends,

Your response to Suzy's request for notecards has been outstanding! To date we've received 173 cards! With such an outpouring of love, we realized that we needed to do something with them other than put them in a scrapbook. A friend and supporter of Harvest Home had this idea: *let's cover a wall inside The Refuge with the cards*. I loved the idea. We will call it the Hope Wall. And anytime anyone needs a word of encouragement or a prayer or a smile they can just go to the wall and read and read and read. Another friend had the idea of asking each person to include \$5 in each card to help with the expense of furnishing The Refuge. (The Refuge is a 20,000 sq. ft. building dedicated to training ministry leaders and housing young women who have been abused and/or rescued from human trafficking.)

In order to have enough cards to cover the wall, we would like to ask you to share this idea with your friends asking them to send cards with words of encouragement and/or prayers. Feel free to post it on Facebook and other social media forums. Please ask them to use a general greeting like "Friend" or "Beautiful" in the cards. These cards will be a gift that will keep on giving...for years!

Now for an update on Suzy. Not long after we sent the newsletter several things occurred that made us aware that Suzy needed more help than we could provide. Therefore, she returned to her parent's home and will soon be moving to a facility that can help her with her physical care and provide her with the emotional and psychological support she needs. She has asked me to ask you to continue praying for her and to please continue sending the cards.



Sara's Testimony about a good God:

On September 10, 2010 at 3:00 p.m., I arrived on Our Fathers Farm. Rhonda was teaching a God Encounter seminar that weekend. I had taken over 60 pain pills the week before. I was tired and was hoping that I would not wake up. But I did and then I found myself on a farm in the middle of nowhere with people I didn't even know. And I was having withdrawal from the one thing that comforted me—drugs.

I decided to give this place two weeks to fix me. During those two weeks, I got a little more clearheaded. I had a spark of hope so I figured I could give myself a little more time—a couple of months.

Before I arrived at Our Fathers Farm, I had been molested, raped, exploited, and battered for 19 years. My parents were adolescents when I was born; my mom was only 15 and my dad was 16. I grew up in complete dysfunction. I loved my parents and they never harmed me, but they just didn't know how to raise me. They were never taught and had raised themselves. So I was tossed back and forth between my mom, dad and grandparents throughout my entire childhood. My only refuge was with my granny and grandfather. I was safe with them and felt loved until the age of 8 when my grandfather molested me.

That was the first time my heart was crushed and my life spun out of control. After that happened I was sent back to my mom and she settled down with my sister and brothers and a new husband. Life was good for us and my mom was happy. She had no men abusing her. But it wasn't long before problems started because my stepfather drank occasionally and when he did he would molest and rape me. That continued to happen until I moved back with my granny. My grandfather was gone at this point but my uncle



had moved in. I was looking to escape from the pain locked up inside of me so I began to party with my uncle. Then he decided I could make him lots of money so he began to exploit me. Then he started to make meth. I became his human lab rat. I was only 15 years old at this point. This continued until I was 18 when I escaped. But even after I left he continued to abuse me until he died from massive drug abuse. My uncle wasn't the only one using and abusing me. I brought all of this with me to the Farm.

In December, I was listening to a song by Jesus Culture called, *Come Away with Me*. It suddenly occurred to me that God was singing those words to me and that He had a plan for me! He had a plan for me and it was going to be wild and full of Him!

I soon decided I wanted to stay right here on this Farm. I wanted to be in a place where I could get to know my Father God. I never wanted to leave His side no matter the cost. So I stayed.

I can't write my story without honoring Danny and Rhonda and my farm family as they've supported and loved me so much. They bring so many pieces of the heart of the Father to the weak and broken and they truly put us above themselves. They truly are a reflection of Christ.

Now it's three years later and I still live on the farm. I am more in love with my Father and His Son, my soon-coming Bridegroom. The Holy Spirit continues to nurture and comfort me. My dream is to live on this farm and give to others the life, joy and love that was poured into me. From child to the elderly, I want to help lead them to that eternal embrace of God so they will know the truth and be free in Christ. I am now in training to be a Team Leader as I help mentor the other girls/young women living on the farm. I am growing and learning and loving it! I am serving and living life and having fun—God's way and it's wild and it's fun and it's full of Him!

GOD ENCOUNTER TRAINING 2014:

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- JUNE 12-13 Encountering God Seminar
- AUGUST 7-8 Encountering God Seminar

BOOK TESTIMONY:

I wanted to thank you for writing "*The Invitation*". For my 21st blessing party, my friend Laura, sacrificially gave her copy to me. Then with extended amounts of time during the break of the 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 for me. 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. *Allysa*

Now on Special: Buy *The Bride* by Rhonda Calhoun and receive a complimentary copy of her newest book, *The Invitation*. To order, visit our online bookstore at www.harvesthome.org The proceeds help to support the ministry of Harvest Home.

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