

## “Christmas 2019”

A Beautiful cool sunny day. The temperature is right at 50 degrees. For weeks around Christmas we enjoyed spring like weather. Christmas day was more like Easter, with temperatures right at 70 degrees or a little higher. Even here in South Central Kentucky that is warm for this time of year.

We had another huge gathering on Christmas Day as the photo on the page will show. I counted twice and came up with 80 people that gathered in our chapel for this family photo.

On 12/22 Rosie was admitted to Somerset Hospital where she had an operation on her colon. I believe she spent 9 days there, but she is back to her normal self again. As any of you who know Rosie, you know what I mean by “normal self”.

I looked over some old records and found out that we have 14 children (young adults) who have been here 30+ years and 9 who have been here 20+ years, all the rest have been with us 10 years or less.

Buried in our cemetery are 10 residents namely:

Name	Date of Death
L. Fernando Colderon	10/24/90
Sonja Hunter	3/9/91
Sandy Thermilus	11/22/91
Robert Tucker	7/7/97
Donald Tucker	8/11/93
Ramsey Porter	10/9/00
Tina Haven	7/28/11
Shilene Nichols	9/7/15
Amy Tucker	8/30/16
Milton Tucker	12/25/17

Elizabeth has been with us for 38 years. She is Down Syndrome and is 49 years old. James is right behind her with 39 years here at Galilean Home and is 50 years old. James also is Down Syndrome, but they have opposite personalities. They both are from Tennessee. George is 49 years old and has blessed us for 35 years. He is a Kentucky boy and is a tremendous help when vehicles need to be unloaded. Now back to Rosie, she is 57 years old and has been here for 35 years. She is our official greeting committee all rolled up in one hyper bundle. She loves greeting company. You will never forget Rosie once she grabs you and gives you a big loving hug. I'll touch on a couple more children next month.

Construction on the Blessing House is at a standstill, as we wait for the building permit. Dealing with State government will put anyone's patience at a high level. Understatement of the year! Back in December, we had a group of young Mennonite folks here to help for 4 days. Three young men and 3 young women. They were from the Dayton, VA area.

Everyone has adjusted really well at the Butchie House, but when we get back to the Blessing House it will be a huge forward step. The plans look great!

Today school starts back after a 2 week break. I believe all 105 students and even the teachers are ready to get back into the routine. Speaking of school, one of our supporters gave the \$45,000.00 to have a 70 amp generator installed. This unit will run both school buildings, gymnasium and school

kitchen and dining hall. That gives us 5 generators on the property but we are still 4 short to supply electric to all our buildings on our 20 plus acres.

Two months ago I took a hard fall in the parking lot of the Bread of Life Café. Most of my weight landed on my left shoulder. This is the shoulder that needs a total reverse shoulder replacement. I have put it off for over 3 years but after this fall, it only aggravated the situation and it looks like surgery will not be an option, but a necessity. I have an appointment on January 30<sup>th</sup> to discuss this with the surgeon who will perform the operation. Then there is my bad left foot, after 4 months of misery and facing the threat of losing that foot, I can finally say I am 100% healed from cellulitis of my left foot!

We have 2 babies in the Angel House on a regular basis and 10-12 babies on school days. We furnish free child care for any of our teacher or our office personnel who need that service on.