Fighting the Good Fight

It is August and with August comes hot weather and pop-up thunderstorms. But it seems that this summer so far has been very hot. In the 90’s daily for the past few weeks. It makes me think back to the year of 1979 when we lived on West Kootena Reed, near Eureka, Montana and just a stone’s throw from the Canadian border. We lived amongst an old Amish group, they had not been there too long either. Summer time was beautiful hot days, very low humidity and very nice cool nights. Just the opposite of what we have here in south central Kentucky.

But remember in Montana after all the beautifully nice summer and fall weather comes old man winter. And unlike Kentucky, it gets COLD in Montana. I have seen -34° on the thermometer and that is not with the wind chill factor. Enough daydreaming, it’s time to get back to reality. We have been very blessed with work teams in June and July. Dawn Shults, who has been with us for 18 years, schedules the teams so they don’t lap over each other. She said that so far we have had six work teams and summer is not over yet. They were from Iowa, Wisconsin, Illinois.
Indiana and Missouri. Some teams might only be two people and then some are larger, like the team of 16 that left this morning. We have another four groups coming in August. A lot of work gets done, namely a lot of convening and a lot of construction on the Angel House and other projects around the property.

We really appreciate these teams. Some of them help in the Butchke House with “dishes” as the kids call it, doing arts and crafts, singing, and story-time with our residents. Cooks, bakers, carpenters, child care and a lot love is shared from both cities. The children look forward to our work teams. One team leaves and within a day or so or sometimes just hours later, a new team is setting up camp.

Most, but not all, of our teams are from various Amish or Mennonite groups. We have one man who is a building contractor in Indianapolis who has been coming for many, many years. Often a couple times each year, and at times staying for a week or more. He often brings some of his work crew and on this last trip he brought his wife along. He has been blessings us now for about eight years.

A couple weeks ago we lost one of our major supporters. He lived in Nashville, TN and died from a stroke at a nearby hospital. He was not related to us but all the children called him “Uncle Charley”. He had a big influence on our lives and often referred to the Galilee gang as his family. Being five years older, he was like a big brother to me. I, along with five of our oldest children, were invited to the private funeral service. The church held 2,700 people and it looked to be quite full.

Our plans are still to open school on August 17. But we all know that things can change daily. So plans are always flexible to say the least. The year

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 time 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 at the Blessing House, and other members of our family, as well as caring for our babies at the Angel House. We also need teacher aides for our school, as 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 Shutt, a call at 661.706.9457 or email her at dawnshutt@galileehome.org for more info.

MOM’S BOOKS
You can get both of Sandy’s books for just $20. Faith, Hope and Ruins For One More and Precipice In His Sight

Love going along
Whoopee, I nearly forgot. I am doing great physically. I had lost 40 pounds in one month and I have already gained back 15 of those 40 pounds. I also feel great, just like an 80-year-old should feel. And yes, our Quilt Auction is still on for Oct. 9th and 10th. So keep sending those lovely quilts and other items and let’s make auction #31 the best we have ever had! Well, I said it and now I’ll do it. Adios Amigos...It’s 4am. I’m hungry, and this day will be like the others. BUSY!

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