Quilt Auction Recap / Renovations

Well folks...we did it again! #30 annual Quilt Auction is now in the history books. Friday night we had a good rain, which we had not seen in a long time. That really cooled things off and Saturday was sunny but very cool. I believe our attendance was down some, maybe because it was communion weekend for our local Mennonite Church. I'm not sure, but I believe we sold 157 quilts with the highest price at $1,150.00. As always, on Friday night the Galilean gang blessed everyone with a wonderful concert.

Now the auction is always a big event on Saturday, while our local volunteer fire department grilled BBQ chicken and homemade chili. But the biggest event of the year was the Monday after the auction when we moved all 21 residents of the Blessing House a few hundred yards to the Joshua House. Over the course of the year we had built an addition on and renovated the rest of the building which makes the whole building look brand new. A lot of beds and other items had to be transferred from one building to another.

Why did we do the huge move? I'm glad you asked. The Blessing House was getting old and really needed a brand new face lift. We stripped all the walls down to the studs, removed windows and cabinets and two bathrooms, counters and everything else! We are blessed to have 50 older teenagers from a church school in the Atlanta, GA area here for 3 days helping with the destruction
project. They split off in the county into 4 or 5 groups helping elderly folks who needed home repairs, etc. About 8 or 10 stayed on our project. They usually come every October and help us with any construction project we have going on.

They arrived the evening after the auction, just after a group of 115 folks from the Cincinnati, OH area left. There were 96 older teen girls from two all-girl Catholic Schools in Cincinnati. There were 15 chaperones along to help keep law and order. These groups and any others always camp out in our gym and use the kitchen and dining room for all their meals. Both groups bring their own cooks. Our school gang which is well over a hundred came over and ate at the main house dining room during this time.

So to say we were busy over the auction and the time after with the gangs from out of state would be a huge understatement. The Cincinnati schools have been coming now for 30 years – 3 times a year. Some of the girls who were part of the group 25-30 years ago are now sending their own teenage girls. Most of the Cincinnati girls walk over to our neighbors and help them as they are certified organic farmers and all their children are grown and have moved away.

Getting back to our major construction here, we have a friend from Indianapolis who is a building contractor. He will move here with his wife and stay here until the Blessing House is done. He will spearhead the operation and schedule work teams who will be coming to help. We expect it to take 3 or 4 months to complete the project, then we will move all residents back from the Joshua House. Then that building will house 8 high school boys who attend our school and their house parents who are from the Bahama Islands. Currently they are living in the basement of the Angel House which also was renovated.

Currently, we have 2 prison babies, as one had just left after his mother was released. During the week we have 10-12 pre-school toddlers in the Angel House whose parents work here in the office or in the school. I have counted as many as 14, all these children are too young for our pre-school classes at the school. We also are blessed to have a young man from Michigan living here and helping where he is needed as part of our maintenance crew. He is 26 years old and fits into our program here very well.

There are always possibilities of new residents once the renovation is complete in the spring.

So, our whole life here at the Galilean Home can be summed up in one word. BUSY! beyond belief and that is the way this old man wants it. The busier I am, the more content I am! Oh, yeah, my foot is 95% healed. I have an appointment with my foot doctor this morning, (it’s 4am Monday) and I hope it will be my last visit.

So in closing, it looks like our work is cut out for us this fall and winter. A lot of construction work, a lot of good fellowship and as always, good food, and lots of visitors. All of this added together equals a whole lot of active, healthy, happy people at the Galilean Home. Stop in and see, but we might put a hammer in your hand.

I always have time for good fellowship, and as most old men like to do, drink coffee and talk about the “good old days” and how “it used to be” before this world embraced so many new things and ideas. Where have the good ole days gone?

I still do not have a cell phone or any handheld gadget and never plan to. Not this “country” boy
from the Big “D” (Detroit not Dallas).
May God’s blessings be poured out to you and yours.
Come visit. We never close!

P.S. I failed to mention that for our 31st annual auction we have some new plans we are working on. Daughter, Becky, and son-in-law, Merr, plan to visit a “Haiti Auction” in Illinois or W KY to glean some good ideas for our auctions.
“Still carrying the torch.”

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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.

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