Winding Down the Summer

It is a quiet cloudy late August morning as I sit here in my apartment attempting to put together an interesting newsletter. You will notice that the heading on this newsletter says Aug./Sept. If I had written it a couple of weeks ago, it would be an August newsletter. But events can easily alter well-made plans. So in spite of me trying to come up with a good reason of why I am late, I will proceed to put out some real good “excuses”.

The biggest excuse was that I was physically involved with a badly infected (L) foot. Three weeks ago today I noticed my foot was getting bright red and swollen. Well, Mr. Macho, who I think I am at times, thought it would be ok. So what if it is red and swollen. But after watching it get worse day by day, I had Becky take a look at it. Immediately, if not sooner, we were on the way to the ER in Russell Springs. The attending doctor took one look at my foot and said he would have to admit me for 7 days so they could run an IV every 12 hours (each session takes 2 hours). With a smile on my face I told him I could not spend a week here. I did not feel sick at all and I knew I would be like a caged tiger the other 20 hours daily. Remember, two IV sessions would last 4 hours daily. So, he said OK then, come back here every 12 hours (noon and midnight) to get hooked up to their IV. A sixty-mile round trip drive every day for a week and the 2-hour session, that would eat up 6 hours every day. I, being a good patient, did the 7 days as planned. But it didn’t get much better at the end of 7 days.

Maybe a little worse, on the way home, we (Becky and I) stopped at a clinic near the hospital and a doctor looked at my foot and ordered me to go to Somerset ASAP or faster. We did and I was admitted to the larger Somerset Hospital. I was immediately admitted and hooked up again on a different antibiotic. That was Friday a week ago. By Saturday morning my foot was doing real well and by Sunday AM after the doctor left my room, I was discharged and on the way home with strict directions of what my footcare would be.

Even though the redness and swelling have subsided quite a bit, I had to see a foot specialist who wrapped my foot and leg up to my knee with 4 layers of some type of wrap. I was put on a strong oral antibiotic with instructions to come back in 5 days. Those 5 days will be up in 3 more days.

Now what happened at the first hospital was that my body rejected the IV medicine I was getting and did not help at all. It should have healed the problem after 14 2-hour sessions of watching the bag drip one slow drop at a time. The doctor said it happens this way 1 time out of 100 when a patient’s body rejects this particular medicine.

Oh, yes... the first doctor I saw in the ER room said if I would have waited two more days before coming to the emergency room, that I would have lost my foot and the only tool or instrument he would have needed would be a sharp chainsaw. Ok enough of my foot!
About two weeks ago, our school started back with this year being number 32. We have the largest enrollment we have ever had with 110 students from pre-school through 12th grade. Twelve of our students are boarding students from the Bahama Islands. We currently bus 65 students from two surrounding counties, each day 5-15 passenger vans leave on a pre-planned route. Being this is rural Kentucky, the closest Christian schools are in Danville, 40 miles away, and Somerset, 30 miles away. Of course there are numerous Amish and Mennonite schools in our neck of the woods.

We were blessed beyond words for work teams from Ohio, Indianapolis and Ontario, Canada for two full weeks before school started. Most of the construction were school projects as our attendance had grown so fast. Galilean Christian Academy serves a great need in our area and busing in children from all over, even areas where it is hard to find a strong solid Christian education. We have three families who are originally from Mexico, one family from Ecuador and one family with seven children from Russia. All getting a strong, solid Christian education which uplifts our Lord and Saviour. We have prayer in the gym before school starts and a chapel service in our chapel every Tuesday. We offer a full well rounded Christian education with Christ as our main focus. Also, we received a new prison baby a couple weeks ago who joins two others who were already residents of the Angel House.

We have a lot of employees here on the property who have babies or toddlers that do not attend school yet as they are not old enough. With the mothers and/or fathers on-site all the time, we offer free care that allows the mother to work and still be on the property when and if they are needed. A real blessing to all the mothers.

Even with all this activity I am still able to travel with 10 of our older children representing the Galilean Ministry in song and testimony. If churches are interested just call and ask for Papa' Oso (that's Spanish) for “daddy bear” and we will be happy to schedule a service for you. We mostly just book services here in Kentucky, but have been to Ohio and Indiana also. We even did a service last October in the big “D” area where I was born and raised. No, big “D” is not Dallas or Denver, it is Detroit. Well, I had better let my arm and hand rest and end this newsletter.

Our 30th Quilt Auction is just a few weeks away. October 11 and 12. It is and has always been the biggest event of the year for us. Lots of good singing, fellowship, great food and beautiful quilts and handmade crafts.

Like a lot of areas in the US, it has been a very hot summer. We were blessed with work teams and volunteers (mostly Amish/Mennonite young ladies). Some for a week or two and some for 90 days. This place would be a very boring place without our volunteer girls.

Stop in! We will show you around our entire property and probably direct you to the Bread of Life Café for the best “vittles” in this part of the country. In fact I guarantee the food! Need a place to stay? Becky has a nice chalet just ½ mile from the Home. I nearly forgot...we have four possible placements for the Blessing House. Right now we are in the talking and questions and answer stage.

Last note...right after the auction we will give the Blessing House a major, all-the-way uplift inside. The project will take about two months. We have a carpenter crew from Indiana who will spearhead the project. It will be a major overhaul.

In the meantime we will move the 20 residents to the newly-renovated Butchie House. We completely rehabbed the entire building and even added a large addition to it.

It's lunch time. Adios and my God-richly bless “y'all”. All the aforementioned progress and renovation is only possible because of those who believe in the vision Sandy and I had back in Michigan in 1969. Fifty years ago. Mom's favorite motto was always “Faith, hope and room for one more”.

“Still carrying the torch,”

—Jerry, Dad, Papaw or Papa’ Oso

**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.
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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
You can get both of Sandy’s books for just $20. “Faith, Hope and Room for One More” and “Precious in His Sight” with FREE Shipping!

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

Call 606.787.5120. Jerry is available on a limited schedule.

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
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CURRENT NEEDS LIST
✓ Electric Pencil Sharpeners  ✓ Ibuprofen
✓ Toilet Bowl Cleaner  ✓ Zip Lock Bags
✓ Infant or Children’s Tylenol  ✓ Stool Softener
✓ Size 5 Baby Diapers  ✓ Toilet Paper
✓ Adult Diapers – Size M (not the pull up type)
   (Orders over $50 on diapers.com get free shipping)
✓ Toddler Snacks  ✓ Baby Food Veggies
✓ 13-Gallon & 33-Gallon Trash Bags  ✓ Paper Towels
✓ Hand Sanitizer  ✓ Disinfectant Wipes

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

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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!
Just $10 each, or 3 for $25
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We have black, pink, blue, and gray

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