A beautiful spring-like day, as I once again make my monthly attempt to write our newsletter. I have done this now for 12 years or more and it doesn’t get easier. Sandy has a God-given talent for writing letters and even two books. It was easy for her to correct my truths in writing and verbally. If she had been more like me, very few newsletters would have been written. So here we go, Hang on!

I’ll talk about the wonderful weather we had all winter. Really we have not had a winter at all. No extreme temperatures, no big snow falls, just a lot of lovely warm spring-like days. Since before Thanksgiving day, many days in December and January we had temperatures just being the 70 degree temperature. At the end of February we had a trace of snow twice and the snow was gone by lunchtime.

Enough about the weather, it is too boring! We have been blessed this year so far with a lot of work teams. Men from Tennessee, Amish and Mennonite girls from VA, IL, OH and VA. As I write this we have a group coming on Saturday, March 14, from OH to help with construction on the Blessing House. Renovation and sight after them we have work teams lined up from VA, TN, IL, KY, IN, OH and Ontario, Canada. In reference to volunteer work teams, our cup runneth over. We had five Amish girls from PA leave yesterday after two weeks of service.

Speaking of the Blessing House, presently we are at a standstill as we await our building permit. We did a lot of destruction and some underpinning, etc. that could be done before most of the renovation will begin. We have carpenters from various states lined up to put their talents to work here. Even a crew from SD, once we give them the go-ahead. Don’t forget we live in a community of a lot of Mennonite and Amish groups. Fractals are a part of their way of life. Once our building permit arrives, this place will look like a beehive to say the least.

The “New Blessing House” will be completely new with modern living quarters for our handicapped kids. Not anything like the old one. It will be

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Now for Jessica, she is 46 years old and was born in Hawaii, HI just prior to our 1974 move to KY. She has three boys and is married to Kevin, who is the assistant superintendent for the county public school system. All three of their boys are in high school. Jessica co-manages the restaurant with Becky. I close now as I have run out of room. But always, we are open 24/7 days a week. We always welcome visitors and love to sit and talk about the good old days. Remember them? I am full of stories about those days which are long gone. We welcome all visitors. We get visitors from many states and other countries. Remember we are not an institution, we are just a huge family of all types of personalities, skin color and nationalities. Male and female, young and old, from all over the world. Many, many with different histories, or handicaps. But we all have one thing in common, we all are a part of God’s complex family and we all love and serve the Lord. Oh yeah! Nearly forgot two others. Mom is in her heavenly home and would be 75 years old and she is 100% Po-fish. And I, Papa Oso, (Spanish for Daddy Bear) am living on 80 years old and am a smorgasbord of nationalities. Just a country boy from the big “D” and I don’t mean Dallas, I mean DETROIT! Y’all come visit and be ready to be blessed!

—Jerry, Dad, Papaw or Papa’ Oso

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Get involved

Our volunteer program is a great way to live 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 ladies at the Angel House. We also need teacher’s aides for our academy, so there are plenty of jobs 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@gallileanhome.org for more info.

God’s at Work

Angela is an adopted daughter from Honduras. She is 22 years old and lives and works in Lexington. She just recently married a young man who was a school student here when she attended the Galilean Christian Academy. Becky is a daughter of her mother. I should know better than anyone else. She manages the Bread of Life Cafe with her sister Jessica. Just down the road from us a place is a chat that she rents out to visitors. Her husband, Mark, is my right arm and has a variety of responsibilities.

Physically handicapped friendly, more convenient in soup and serving. I wish I could put in a copy of the floor plan. We will be able to handle 22 residents with no overwhelming or inconvenience. Mom, Sandy, would be excited more than words could express. Well really, I’m sure she already is as she surveys all the activity going on already.

During the winter (what winter?) we scaled down our stirring and speaking engagements. As not to be caught off guard by a surprise snow or ice storm miles from home. Last Saturday we presented our program in Guthrie, KY over in Western KY right on the TN line.

Most of the people who attended were of the Guthrie Amish. No doubt about 200 people. Being it was on a Saturday, I had to stay back as Saturday is often “visitor” day. Fredy, John, Abdul, Robbie, Levi and five girls from the girls’ dorm represented the Galilean Home. Of course after our program, they headed on a typical Amish dinner.

Now as I still have contemplating what else I could put in this newsletter, a thought came to me that I have not said anything about our two Po-fish girls, Becky and Jessica. So here we go. Becky is 49 years old and was born in Lincoln, NE. She was only four years old when we moved to KY in the summer of 1974. She has been married 30 years to Mark.

Mom’s books

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

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