**CURRENT NEEDS LIST**

- Desitin
- A&D Ointment
- Size 5 Baby Diapers
- Adult Diapers – Size M (not the pull up type) (Orders over $50 on diapers.com get free shipping)
- Cold and Sinus Medicine
- Toddler Snacks - Apple Juice
- Toilet Paper - Baby Food Veggies
- 13-Gallon & 33-Gallon Trash Bags
- Paper Towels - Disinfectant Wipes

**ThanK You!**

More on our needs list at www.galileanhome.org/get-involved

**WOULD YOU CONSIDER DONATING MEAT?**

A large portion of our grocery budget is meat. We can get 175 lbs of chicken for $200 and 150 lbs of beef for $300. You can designate your tax-deductible donation to purchasing meat for the Galilean Home by calling Joey at 606.786.1735.

**DOnt FORGET YOUR GHM SHIRT!**

Just $10 each, or 3 for $25 (throw in a little extra for shipping too)

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Levi, Molly and Papá Oso enjoying the Christmas feast in the Main House dining room on Christmas Day.

still some incarcerated mothers and even fathers that need someone to step in while there are a growing number of mothers and fathers in rehab that are desperately looking for ways to keep their families together while getting the help they need.

Therefore, our concentration has always been what we were called to do decades ago — and that is to minister to the abused, neglected, mentally/physically handicapped which we have done since 1969 through the present.

While we are open to what God has next for Born Free and the Angel House, we focus on the cornerstones of our ministry here — The Calling to provide children of all ages that have called our campus home in the past. There is also our Liberty Trading Post that provides some employment locally and allows for donations that may not be able to be used on campus and provides goods at extremely reasonable prices to our community. This was another of Mom’s beautiful ideas that has continued to flourish as a much-needed service in our county. We were fortunate enough to purchase a large building on the bypass that used to be a pharmacy for years. We have been able to keep the 9,000 square feet building well stocked without purchasing any product. All income, of course, 100% helps support the Galilean Home.

As it is now 2:45AM, January 4 and it is time to close out the newsletter with some current, local news – Christmas and New Year’s Day have passed once again and time continues its relentless march.

Christmas at the Galilean Home has always been a big event, especially for Mom. As anyone who knows will attest, she was 100% a people person, an extrovert to the highest degree. With her and me, we were perfect examples of how opposites attract. It worked perfectly for 45 wonderful years.

Come visit us here in the main house adjacent to my apartment and they help out in various areas as well.

Of course, there is also the ever-growing Galilean Christian Academy. We have nearly 80 students and many would not be able to afford, or even get to, a Christian school if not for GCA.

There are many that receive help with even our law tuition, and we provide free transportation from three surrounding counties. Even before our family moved into ministry, we knew we wanted to be able to have Christian education available to our kids and that has grown into providing that option to children worldwide.

The Angel House is still in use daily with a few babies that have mothers in rehab situations and is open to the other situations I spoke to earlier, the "main buzzy" day to day is the 12-to-15 babies/toddlers that are in our care as their parent(s) work here on campus. This is a much-needed service that allows parents to maintain full-time work and not have to worry about the care of their children during that time.

Of course, I, along with 10-or-12 of our gang, travel and minister in song and testimony anywhere we are called. We usually go out twice a month depending on how the dates fall as churches schedules allow.

We have our Bread of Life Cafe that offers employment in the local community as well as to our residents that are able. Currently four of our mentally or physically challenged residents work there with others that have called our campus home in the past.

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WE WOULD BE HONORED to have someone come and share about our ministry with your church or organization.

Call 606.787.5120 or email brad@galileanhome.org. Jerry is available on a limited schedule.

WE HAVE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST WITH ANY DONATION:
[A] Both of Sandy’s books 
[B] Our 30 minute documentary “The Story” on DVD 
[C] A DVD of a recent 30-minute TV episode on our ministry

GET INVOLVED

Our volunteer program is a good way to dive in and be the hands and feet of Jesus in our ministry. Ladies 18 & older, if you feel the love and patience along with a good amount of flexibility to care for our family, we encourage you to apply. Volunteers are very important part of what we do. You get to care for our severely handicapped residents in the Blessing House, and other members of our family, as well as caring for our babies at the Angel House. We also need teacher’s aides for our academy, so there are plenty of areas in which to serve. We provide housing and basic needs, but do require at least a three-month commitment.

Please prayerfully consider this and give our Volunteer Coordinator, Dawn Shultz, a call at 606.706.9457 or email her at dshultz@galileanhome.org for more information.

PLENTY OF WAYS TO PITCH IN...

The soup label (labels for education) program has ended but there are still plenty of ways to pitch in. You can still collect General Mills box tops and send them our way. Also, you can collect Coke points and collect UPDs of select Tyson products and UPDs of Aunt Millie’s products.

These are all simple ways you can use products you already buy to help direct support to Galilean Home Ministries and the Galilean Christian Academy.