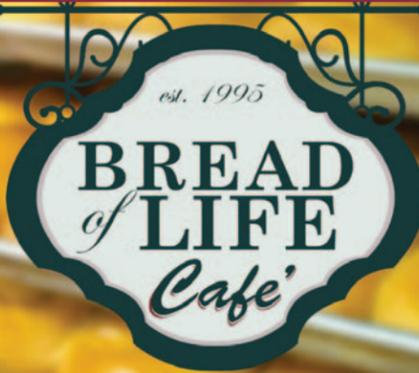


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- ✓ 13-Gallon Trash Bags ✓ Cleaning Supplies
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- ✓ Fruit Juice & Drink mixes (no sugar added)
- ✓ Twin Sheets ✓ Toilet Paper & Paper Towels

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I Am Thankful For...

"I am very thankful for my husband and my babies. I am overly blessed with my small family! And, also, thankful for all my brothers and sisters. Without Mom & Dad (Sandy and Jerry Tucker) making a way for me to come here, get my arm fixed and taking me into their family – I wouldn't have become who I am. I got to get a Christian education, become the captain of the volleyball team, and meet my husband all because they said yes to me.

"God has been so good to me! I have learned unconditional love from being at the Galilean Home and I feel like that makes me a better parent to my two boys. In any family there are ups and downs, but I love my dad and all my brothers and sisters and couldn't imagine my life without them, I can always count on them. There is so much to be thankful for – where I have come from to where I am now – I am blessed."

Dad's note: Ena, at age four, witnessed six members of her family murdered in front of her during a home robbery. Automatic weapons were used and Ena's arm was torn apart to the point of dangling by very little skin and muscle. She has endured years of surgery, and doctors still want to do more surgery today at age 22.



—Ena Tucker Lee, from Honduras
Arrived at the Galilean Home at age 5
Galilean Christian Academy class of 2010

"Today I am so thankful for JESUS being #1 in my family's lives. I thank God for my mom and dad, Jerry & Sandy Tucker for opening their hearts and for giving me a lot of brothers & sisters and many people who have worked at the Galilean Children's Home to help me to be who I am today. My two beautiful children Lakeisha & Dante and my beautiful wife Helen.

"We are so blessed to be a part of the Galilean Home. Thank you for teaching me how to reach others with love and kindness and to tell them about the love that Jesus has for them and to always be ready to have hope, faith and room for one more. I love my family at the Galilean Children's Home and that is what I am thankful for."



—Fredy Caballero, from Honduras, now in ministry in Castorland, NY.

From Dad's Desk... (Not my Cabin)

It's Sunday evening, well, 2AM as I sit at my desk reflecting on the things that I am thankful for.

One thing for sure is that I'm thankful for the arctic blast of weather we just enjoyed, as did most of the United States lately. No, I'm not thankful for the near-zero temperatures, I'm thankful we did not get any snow and I'm thankful right now as I look out my window at the thermometer on the porch registering a beautiful 62-degrees.

Of course, what any Christian should be thankful for is Salvation. I am thankful that my sins were forgiven at Calvary, that Jesus paid the price, was crucified, and most of all that He rose again and sits at the right hand of the Father to one day return for His church. If that is all we could say we are thankful for – it would be sufficient.

This is Thanksgiving week, and our school has the week off – creating a different flow of activity around here. I look forward to our Polish thanksgiving, that's "Po-lish," not "Pol-ish." As most of y'all know, Sandy was pure Polish. Her grandparents were from the old country. On Thanksgiving we always had Klups instead of turkey. Klups are Polish meatballs.

I am glad she taught our son, Zach, how to make them as only a Polish cook can. She also made some great homemade vanilla pudding.

It is so good to share Thanksgiving Day with most of our extended family. We always keep an empty chair next to mine where mom used to sit. There are always at least 125 of us. Some of the married children and grandchildren come, but of course some can't make it for one reason or another.

Thanksgiving will soon be over and Christmas will be upon us, which is always another big family gathering with a Polish meal.

I am eternally thankful for the 45 wonderful years I spent with the mother of my children, the only love of my life. January 21st would have been our 52nd wedding anniversary.

I am thankful for my very extended family. So many that I can't begin to add them all up. I believe there are about 65 grandchildren, give or take.

I am so thankful for my two precious, Godly daughters Becky and Jessica who were happy and willing to share their Mom and Dad with an untold number of others over the years. At least 1,200 children, not to mention the more than 700 babies through Born Free, have called the Galilean Home their Home – some for a longer period than others.

I am also thankful for the 32 adopted children, now adults, that Sandy and I were blessed with.

