



Feb.1, 2019

Dear Friends,

Greetings from the VERY cold Midwest. As I sit in my house looking out the windows at an overcast sky, a tiny hole appears and the sun immediately pours in its light. Breathtaking beauty! I stop to watch. My heart responds with worship. I think of the truth that we live in a time where darkness is increasing, but so is the light. And I'm even more thankful for the Light of the world. I have a shirt that says: *The struggle is real, but so is my God.* I see that truth everyday here on Our Father's Farm. The residents (both men and women) live here because the struggle has stripped them of their ability to thrive and some to even survive. And we have the privilege of helping them to connect with the truth that God is even more real than their pain, abuse, slavery and hopelessness. Day after day, God breaks through the darkness in their lives and shines with His great love, mercy and truth. It is even more beautiful than the scene before me. There is nothing more beautiful to me than light (Yeshua) breaking through darkness (our fears, sins, rebellion, pain, abuse—to name a few)!

The Light truly is growing brighter. On Our Father's Farm, we've been hearing this phrase for many months: *God is on the move.* We can honestly say now that that phrase is happening in our midst. The clouds are parting and the Son is shining on us. For the past 3 weeks, every time we gather whether it's 3 people or 50, the conviction of the Holy Spirit comes on us and people start repenting to each other. In 50 years of walking with the Lord, I've never experienced anything like it! We are all so encouraged, to say the least. It is indeed beautiful to see the humility, love and the increased unity among both staff and residents. No one is complaining. No one is in a hurry to go home. We even did a 3-day water fast farm-wide and the joy and unity we experienced was truly amazing.

God is getting us ready. God is purifying us. God is healing us. God is helping us unload our past and get free from the skeletons in our closets. It is amazing! And the fruit is all around us.

Speaking of fruit. Yesterday our temperatures dropped dangerously low. Cassandra was feeding the horses in the morning and noticed that one of our ponies was shivering. She let one of the residents know who has cared for the horses for several years. Juliana immediately went into action even though it was brutally cold and increased their hay, which helps them increase their body temperature. Throughout the day, she faithfully braved the cold and checked on them. When the pony kept shivering and the sun setting, she came to me for help. We came up with a plan to put two outdoor heat lamps in the ponies' walk-in stall plus more hay. Two of the young men plus Ed, the farm manager, eagerly jumped in to help. It took quite a while to accomplish their task. They had such a great attitude—not one word of complaint—even though the job went well passed supper time ☺. They were happy to serve each other and the ponies.

As I think about the early church in the book of Acts, I look around and see the beginnings of something very beautiful in our midst.

Acts 4:32-35 Now the whole group of those who believed was one in heart and mind. No one would say anything he owned was his own, but they had everything in common. With great power the emissaries were giving witness to the resurrection of the Lord Yeshua, and abundant favor was upon them all. No one among them was needy, for all who were owners of lands or houses would sell them and bring the proceeds and set them at the feet of the emissaries. And the proceeds were distributed according to the need each one had.

What an amazing passage! What an amazing way to live! True unity and love. It's been interesting to watch as the repentance has flowed so freely and deeply among us—the fruit is manifesting in greater love for God and each other. We are experiencing the truth of Acts 3—the refreshing of the Lord's presence.

Act 3:19 "Therefore repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord;

My heart is full. I believe John said it best in this passage:

3 John 1:4 I have no greater joy than this, to hear of my children walking in the truth.

A TESTIMONY FROM TERRI

Rhonda, I just want to share another beautiful fruit moment from last week. My Mom- with her anxiety- didn't decide to join me in watching the God Encounters. When I returned to their house Saturday afternoon, my Mom met me in the kitchen, exclaiming how beautiful it was to read your latest book about the rose/ and garden. She said she cried. She also shared that she sensed that others were praying for her (which there was a group of women in Cincinnati praying for her). I gently explained that she had experienced God and His Presence. What an amazing gift before her 81st birthday. I have been praying and praying that she and my Dad would experience God's love/ mercy Presence on this side of their journeys. Thank you for sharing your gift of writing so that others may experience Him when reading. Also, when talking with my Dad about my Mom's growing battle with mental torment, my Dad shared that he has noticed one change with Mom— that she is swearing less. I have been praying daily, applying of Yeshua's blood for several months.

2018 IN REVIEW

Danny and I thank God for the honor and privilege we have to spend our lives loving God and serving with the world's most wonderful staff on Our Father's Farm. In 2018, God brought us new staff members: Matt and Tonya, Brett and Cindy, Ed and Suzanne, and Cassandra. Four of our farm residents stepped into an intern leadership role: Bea, Bine, Brooke and Christopher. Several hundred people went through the God Encounter and Advanced Training seminars. Over 30 people accepted Yeshua as their Lord and Savior. Over 40 people were baptized. With the help of a small group of wonderful believers from California, The King's Garden was built. On Sept. 25th, Harvest Home celebrated 23 years of full-time ministry with the hurting. On Oct. 17th, we celebrated 11 years of ministry on Our Father's Farm. On that day, we received a large donation which will enable us to finish the construction of The Refuge. To date, we have 12 homes plus The Refuge. God has done it all and we have zero debt! 2018 was truly a year of tremendous favor and blessings! We thank God for His provision and guidance. (For more information, please call Danny at 816-522-9011 or check out our website at: harvesthome.org)

2019 TRAINING SCHEDULE

All trainings are offered on a donation basis.

- God Encounter Training is 9AM-5PM Friday and Saturday. Registration is at 8:30am Friday. This is the #1 method used on Our Father's Farm to cultivate an intimate, experiential relationship with God. These encounters with God heal the deepest traumas and transform the human heart. Light lunch and an afternoon snack is included.
- Advanced Training begins on Sunday evening with orientation dinner at 6PM and ends at 5 PM the following Friday. This training is so much more than equipping people to facilitate God Encounter sessions. The training includes daily classes based on biblical truths relevant to healing. You will also receive and practice facilitating God Encounter sessions in a small group with one of our trained facilitators.
- Housing and meals are provided on a donation basis for the Advanced Training only. We do limit the number of attendees also. To guarantee you a place, we recommend you register early.

2019 TRAINING DATES

GOD ENCOUNTER TRAINING: **March 8-9**
ADVANCED TRAINING: **March 24-29**

GOD ENCOUNTER TRAINING: **Sept. 6-7**
ADVANCED TRAINING: **Sept. 22-27**

GOD ENCOUNTER TRAINING: **May 3-4**
ADVANCED TRAINING: **June 2-7**

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