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## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of mature ladies (18 years or older) to volunteer their time in service at the Galilean Home. We would need at least a 3-month commitment. You would be caring for the handicapped residents as well as the babies in the Angel House. Please contact our volunteer coordinator, Dawn Shultz, at 606-787-4697 for more information.

YOU WILL BE BLESSED!

Email: [dshultz@galileanhome.org](mailto:dshultz@galileanhome.org)

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## You Can Always Come Home

Over the years, our place has been home to a lot of different "children." Mom always said, "Faith, hope and room for one more." Our founders, Jerry and Sandy Tucker always kept that motto at the foundation of what is now Galilean Home Ministries. We are truly one big, happy family and with that comes its share of challenges, but also successes.

Over the last few years you have heard about Abdul and his quest to bring his family here from Afghanistan and we recently reported that yes, he is back and his wife and son are now with him. We are so very excited that he has been able to have this permanent reunion and he wanted to personally thank everyone for their continued support throughout the process.

### A FAMILY REUNION, FOUR YEARS IN THE MAKING.

"All the glory and praise to God Almighty for uniting me with my family. We seek His help and guidance and we worship Him alone. Secondly, I want to say thanks to Dad for

sponsoring my family to come to the United States. We greatly appreciate all of the family and friends who have helped us financially, or with immigration paperwork that made it possible for me and my family to be united for good in the USA. Many years of waiting and dealing with immigration has become a very long and expensive process for us. Now, we are finally here, but without your help we would not have been able to accomplish this alone. We want to thank you once again.

On behalf of my family, I was dealing with US immigrations to bring them to the United States. I was informed by my attorney, at the time, that I must have a secondary sponsor for my family in order to bring them

to the US. I wasn't able to sponsor alone because I wasn't making enough money to meet the financial standards of US immigrations. I worked long hours at the Bread of Life Café but it wasn't enough. Dad often asked about how things were going with immigrations. Dad would often say to me, "Let me know if there's anything I can do to help you bring your family." Then, one day, I told him that I wasn't able to bring my family unless I had a secondary sponsor. As always, Dad went the extra

mile to sponsor my family. Most everyone knows them as Jerry and Sandy Tucker, but to us they are Mom and Dad. We consider them great blessings from God to have them in our lives. No matter what circumstances we were dealing with, Mom and Dad always did their best to help their children who live at the Galilean Children's Home, or even the ones that have moved on living on their own.

In March of 1990, as a 14-year-old boy, I came to the Galilean Home from Afghanistan for medical treatment. I was separated from my family at the age of 10, and got injured at the age of 13 by a Russian landmine which caused me to lose both hands, my left eye and caused a leg injury. For so long I lost connection with my biological family in Afghanistan. I thought they were killed in the war with the Russians. All the praise is due to God Almighty. After years of separation, not knowing dead or alive about each other, God Almighty answered our prayers. At the age of 32, I was reunited with my biological family in Afghanistan. In 2008 I got married and soon after God blessed us with a son.



Abdul Samad at our Café



James shares the stage with Jeff & Sheri Easter

I am no longer living at the Galilean Children's Home, but the Galilean Home remains a blessing. All the children that grew up at the Galilean Children's Home call it our home. When I first came to the Galilean Home I realized it is a unique place. I was privileged to get to know children from many different walks of life. Each one of us have come with a different story to tell and we were all here for a reason - for medical treatment, different disabilities or just didn't have a family. God Almighty has brought us to this unique place to have a second chance in life to live in harmony without discrimination. Without your unselfish support for the Galilean Children's Home we wouldn't have had a second chance. So, I want to thank you for supporting the Galilean Children's Home."

—Abdul Samad

#### GCA STARTS A NEW CHAPTER

We have mentioned that our Academy is now accepting boarding students 7th - 12th grade and we are currently looking for dorm parents for this aspect of our ministry. Please call 606.787.4199 or 606.787.5120

or you may email our principal, Scott Jones, at [sjones@galileanhome.org](mailto:sjones@galileanhome.org) for details. We are excited about this next chapter for Galilean Christian Academy and we will continue our day school for students K-12. We will also be providing transportation for our day students in the Casey and Russell County Kentucky area. Enrollment is now open and the contact info for more information is the same as provided for the boarding school. As part of this expansion, we are looking to have an updated computer lab for our students and if anyone is interested in helping us with this, we are in need of eight laptop computers.

#### SPECIAL THANKS!

Our benefit event, "Voices of Summer" raised \$4,000 thanks to those that attended and of course the wonderful groups and singers that donated their time to make the event happen. We want to say thank you to Jeff & Sheri Easter, Mark Bishop, John Starnes, His Heart Quartet, Jean Beaudelaire and Jason Coleman for a great evening of worship and thanks to East Somerset Baptist Church for hosting. We also had many volunteers that made the night possible that we couldn't have done it without. We are already planning the 2nd Annual Voices of Summer benefit concert event, so stay tuned!