To say life has been a merry go round would be an understatement. A little dizzy at times, but such a great blessing to us.

I am eternally thankful for the Calling God placed on Sandy and me back in 1969 when we adopted Jeremy – 45 years ago. Little did we know what God had lined up for us. If we had known beforehand – we probably would have packed up and headed to the mountains of Montana. I loved the year we spent in the N.W. Montana in 1979.

I am thankful that God has given me the health, strength, fortitude to fulfill this Calling – especially in the past seven and half years since Mom passed away.

In myself, I could never take on the workload I do. It's only through The Lord that I am blessed with the virtues it takes for this task. In reality, I am a very impatient man. What better way to teach patience than an army of children around me constantly.

I am so thankful for all the great staff we have been blessed with over the decades. It takes special people to work with children, especially those with compromised physical and mental abilities.

I am thankful for God's protection and directing my hand as Sandy and I ventured out so many times to foreign countries, bringing hundreds back to the US for surgical reasons. I have been to Paraguay, Jamaica, Guatemala, and 65 times to Honduras (my second home.) Sandy has ventured numerous times to Honduras, Guatemala, Mexico, Nicaragua, El Salvador, and Haiti.

As I write this, I have focused on the good things I am thankful for, but in Ephesians 5:20 we are told to "give thanks always for all things." The key word being ALL, that means we thank God for hard times, lean times, and all the things that most would not consider to be blessings.

God had a reason to take Sandy Home and for that I am thankful.

If we only had thanks for all the good things and times in life, we wouldn't be any different than non-believers. The hard, rough, lean, tough times can only make us stronger in our faith.

The strongest trees in the forest are those around the edge that catch all the strong winds and storms. We, as Christians, are, or need to be like those outer trees.

I am also blessed beyond words for all those who have and/or are still supporting the Galilean Home. Without your support we would not be here – bottom line.

Some have been with us for 30 years or more with support. We have staff who have worked with us for 20+ years. We appreciate y'all more than this old man knows how to express with pen in hand.

Come visit sometime, and I will personally express my gratitude with a hearty handshake and a hug. Remember, I am always here as I made a promise to Sandy from her last words to me, "Dad, don't quit, don't ever give up."

I'm still here honey, and I won't give up. She taught me a lot about being bold, stubborn, and determined. I guess it was the "Po-lish" in her.

I will close by wishing everyone a happy, blessed holiday season. Love y'all.

Jerry

—Jerry, Dad, Papaw or Papa' Oso

P.S. We would be honored to have someone come and share about our ministry with your church or organization. Call 606.787.5120 or email quincy@galileanhome.org – Jerry is available on a limited schedule.

...and I Am Thankful For...

If it weren't for dad, I really couldn't tell you where I would be. I had, and still have major medical problems, but he never gave up on me. I mean, now, I have an education, a job, and even more than that – a family. I can't even really find the words to say how thankful I am. I was a little boy with a leg too big for his body and more problems with my heart and everything, but they brought me here anyway. I found out, not long ago, that there weren't even that many doctors that would help me, but dad found a way. I am thankful that he and mom listened to God calling them to help kids like me. I really don't know where I would be, probably dead, but definitely not living in America with a bunch of brothers and sisters.

"I know that there are a lot of people out there that have donated, not just to me, but to what The Home does that makes it possible for me to be here and to get the help I need – for that, I am beyond thankful."



—Frankie Sierra, from Honduras.

Dad's note: When Frankie came in 1998, we went everywhere trying to get a doctor that would help him with his vascular condition. No one even knew what he had, let alone what to do. It wasn't until I reached out to Dr. Warren Breidenbach, known for the first long-term successful hand transplant in the world and also had worked with a couple of our other children, that we found out that Frankie has Klippel Trenaunay Weber Syndrome and would need YEARS of medical attention. He is now 21 years old and will very soon have yet another surgery to help him to continue to overcome this disease.



"George, what are you thankful for?"

"Jesus, my heart!"

"What else are you thankful for George?"

"My dad . . . home, thank you."

—A conversation with George, from Kentucky.

Arrived at the Galilean Home at age 13. He quickly became our official helper, and still is today at the age of 45.

The more I reflect on how blessed I am, the more thankful I become. I am thankful for my friends who I have known only for a short time who have become like family to me.

"I know that I am fortunate to have people who support me, and that is nothing to take for granted. I am learning to be thankful in every circumstance, knowing that I have blessings from all corners."

—Caleb Stanley, from Maryland. Boarding school student, Galilean Christian Academy class of 2016.

