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Email: dshultz@galileanhome.org

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Counting Blessings as the Calendar Turns

It is always an interesting time as another year comes to a close. There are many that make resolutions and this past year there are even some that thought the Mayans had predicted the end of the world, come to find out – God is still on the throne and the globe continues to spin as HE intended as we "know not the hour" of HIS return. Life goes on here at the Home, thanks to continued, dedicated support from you and our wonderful staff and volunteers. If you missed anything over the course of 2012, here are the highlights to prepare us for an even greater 2013.

BUSY YEAR OF BABIES CLOSSES WITH A FLOURISH

The Angel House saw quite a bit of activity in the past year, 16 "new" babies came through its doors, but nine of them have come in the last quarter of 2012, including a fresh set of twin boys to go along with the pair of girls that are now walking around the Angel House. Most years we average about 20 new additions or so, but you sure won't hear our volunteers and staff complain about four less bundles of joy in a season. On that note though, we like to give credit where it is due and this aspect of our ministry (as in others) would not be able to do what it does without selfless, spectacular effort by the volunteers and staff that do the work that God has called this ministry as a whole to do and for that we are grateful as we are equally grateful for all of you as well.

For those that are new to this publication or our ministries in general, the Born Free Ministry cares for babies born to mothers incarcerated (keeping the children out of the system) and makes the trek to the prison weekly to have bonding visits so that when they get out – these moms get their little angels back. One inmate recently said, "I am so glad I chose the Galilean Home to take my baby." as she nearly came to tears, "I don't know where he would be without you guys, thank you so much."

300 WINS, COMMUNITIES SERVED & EFFECTING CHANGE

At the Galilean Christian Academy we have been blessed to have a principal/coach that truly has a heart for our ministry. Scott Jones has not only been a superb principal over the last 14 years, overseeing a curriculum change and implementing a boarding school, he also coaches our volleyball and basketball teams. This basketball season, with the sixth win of the year, Scott hit a coaching milestone and picked up the 300th win of his career. So, congratulations and continued success to coach as he leads our young men and women not only on the court, but also in the classrooms of GCA.

This has also been a year of firsts for our school in other areas as well, there is now a community services group called {LIVING}FourTen based on 1 Peter 4:10 "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." The students helped out at some local homes that needed cleaning up, sent Christmas cards to



Coach Scott Jones with Assistant Coach Merv Martin and team celebrating 300 wins!

soldiers, held a canned food drive, a coat drive and even prepared and passed out fruit baskets as they went caroling. Tenured teacher Michelle Tucker is the adviser for this program and stresses that the kids do projects that are important to them and also says they have much more in store for 2013.

For the first time, our students participated in Kentucky Youth Assembly (KYA,) a conference in which the students act as legislatures where they get to write, present and vote on bills that are important, in their eyes, to the state of Kentucky. These bills can actually be passed into law by our state Governor. The big finale for their preparation over the year is a trip to our state capitol to actually make their presentations. Our school won "Delegation of Excellence" while junior Victoria Graham won "Outstanding Delegate" and the team of Caleb Allen, Michael Tucker and Jordan Martin received "Favorable Mention" for their bill the "Freedom from Fear Act" which is to ensure the rights we have to speak on our beliefs, whatever they may be, in an open setting in a classroom. Let's hope that one gets put into law. Congratulations to our students and to their adviser, first-year teacher Courtney Atwood, for their accomplishments.

The Academy is in its 25th year and is a K-12 institution that utilizes the Alpha/Omega curriculum as its foundation. Our goal is to provide affordable, Christian education to anyone that wants it. We have just over 50 students this year and are taking applications for our boarding school program.

A HOUSE THAT CONTINUES BLESSING

If you have ever been to our campus and taken a tour you know what the Blessing House is all about. This is where we house our "very special" needs family members as there are 20 that take residence in what

Sandy affectionately named the Blessing House. The most recent member of the Blessing House arrived in early June and 12-year old Emily has lived up to the name of the place she calls home as her smile is a daily blessing to all who come through the doors. Of course, pretty much all of our "blessings" tend to have that effect on anyone they encounter. If you haven't experienced a Rosie hug or witnessed the countless smiles, despite their situations, of these "lil lambs" then you need to be sure and make time to pay us a visit and get your blessing by meeting such precious children of God.

This ministry includes 20 severely handicapped residents, with the 7 other "higher function" residents in another dorm, representing 13 states and four countries. Most of them have been officially adopted by Jerry and Sandy which is why we call them family members more than residents, these are the children that set the groundwork for the calling of God that is at the core of our ministries here at the Galilean Home. We are thankful for a blessed 2012 and excited to see what God has in store for 2013.

TV SHOW FEATURES GALILEAN HOME MINISTRIES

In November we had the crew from Horizon Media Studios (out of Florida) on campus to shoot an episode of their show "Revelations." The show is aired nationally on several different networks available on Dish Network and DirectTV and also on a few regional networks. Pastor Chuck Reich, show host and executive producer, along with his wife were with us for two days interviewing 20 of our staff, volunteers and even a couple of our students from GCA. A great interview with Pastor Chuck and Jerry is the body of the episode and as a whole the show wonderfully captures the many aspects of our ministry. You can learn more about Horizon Media and see when "Revelations" airs at www.hmsinc.org.

