



May 1, 2018

Dear Friends,

Greetings in the name of our Lord. Danny and I are excited to update everyone on some of the wonderful things that God is doing on Our Father's Farm. This past month, we were extremely blessed to have 25 hardworking volunteers from the South Bend Vineyard Church in Indiana spend a week on Our Father's Farm working from morning to evening. We were equally blessed to have board members, Ed and Suzanne Holliday, fly in from California to help oversee the projects.



Sunrise

The very first morning, we were all met with a blanket of snow and a breathtaking sunrise that looked like a strip of fire hovering over our snow-covered ground.

Here is a list of some of the projects that were conquered: installed tile in the very large kitchen and a bathroom in the Refuge first floor, tiled the basement of the Hope House, tore off an old roof and then put on a new roof of the Trinity House, cleared the thick overgrowth in the woods alongside the TLC house (we called ourselves the Jungle Demolition Team), painted the living room, kitchen, bedroom and foyer of the Shepherd's House, painted the exterior of two chicken coops, cleaned out and organized a number of large storage areas, helped dismantle our walk-in cooler that was in need of repair, helped decorate the Refuge main floor and collected 3 dump-truck loads of stone to be used in construction of The King's Garden.



Roofers on a much-needed break

That same week, we were also blessed by Jake who drove from Texas to start building The King's Garden. About 10 years ago, I had a dream about walking through a garden with Yeshua. He said we would build this garden one day. As we walked, I saw various plants with name plaques beneath them. I understood that each name represented a life that was healed and restored on Our Father's Farm. The garden had walking paths, trees, countless plants, a small bridge with a tiny stream, benches and so much more. For ten years, we've prayed and waited for the Lord to make a way for us to build His dream.

On July 1, 2017, Marvin Sweigart, the husband of one of our board and staff members went to be with the Lord. Marv always loved gardening so, in lieu of flowers, the family asked that donations be made to the King's Garden fund. Through the donations of many beautiful people we received \$3700. And as only God could orchestrate, Jake, a very gifted landscape architect, attended the memorial service for Marv and volunteered to help us.

Jake arrived a few days before the Vineyard team. We rented a bobcat and Jake went to work—even in the snow! For 7 days, he and Fred moved a lot of dirt.

During that time, we learned of a source willing to give us the 10 dump-truck loads of stone that Jake needs to build the garden—for free! I can't tell you how exciting this is! It truly is amazing to watch God build His garden, in His timing and with His provision! I can barely contain myself as I write this newsletter. This garden is going to be such a place of healing, restoration, fellowship and beauty plus it will glorify our Lord as a reminder that God heals even the most broken.



Jake and Fred hard at work

The King's Garden will be dedicated on Sunday, July 1, in honor of Marv's first birthday in heaven. (If you'd like to attend the dedication, please contact bev@harvesthome.org for more details).

What a wonderful and very productive time we had with our brothers and sisters in the Lord! We are eternally grateful to each one of them for their service and for the love they showed to everyone. It truly was a highlight of my year. Thank you all!

2018 TRAINING SCHEDULE

We are so excited to announce that our trainings will be offered on a donation basis. Please prayerfully consider partnering with us financially so we can continue to offer these trainings.

- God Encounter Basic Training is all day Friday and Saturday. This is the #1 method we use to facilitate inner healing and to cultivate a more intimate relationship with God.
- Advanced Training begins on Monday morning and goes through Friday at 5 pm (orientation is Sunday evening). This training is designed to equip you to become a facilitator of God Encounter sessions. This time includes daily bible classes, receiving and practicing the God Encounter sessions in a small group with a trained facilitator on a daily basis. Housing is available onsite for the Advanced Training. We do limit the number of attendees. Early registration is wise.

2018 TRAINING DATES

GOD ENCOUNTER TRAINING: July 6-7
ADVANCED TRAINING: July 9-13

GOD ENCOUNTER TRAINING: Sept. 7-8
ADVANCED TRAINING: Sept. 10-14

For more information or to request an application email: bev@harvesthome.org

TESTIMONY: Cathy Tilden: "I so highly recommend this training!! After 30 years as a Christian, this teaching has revolutionized my relationship with God like nothing I have ever learned! I am forever grateful to you and your team, Rhonda, for generously sharing this with all of us!! Continued, abundant blessings to you all!"

RHONDA'S NEWEST BOOK FOR BOTH ADULTS AND CHILDREN ***THE KING'S GARDEN***

The King's Garden is an allegory about a rose desperately trying to live between two boulders. After much hardship and pain, she cries out for help. She is soon rescued by a kind Gardner who brings her into His garden paradise. It is there she discovers He is so much more than just an ordinary Gardner. Under His watchful care, she faces her fears and learns to trust the One who is Faithful and True. The King's Garden is a story of hope and trust and love. It is my story and it may even be yours.

Dear Rhonda,

I recently read your book, The King's Garden, that you sent my dear friend, Beth. What an absolutely amazing book! I come from a very rough background and before I met Beth, I was without hope and ready to give up on life. As I read the book, I was able to make comparisons between the book and my life. I was that twig stuck between hardships I endured as a child hardships I endured during my adult life. The Lord came and brought me to His Garden and He laid me near Beth, a beautiful flourishing flower. The one phrase in the book that really struck home for me was when the Lord said, "Just love her and be her friend." That is exactly what Beth has done and been for me. With the love and support of Beth and her showing me what it feels like to be loved...and showing me what His love looks and feels like, I am no longer that lifeless twig. I have grown and flourished and am now in a position to help others who are where I was. It is my intention to order the book for myself as well as another friend of mine who I think would benefit from it. Thank you for writing such a heart touching book. I also have enjoyed listening to your Cinderella Story on CD.

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