



May 1, 2014

Dear Friends,

What an amazing day! Our daughter, Dana, and her husband, Joshua, brought home their 4 lb. 12 oz. baby boy today! Tobias, which means, *believes in a loving God*, was born April 6th weighing 3 lbs. 13 oz. The Lord truly answered the multitude of prayers spoken on their behalf as we fought for this little guy from the second month of pregnancy until his birth. What a testimony of the grace of God and the prayers of the saints! Thank you to all of you who stood with us.

We have an update on our daughter and son-in-law's adoption process. Due to some unforeseen circumstances, Korea had put a temporary hold on adoptions, which meant little Tessa was "stuck" in Korea. Just two weeks ago, Misty and Dan received the papers alerting them that her adoption is now back in motion! How thankful we all are! Again, thank you so much for praying, and please continue until she comes home to her forever family.

Our Father's Farm continues to grow and mature and expand. We have recently been given money to purchase another property bordering the farm. That will put us at 363.73 acres. Just over a year ago, the Lord told us our tent pegs would be expanding. We had no idea that it was literal. We are excited about all that God is doing.

From one of our farm residents:

I was born to teen-age parents in 1984. My parents were also raised without parents, so this left room for lots of trauma in my life. My parents were never the ones who abused me; they just didn't know how to love me.

My grandfather and stepfather sexually abused me at an early age. When I turned 15 my uncle began sexually abusing me. He injected me with meth and then soon after sexually exploited me. To me, it was great. The drugs made me feel great and he would tell me how beautiful and valuable I was to him and to many other men. I didn't know then just how much I needed affirmation and attention and "love". My tank was dry from my childhood. At 15, all I knew was that someone was affirming me and complimenting me.

I remember growing up and hearing degrading things being said to me by my mom's boyfriends, other family members and even the kids at school. So when my abusers gave me positive attention, I clung to it; I craved it. No matter what the cost, no matter how many times my mouth, nose, cheeks and the rest of my body was busted, bruised and hurt, all it took was, "I'm sorry," or "You did this to yourself," or "You're an addict and it's your fault I did this to you," and I would stay.

As a result, I was consumed with shame. I felt like my captors were the only ones that would take care of me. I was basically married to the drugs and the exploitation of my body for the benefit of others.

I was drilled constantly that good women are loyal. All I ever wanted was to be good so I became determined to be loyal to my abusers so I could be a "good" woman. I had no idea how terrible this was. I believed that every person was like this.

By the time I was 18 years old, my uncle had fried his brain from all the drugs he manufactured (and forced me to make) so I began to dream about escaping. I waited for an opportunity.

Women and children who are trafficked go through a lot more abuse than the world knows. From my experience, it seems many people think of these women and children as drug addicts who get themselves in this situation. That's funny, because that is exactly what the pimps and abusers say you did—they use that to keep you in bondage to them. As a result, the victim stays locked up (in their hearts) and suffocated by the shame that is heaped on them by others and their own minds. And the truth is, all they ever wanted was to be loved, accepted, noticed, seen, believed, treasured, affirmed and cared for. Which is exactly what they want to do for others. They want to love and be cared for, but in that kind of life that is the last thing you really get. And the people who could've helped me looked down on me or pretended they didn't see me, which pushed me back into the arms of my pimps and abusers. I've often wondered why no one helped me. Was it because to love someone who appears to be shattered beyond repair is too hard or maybe too inconvenient? Or maybe they didn't know how to help or were too afraid? Looking back, I can see what led to my enslavement. I got hurt emotionally, sexually, verbally and physically at a very young age and there was no one to comfort me or help me understand. As I grew and my uncle flattered me and offered me a drug to numb my pain, I found comfort in the enemy's plan to destroy me and even welcomed the suffering. My past is terrible, painful and very sad—tragic really. Thankfully, my story didn't end there. I finally made it out, but a lot do not; they die in the hands of their enemy.

My story is mild to what some women and children have been and are going through. My pimp and abusers were family. Some are seduced or kidnapped by complete strangers and taken miles and even countries away. Now that I have been rescued and have come to know the love of my Father God and the love of others, I can finally see how what was done to me was evil and so very wrong. I now know and can feel and believe how loved I truly am. All I ever wanted was goodness in my life and I now finally have it!

PS. This beautiful young lady, nicknamed Sunshine by me, will be moving back to her hometown in a few weeks to be reunited with her daughter and family. She is walking in the destiny God has for her as a healing balm and beautiful light to the hurting and broken. We are thrilled, but very sad to see her go. But as she said so well, "You guys will always be my family and my car knows the way back."

2014 ENCOUNTERING GOD TRAINING

Received this testimony today from Kristen: "The truest gold at Our Father's Farm is God Encounters. I have told so many people that although I gave my life to Him in the 4th grade, and walked closely with Him to the best of my ability, God Encounters have changed everything in my walk. I believe I would have gone to heaven if I had died beforehand, but it felt like I met Him for the very first time in a God Encounter...quite honestly, I think I did! He leads us so well!!!!"

The Encountering God Training equips you to experience God in a way that far surpasses head knowledge. Not only will you learn proven ways to personally experience God, but you will also be equipped to lead others to do the same. And the fruit of it, you might ask? A much greater intimacy with God, Christ-like character is formed and healing happens.

Your heart will most likely be challenged and stretched as you listen to Rhonda Calhoun share some of the biblical understandings and revelations she gained through her years of "coming out of the wilderness leaning on her Beloved".

Seminar topics include but are not limited to: healthy brain function, attunement skills, destroying strongholds, and cleansing spiritual doorways as related to quantum physics. These proven tools help equip you to encounter God for yourself and also train you to help others encounter Him as well.

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

JUNE 12-13: **THURSDAY and FRIDAY... 9 AM to 5 PM** God Encounter Seminars

JUNE 14: **SATURDAY 1-5 PM** Seminar on Physical Health and Metabolism (see below) **NO CHARGE**

JULY 25-26 **FRIDAY AND SATURDAY...9 AM to 5 PM** (plan to stay Saturday evening for the following meeting)

SATURDAY the 26th from 5:30-6:30 PM Business Opportunity meeting: Health and Nutrition

(*AUGUST 7-8 seminar has been rescheduled to July 25-26*)

METABOLISM AND ITS EFFECTS ON MENTAL, EMOTIONAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH

SEMINAR SPEAKER: **Jacquelyn Sheppard** *Saturday, June 14, 2014 1-5pm*

There is no charge for this seminar.

Our Father's Farm, Holden, MO Please Register at: www.harvesthome.org



We are excited to invite you to a special event on *Our Father's Farm* Saturday, June 14th, 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 June 14th, from 1-4 pm, Jacquelyn Sheppard will teach. From 4-5 pm, you will have the opportunity to hear about a scientific breakthrough in health by which Danny and I have been GREATLY impacted, and not only us, but also the residents here on the Farm. The Lord told us years ago that He would bring us businesses that would help fund this ministry. We are convinced that this is one of those. We are looking for people who love the Lord, love to work as a team and love to help people. If that describes you, we'd love to talk with you. If you are unable to attend and desire information, call Danny, 816-522-9011.

Those of you who know us, know that Danny and I have a passion for helping people ("people helping people" has been our motto for over 20 years). When we find something that is life-giving, we LOVE to share it! Feel free to join us and see if this is something that might bless you and those you love and care about. (For more info *call Danny at 816-522-9011*)

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