We would also like to thank the 2013 Kentucky Housing Management Conference for having us as their selected charity this year. The week long conference featured a silent auction, games and much more with all of the proceeds benefiting our ministry. At the end of the week, they presented us with a \$12,250 check! So, thanks to all that made that event possible from those that donated items for the auction all the way to the great people that poured months of work in to making the event a reality. We are extremely blessed to have been selected for the honor of accepting a donation from these fine folks.

Special Note: Thanks Uncle Charlie for the autographed fiddle that we got to put in the silent auction at the 2013 Ky HMC. We love you!

Okay, folks, we know everyone is busy with summer, but it's not too late to start on your quilt for the Galilean Home 24th Annual Quilt Auction (October 11th.)

We can't help but remember how much Mom loved this event. So, let's get working on those big, beautiful quilts and have another great auction this year. Remember, it helps us tremendously if you measure your quilt and name the pattern for us.

We have also had all kinds of handmade crafts for sale and auction, so if that's more your speed, send those our way too! We truly hope to see you there!

- Galilean Home Quilt Auction Committee (606.787.5120)



## From Dad's Cabin

A beautiful, warm morning the day after Father's Day as I sit on my cabin porch reflecting on being a father. I jokingly tell my children that if it wasn't for Mom, I wouldn't be a father. Speaking of mom, tomorrow will be six years since I received a phone call at 4 AM from Saint Joseph's Hospital in Lexington telling me its time to be at the hospital at mom's side as she is slipping fast. We gathered (about 30 of us) in her room to be with her for her final minutes. About noon, the nurse confirmed that her spirit had left her body and her days of pain and suffering were over. It's been six lonely years, but with all the children and grandchildren - the load has been made easier with the constant love they have showed to this old man.

The past month has been a real beehive of busyness. A work team of 35 from Bethel Mennonite Church in Ohio were here for nearly a week. A lot of much needed work was accomplished. Currently we have 15 young ladies from a Mennonite Church in Iowa here for a week to help out in any way they can. We will also have about 35 high school girls from an all Catholic high school in Cincinnati camping out in our gym. They will mostly be helping our next door, organic farmer, neighbor. They have been coming three times a year for about 20 years now, of course it is always a different group of girls as they graduate and move on from year to year.

Abdul and his wife have settled down in Somerset, but he continues to work at our Bread of Life Cafe'. I hope you enjoyed his letter in this edition of The Shepherd as much as I did. We are very glad to have him back with us. It has



Josh enjoying his seat on the mule!

been a joy getting to know his four-year old son.

This month, sadly, we also had three children come down with pneumonia. Josh, age 23, was in the hospital for four days. Kimmy, one of our Downs Syndrome residents, was able to be treated here at home and Amy has been in the hospital again for about two weeks. She also has pneumonia again which, in her case, is extremely serious as she has Acute Respiratory Distress Syndrome. For the past three months or so, she has been in and out of hospitals in Danville or Lexington with this serious condition. Amy is 36-years old and has been with us for about 26 years, continued prayers for her would be appreciated.

As I write this letter, daughter Becky, with her husband Merv, are on their way to New Orleans with Frankie and Angie. Their mission is to go to the Honduran Embassy to renew their Honduran Passports. Being under 21, they have to do it in person with their parents now - the problem is, both fathers whereabouts are unknown (the location of Angie's mother is also unknown) and Frankie's mother, due to ill health is unable to travel to the states. Both children qualify under a new immigration law to get their per-

manent residency status. The problem has just been their natural parents situation. Our immigration attorney in Denver, CO has worked things out with the Honduran Consulate to make an exception for these two. If all goes as planned (nothing is guaranteed with foreign governments) they will be home in a couple of days with renewed passports and the permanent residency procedure in its final chapters.

I'll close for now, thanking everyone for the love and support showed to us over these many years. Words alone are very insufficient to express how much we appreciate all that has been done for us over nearly 40 years now.

Y'all feel free to visit and I'll give you the best tour of our campus and we can even rock a little on the cabin porch and reminisce of days gone by.

Still Fighting the Good Fight,

*Jerry*

—Jerry, Papaw, Dad or Papa Osó

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

### NEW NEEDS LIST

- ✓ Adult Size M Diapers (not the pull up type)
- ✓ Paper Towels ✓ Baby Wipes ✓ Pinesol
- ✓ Epsom Salt ✓ Clorox Anywhere Spray & Wipes
- ✓ AA & AAA Batteries ✓ Adult Tylenol
- ✓ Cold Medicine ✓ Tussin Cough Syrup
- ✓ Adult Cough & Allergy Medicine
- ✓ Baby Walkers (adjustable heights)
- ✓ Gerber Good Start Powdered Baby Formula (Soy & Gentle)
- ✓ Fruit Juices & Drink Mixes (no sugar added)
- ✓ Baby Diapers (Newborn's, 1's, 2's & 3's)

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