CURRENT NEEDS LIST

✓ Desitin ✓ A&D Ointment ✓ Ibuprofen
✓ Pine Sol ✓ 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 ✓ Hand Sanitizer
✓ 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 606-706-1735.

DON’T FORGET YOUR GHM SHIRT!
Just $10 each, or 3 for $25
(throw in a little extra for shipping too)
We have black, pink, blue, and gray

Galilean Home Shepherd

April 2019

“This is how we know that we love the children of God: by loving God and carrying out His commands.” 1 John 5:2

50 Years! Still Called, Still Going

It is a beautiful, early-spring morning as I once again make an attempt to put my thoughts and feelings down on paper. As I have written before, this is the hardest part of my Calling – writing the monthly newsletter. To Sandy, it was, no doubt, one of her easiest chores.

However, if she were standing next to me (and really she is), she would say, “Do it Dad, I know you can do it. I trained you well.”

It will soon be 12 years since she was called Home. Time really flies, but the empty place in my heart does not change at all. Some will say that time will heal, and maybe it will. I just wish the healing process was in progress, but in God’s timing, not mine.

What really helps is staying busy and focused on what God called her and me to do. I have a lot of good employees in all areas of ministry which do their part in helping me to “keep the ball rolling.” Some have been with us nearly 30 years and have really been a tremendous blessing to me.

Jeremy will be 50 years old. We are married and his oldest son is now married as well. May 26, 2019 we will celebrate 30 years of marriage. May 26, 2019 was a particularly meaningful day for me. It is the 29th anniversary of a day that will always be significant to me. It was the day that I proposed to Sandy. It is also the day she and I were married. An even closer coincidence is that the date was May 26, the day she was born. This date will always be significant to me. It is the day she was born.

Jeremy and Sandy are married and have 4 children. Their oldest son was adopted when he was just two years old.

He always refers to himself as, “the first and the worst.” It is true he was the first, but certainly not the worst.

After his adoption, God opened the gates of Heaven and children came faster than we could diaper them. We adopted two, Sioux Indian girls and then a family of four (two boys and two girls) all within about two years following our adoption of Jeremy. In 1974, we headed south to Kentucky with our troop of eight children. Oh yeah! I nearly forgot our two miracle babies were born in 1970 (Becky) and 1974 (Jessica).

Doctors at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit said it is a million-to-one chance that Sandy would be able to bear a child. Well, we showed them. Becky was born just a year and a half after Jeremy was adopted and then Jessica just three and a half years after Becky was born. That’s Mom for you. She never took no for an answer, when they said one in a million – she made it two!

I had a good-paying, construction-superintendent job, but we both felt God was leading us to an area where land was not as expensive as land in southern Michigan was. So, we loaded the wagons, hitched the mules and headed to southern Kentucky where we still reside after one year (1979) in Rexford, Montana right on the northwest corner of Montana just two miles from the Canadian border.

To get our complete journey on paper up to 1987/88, just ask for...
On World Down Syndrome Day (March 21), we got our beautiful Downs family members together for a picture. Lizzie (left) was our first “special needs” adoption in 1982. About a year later, we adopted James (middle) and Jimmy (right) came to live with us about two years ago. We can not imagine life at the Galilean Home without any of them. Sandy’s two books that are advertised in our newsletter. If I don’t stop writing about the good ole days, I’ll run out of words. You can get both of Sandy’s books for just $20. You can still collect Coke points, General Mills box tops, and Aunt Millie’s products. There are still plenty of ways to pitch in... We are not, and never will be, a “state, federal licensed” facility. Because we are not — God has richly blessed us!

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 you have the love and patience along with a good amount of flexibility to care for our family, we encourage you to apply. Volunteers are a very important part of what we do. We 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 606.706.9437 or email her at dshultz@galileanhome.org for more information.

STAY CONNECTED:

Facebook: GalileanChildrensHome
Twitter: @GalileanHome
Instagram: @GalileanHome
YouTube: GalileanHomeMedia

We have an email list! If you would like to sign up, go to our website at www.galileanhome.org or our Facebook page at facebook.com/GalileanChildrensHome.

UPCOMING PROGRAM SCHEDULE

April 7 11:00am
April 29 10:30am
May 4 8:00-11:00am
May 19 10:30am
May 26 11:00am
June 9 TBD
July 7 11:00am

May 19 10:30am
May 26 11:00am
June 9 TBD
July 7 11:00am

All times are Eastern time.

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.

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS

Thank you for blessing us while you shop! To ensure Kroger can proportionately donate to Galilean Home Ministries, Inc. on your behalf, please register your Kroger Plus card and be sure to use our organization number “u791.”

MOM’S BOOKS

You can get both of Sandy’s books for just $20. Faith, Hope and Room for One More and Precious in His Sight

FREE Shipping

WE HAVE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST WITH ANY DONATION:

A) A DVD of a recent 30-minute TV episode on our ministry
B) Our 30-minute documentary “The Story” on DVD

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 UPCs of select Tyson products and UPCs 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.

We appreciate all the support we have had over the past 50 years! Whether it be financially, physically and, of course, prayerfully — we are grateful. Remember, we have always been a donation-funded ministry. We are not, and never will be, a “state, federal licensed” facility. Because we are not — God has richly blessed us!

Come see for yourself!

Holding down the fort with your help,

—Jerry, Dad, Papaw or Papa’ Oso

We would love to share with your church or business, or any gathering for that matter, about what God is doing here on Galilean Home property. Jerry and God have blessed us with 32 adopted children (well, 22 of which are married), travel about twice a month presenting the Galilean Home Ministries, Inc. on your behalf, please register your Kroger Plus card and be sure to use our organization number “u791.”

Our 30 minute documentary “The Story” on DVD

Plenty of ways to pitch in...