



April 1, 2014

Dear Friends,

Danny and I would like to ask for your prayers for our family. Our daughter, Misty and her husband, Dan, have been diligently working to adopt another child (this is their 3rd) from South Korea. We fully expected for baby Tessa to join our family sometime between January and March. Due to some unforeseen circumstances, Korea has put a temporary hold on adoptions, which means Tessa is “stuck” in Korea. Will you take a moment and please join us in praying for a miracle—for our sweet little Tessa to be released very *soon* to come home?

Would you also pray for our other daughter, Dana, and her husband, Joshua. Dana is 32 weeks pregnant with baby Tobias. Her entire pregnancy has been a battle. God has done many miracles to preserve our grandson’s life already. We need another one. Because of complications Dana will be induced somewhere between April 8-10. Will you please join us in praying for the safe delivery and birth of Tobias? Thank you—so very much!

From Katie:

As I look out across the farm this afternoon I am overwhelmed by the extravagant love of our God. The more that I open my heart to Him the more I see His true heart of love and desire for me. He is yearning for His people to see Him rightly, to see His heart and be open to partnering with Him no matter what it looks like. On this farm, I am privileged to see examples of people who know beyond a shadow of a doubt that He is worth it all and who are laying down their lives everyday to see God's dream come to pass in this earth!!

My name is Katie and I am currently an intern on Our Father's Farm. I have a background in farming with animals, like horses, sheep, cattle, etc. I came to the farm to serve but also to accept the invitation from the Lord to fall more in love with Him. Since I have been here it feels like I have been on an accelerated course into knowing what the heart of God is toward me. I have been learning what it looks like to love others the way He has loved me.

Recently the Lord has been teaching me about being thankful. I used to get into situations that felt hard or impossible and I would spiral downward because I could not figure out how to look up and find the Lord in that place. This past September, the Lord invited us into a time of practicing thankfulness. At first, I'll admit I wasn't very sure what practicing thankfulness was going to look like, but I purposed in my heart to accept the invitation the Lord was giving. Sometimes all I can think to thank Him for are the most obvious things, like, "Thank-you Lord for the ability to walk, to work, for breath, for the fact that the sun came up today." But as I practiced being thankful for even obvious things, He was faithful to bring more and more things to mind. As I continued to thank Him I began to find joy again and I was able to return to His presence.

In November, the Lord allowed circumstances to be put before me that caused me to ask the question, "Will I thank you no matter what happens?" My dad called right before our Friday night meeting and told me that Jake, my 12 year-old Golden Retriever was spiking a fever. I have had Jake since he was 6 weeks old so my heart was really hurting. As we began to worship that evening the Lord asked me, "Katie, will you tell me what you are grateful for?"

I was completely astonished! It seemed impossible to thank Him at that time. After a few minutes, I quietly asked Him to please help me be grateful. Of course He did, and even though it was hard, I began to thank Him for His goodness, His grace, His faithfulness to Jake and I and more as they came to mind. Eventually I was able to enter in to worship and even forget for a time that Jake was suffering. His presence so enveloped me that I was able to say, "No matter if Jake gets better or not I will be thankful to you Lord and praise you."

As it turns out Jake made a full recovery, but before I knew that, I had decided in my heart to be grateful in all circumstances. Even though the physical situation may still be the same, when I face it with gratitude and joy, I have the strength to overcome it. I find that most things are easier and more fun to face with Yeshua by my side giving me His perspective rather than on my own strength! He has better ideas anyways 😊

I have also recently had times when I have been thankful and my physical pain left. One day, I was pulling something really difficult and my joints were very painful. I was crying out to God and asking Him to help me. He reminded me to be thankful in all things. At that point I almost laughed at the thought because it didn't feel like I had anything to be thankful for. He reminded me of Paul and Silas praying and singing praises to God in prison, and of other people who cannot do the things that I have the ability to do. Instantly, I repented and began to thank Him for my arms and legs and the fact that they respond to my brain telling them to work. As I began to thank Him not only did He continue to give me reasons to be grateful but also the pain in my joints went away as His presence surrounded me. I was amazed at His grace and goodness to me, even in the small things! We do serve the One who is always faithful and true!

2014 ENCOUNTERING GOD TRAINING SCHEDULE

Your heart will be challenged and stirred as you listen to Rhonda Calhoun share the revelations and insights she gained through her years of "coming out of the wilderness leaning on her Beloved". You will learn how the brain operates in relation to trauma and recovery plus you will be given life-changing tools that will equip you to encounter God for yourself and also train you to help others encounter Him as well. The fruit of this ministry? A deep, solid and intimate relationship with God that not only brings healing and deliverance, but also produces fruit that remains.

Encountering God Seminars: (Register at: www.harvesthome.org)

APRIL 10-11 Thursday and Friday... 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

JUNE 12-13 Thursday and Friday... 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

AUGUST 7-8 Thursday and Friday... 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

METABOLISM AND ITS EFFECTS ON MENTAL, EMOTIONAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH

SEMINAR SPEAKER: **Jacquelyn Sheppard** **Saturday, April 19, 2014 1-5pm**

Our Father's Farm: The Refuge building Register at: www.harvesthome.org



We are excited to invite you to a special event on *Our Father's Farm* Saturday, April 19th, 2014. Jacquelyn Sheppard, our friend and guest speaker, will be teaching on the impact metabolism has on mental, emotional, and physical health. Mrs. Sheppard is a pioneer in linking cellular metabolism to problems in learning and behavior. As early as 1967, she recognized that nutrition greatly affected learning and behavior. This led to a compilation of over 45 years of research related to ADD, ADHD, and Autism. Mrs. Sheppard travels all over America training others how to find healing for learning, behavior, emotional and health problems. She is presently completing a book entitled, "The Effects of Cellular Metabolism on Learning and Behavior Problems".

On April 19th, from 1-4 pm, Jacquelyn Sheppard will teach and answer your questions. From 4-5 pm, you will have the opportunity to hear from Krista Harris about a scientific breakthrough in health and a business opportunity that is impacting the residents of Our Father's Farm in a profound way. We have a passion for helping people and when we find something that is life-giving we *LOVE* to share it! Come join us and see if this is something that might bless you and those you love.

HEALTH AND NUTRITION SEMINAR

SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2014 10 am to 5pm

Vaughn Lawrence, Naturopathic Practitioner (www.spiritofhealthkc.com)

Our Father's Farm: The Refuge

(Love offering will be taken. Please bring your lunch)

Vaughn Lawrence is a Naturopath and Herbalist. Originally from the Kansas City area, he founded Spirit of Health, LLC in 2010 upon his return to Kansas City after living in Las Vegas as a health food store manager, educator, practitioner and consultant. Vaughn received his doctorate of Naturopathy from Clayton College of Natural Health and received training from three master herbalists while living in the Las Vegas area. Vaughn believes that God created everything we need to be healthy, but our world has strayed away from God's original design by creating chemicals, processed foods and synthetic drugs. Vaughn and his wife Jennifer have an incredible passion to understand health from a Biblical perspective. Jennifer Lawrence is a physical therapist, Pilates instructor and mother to their daughter Naomi. Their desire is to empower families with practical and biblical wisdom in order to raise up healthy future generations.

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