On The Road Again

It is Tuesday morning, and I once again take pen in hand and direct my thoughts and feelings onto paper.

Since it is July 9th, the weather can only be described as HOTI.

We are blessed this week to have a work team of 18 from Charlestown, Indiana. In spite of the heat we or they are making a lot of progress in getting some projects here taken care of that have been neglected for awhile. Some needed landscaping that has been done in the backyard of the Angel House. We had a water backup problem in the septic system at the Angel House as well, which ended up having the carpet in part of the basement being removed. Plans are to redo that portion of the basement when time permits.

Also, renovation and new construction on the Butchie House have moved along really well. We are ready for the electrical inspection and for the plumber to move in and do his portion of work. When finished the entire building will measure 32 x 80 which equals 2,560 square feet. Also a portion of the new construction has a new basement which will also enhance the building even more. Plans at this point are to use the building as housing for Galilean Christian Academy boarding students.

Also under construction is a new classroom in the school to be used for Spanish Classes. The two huge rooms in the (old picnic shelter) building will be made into four rooms to better serve the younger classes like pre-school, kindergarten and lower elementary. My cabin is once again empty and is waiting for me to spend some time in it. My grandson Jordan and his wife Hannah had lived in it for the first year of their marriage and just recently moved out. And, since my nickname in Spanish is Papa’ Oso, it is perfect for a bear to spend time in it. Oh yeah, Papa’ Oso in English is “Daddy Bear”. The name was given to me many years ago by some of my Honduran boys during one of my 62 trips to that Central American country.

Just recently (Sunday morning—July 7) a team of the Galilean Home was headed up to an area around Natural Bridge, KY to present our singing/testimony program in a church. About 15-18 of us, traveling in a large bus van and a minivan, while going downhill on a narrow road (remember this is Kentucky), a truck coming up the hill was partly over the centerline and hit our van head-on, deploying all the air bags. Son Tony from Guatemala was driving along with his 9-year-old son. Our van was totaled but Tony and son were OK. According to the State Trooper the air bags saved them both from possible serious injury or worst.

With mom gone (12 years now) and my very busy schedule, some of our older married boys have taken control of the programs. In fact, they do such a good job I thought I’d highlight them some in the newsletter. Remember folks, from the late 80’s up until mom got sick in 2005, we traveled all over the eastern US sharing our message and blessing people. We did about 35-40 programs a year with mom as song leader and hostess. She introduced me as “minister of transportation”, in plain language “the bus driver”. I was also “Sergeant-at-arms” keeping law and order to the 30 children on stage. These programs were always a highlight
of our week. We traveled from Dallas, TX to Virginia Beach, VA, and Jacksonville, FL to the Minnesota/Canadian border and many points in between. During those younger years, we also made four different singing tapes to distribute. Now, we have these four tapes switched over to CD’s. We still have them and are happy to distribute them to anyone who wants to hear what beautiful music and singing we had back then, mostly in the 1990s.

Just write or call and we can bless you with the old gang singing along with Sandy in lead. You won’t be dissatisfied, I assure you. Some of those children are grown now and are part of the new Galilean Choir.

Before I run out of paper and room, I’ll mention some of our “Galilean Singing Gang”. Fredy is from Honduras and came to us in 1990 with polio. Shriners Hospital stretched his leg 7½ inches after 14 operations. He is 41 years old now, married for 18 years with two children ages 17 and 12. He lives 30 miles from here and works in the Galilean Christian Academy. John is from Haiti. He came back in 1987 to have a leg amputation. He is 41 years old now. He lives in Goodlettsville, TN and has two children, ages 8 and 9. Abdul is from Afghanistan. He came to us seven years after having both of his hands blown off from a small bomb disguised as a toy. He came to the Galilean Home in 1987. He is married with four children and lives one mile from here and works at our Bread of Life Café. Tony (the young man in the accident I just mentioned) came to the Galilean Home in 1987 from Guatemala. He works in Liberty for the Casey County Board of Education as a Recruiter for Migrant Education and is married with two boys. Zach is from Florida and came to us when he was 5 years old. He is now 36 years old. Lives 4 miles from us and is the head chef at the Bread of Life Café. He has four children and his wife, Jessica, died a few years ago. Levi is from Indiana. He is 25 years old and came to the Galilean Home 13 years ago. He works our product table and hands out newsletters when we are at a church program. Kristi, age 42, has been at the Galilean Home for 28 years. Jessica is 30 years old and has been here 6 years. Ashley is 19 years old and has been here two years. Molly is 40 years old and has been here 27 years. Effie is from Haiti and is 38 years old and has been with us 33 years. The five girls sing backup and Kristi also sings a couple songs solo. As you see, we have quite a smorgasbord group in the Galilean Home Gang. We are not professional but I guarantee you, we will bless you. That is a promise. We do not charge anything. Most churches take up a love offering.

I’ll close the newsletter with a huge thank you to all who have helped us in any way.
I was headed in the wrong direction until I met my Polish angel. Now it is time to go to work. Ya'll stop in. No notice needed. We can set a spell and reminisce and talk about the good ol' days. We can grab a good meal at the BOL and thank the Lord for all the blessings we enjoy every day.

—Jerry, Dad, Papaw or Papa’ Oso

P.S. We have a work team from Canada in mid-August and another team from Indianapolis, Indiana coming soon, dates not set.

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 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 info.

MOM’S BOOKS

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WE ARE STILL SAVING SOUP UPCs & BOXTOPS!

Remember to send Campbell’s soup UPCs and General Mills Box Tops (not Betty Crocker points), and make sure the Box Tops are not expired. We can earn much needed equipment and cash for our school. Every little bit helps!

30TH ANNUAL GALILEAN QUILT & CRAFT AUCTION

October 11 & 12, 2019

Hey folks! It’s time to plan out your quilt or craft to donate for our 30th annual auction. We can’t help but remember how much Mom loved this event. So, let’s get working on those big, beautiful quilts and crafts and have our best auction ever. Remember, it helps us if you measure your quilt and let us know what the pattern is.

- Quilt & Craft Auction Committee (606.787.5120)

more info at galileanhome.org
CURRENT NEEDS LIST
✓ Toilet Bowl Cleaner  ✓ Zip Lock Bags
✓ Infant or Children's Tylenol  ✓ Stool Softener
✓ Pine Sol  ✓ Size 5 Baby Diapers  ✓ Toilet Paper
✓ 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  ✓ Baby Food Veggies
✓ 13-Gallon & 33-Gallon Trash Bags
✓ Paper Towels  ✓ Disinfectant Wipes

THANK YOU!

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

GALILEAN CHILDREN'S HOME
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LIBERTY, KY 42539-0880

JUST A REMINDER: You can designate your United Way contribution to us. (Our agency # is 7003). You would need to fill out an application with your employer.

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!
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