A few key airings to look out for: first air will be on WFGC (a Christian Television Network affiliate) in West Palm Beach, Florida on January 11th at 10:30pm. GEB America will air the show at 6pm on January 12th via DirectTV channel 363. The NRB network will carry the show on Tuesday, January 15th at 7:30pm on DirectTV channel 378. We will have an airing schedule on our website www.galileanhome.org and also on our Facebook page facebook.com/GalileanChildrensHome.

We have available upon request with any donation:

- A. Both of Sandy's books
- B. Our 30 minute DVD "The Story"



Incarcerated mother bonding with her twin boys

Dad's Two Cents Worth

Sunny! Sky so blue is nearly looks unreal. No, its not Hawaii – its still south-central KY with the thermometer reading 20 degrees – but on a beautiful morning like this its just as grandiose as any South Pacific, Caribbean Country or Island Nation. As usual, I am writing from the confines of my cabin on this the last day of 2012 and what a year it has been!

Weather wise it was a year that broke most heat records and drought was another force to contend with along with hurricanes. Of course, Hurricane Sandy was the biggest weather force to hit the US being that it hit an area that rarely, if ever, gets those storms.

But, we here at the Galilean Home rejoice daily for the blessings we have enjoyed all year. Yes, it has been a tough year financially, but God has always sustained and brought us through these trying times.

It was a year where my daughter Ena gave me a new son-in-law by marrying Jared Lee in the spring, they have settled in Russel Springs. I have a new grandchild in Sunshine's daughter Airlia, and my daughter Ebony went off to college and is playing volleyball at Cincinnati Christian. I am still living in our apartment and have not moved to the cabin although it is where I seek and find solace and peace whenever needed. Maybe, just maybe this will be a year I finally settle down.

We made a major change with our seven older girls by moving them all together into a newly renovated girl's dorm. We have been blessed with a wonderful Dorm Mother in Miriam Showwalter from Virginia who takes that role along with her sister Anna. Also, three new boys have taken up residence here as boarding school students. One is from Nicholasville, KY and the other two are my grand nephews from Michigan .

Papa' Oso (daddy bear in Spanish) is doing great, my health is as good as I have ever felt except for a few aches and pains here and there as most men of my age (72) can attest to. At my birthday in October, I had a lot of the children believing I was turning 82 and not 72. I told them I was born in 1930 and for them to do the math, some grabbed a pencil to do the math and said, "Dad really is 82, I can't believe it!" I finally confessed to being born in 1940 - it was fun for a while anyway.

If my health continues, I am strongly planning on fulfilling a life-long dream, well, nearly life long anyway. I have always wanted to ride a train

to Alaska, rent a car or truck and venture into the interior and visit Fairbank, but I scaled it down and am planning a train ride from Cincinnati, Ohio to Whitefish, Montana via Amtrak and rent a car and visit some of our Amish friends on numerous settlements in MT. Everyone says, "Oh yeah Papaw, you won't do it. You always make these big plans, but never do it." I guess, we will see.

I have made over 60 trips to Honduras since the late 80's, but haven't been back since moms battle with cancer began in February of 2005, for over two years she was very sick and I couldn't leave her and then after he passing, I lost my desire to go. But, that desire has also been burning in my heart for a while now; maybe 2013 will be a big year of travel for me. Conditions in Honduras are much worse with crime and poverty than it was in years past. Our economy here has a lot of effect on the condition in a lot of the "third world" countries.

I just ran out of ink in my pen and had to scramble to find another one, so maybe it's a sign from the Lord that I have rambled long enough and its time to end what I thought would just be a few thoughts put on paper so before I end up writing a book . . . Hey, maybe that will be my next big challenge. Mom did it twice; maybe I can do it once, why not? I could write it while traveling on Amtrak to Montana and back. Ok, children I hear you, "Get real, Dad!"

Time to close with a huge and I mean a HUGE thank you to all of our supporters who continue to keep the Galilean Home alive and active as it has been doing for over 35 years. I believe God has a lot more work for us to do here and I am ready and willing to fulfill what I can. Remember, only what we do for Christ will last.

P.S. Christmas day here was like every year. Everyone was here except for Fredy who is in full-time ministry in Upstate New York and was probably snowed in. The dining room was near capacity with over 100 eager eaters and as usual we had a typical Polish meal. Zach was the head chef and directed all the cooking activities. He used mom's recipe for meatballs (called Klups in Polish) and also her recipe for homemade vanilla pudding. Her physical presence was missed, but her spirit is and will always be with us.

P.S. P.S. I am available on a limited schedule to speak at your church or civic gathering about the mission of the Galilean Home. Call 606.787.5120 and ask for Jerry

I remain faithful,
Dad, PaPaw or Papa' Oso

Jerry