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Papaw and Serenity Making Cookies

Dear Jerry, Becky, and Jessica,  
 I just heard about Sandy and wanted to tell you how sorry I am that you must carry on without her. She lived wholeheartedly and passionately for her Savior—what a tremendous testimony and honor.

I spent quite a bit of time at the Galilean Home when I was in college at Asbury in the late 80's. Your family always welcomed me. It was while there with Weldon, George, Rosie, Elizabeth, of course James, 'the babies', and so many others that I knew that I wanted to someday care for children that no one else wanted. After 18 years, many prayers and many closed doors my husband and I are becoming foster parents to Native American children here in Oklahoma. We are expecting our first children to come in the next month. God used Sandy to plant that seed in my heart. Her legacy lives on in ways you will probably never know.

Thank you for the impact you had on my life. My prayers will be with you daily.

**WE ARE STILL SAVING SOUP LABELS AND BOXTOPS!**

Remember to send Campbell's soup labels 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!

**Please remember that the two books Sandy wrote are available upon request with any donation.**

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A Look at Yesterday...Drifting Towards Tomorrow

First of all, we would like to apologize for the December newsletter mix-up. A computer glitch at our mailing service transposed most of the last names causing many to be returned to us. Be assured that the mailing list here at the Home has the correct information. The mailing service has resolved their problem. We hope you had a wonderful Christmas holiday!

Oh, what a year we have had in 2007! It has been a roller coaster of emotions, challenges, and responsibilities beyond belief, which really takes its toll. With Sandy's illness and loss, it has made it that much more difficult. Just when we thought things were getting under control, Jerry was diagnosed with prostate cancer. That was quite a shock, but with successful surgery and recuperation period, he is on the mend and we can all breathe again. We had a heavier than normal tornado season which kept us running to the basement. But, all in all it has been a very rewarding year for all of us.

As I reflect on this past year, I can't help but to think on our beginnings. It all started with a hope and dream to help children in need of love and care. It began with a humble log building,

no electricity, pumping water by hand, gas lanterns for light, and a wood stove for heat. We were always warm and full of love. Since then it has grown into a multiplex of buildings and ministries, as Jerry and Sandy could not say no to a child in need, making room for one more, and one more, and one more... Before you know it, 25 years later, more than 800 children have



Sandy and Jerry's Wedding Day, January 21, 1963

passed through this ministry. Following is an update on the ministry's progress over the years. This will give our supporters, both old and new, an idea of what we do.

Our campus of 80 acres nestled in the hills of Casey County is staffed by 112 paid employees and 14 volunteers. **The Main Log House** was built in 1982 with trees cut on the property. This was the beginning and it continues to be used

centrally, housing Jerry's living quarters, a commercial kitchen, laundry facilities, chapel, 17 bedrooms, and a dining room that seats 75 serving 3 meals a day, 7 days a week. The main office consists of 4 staff members taking care of the many day to day operations.

The Galilean Home started with the care of handicapped children. **The Blessing House**, a "must see" when visiting the Home, consists of

these most vulnerable and precious residents. Most of these “children” are bedridden and rely on staff for their total care. They will never be able to function in society as we know it. The main purpose of this ministry is to give them a full and happy quality of life. They have a soul and feelings just like anyone else and need stimulation, love, nourishment, and caring. With the addition of a new resident there are 22 that are lovingly cared for by the supervisor Marlene Graber along with staff and volunteers.

**The Angel House** is a vital part of our ministry. They house babies born to women in prison who may have otherwise lost them to the “system”. We currently have the huge responsibility of caring for 22 babies under the age of 2. This ministry is staffed with 23 workers and volunteers. Babies don’t have a time table and require 24 hours of attention, love, and care. We are blessed to have such a dedicated staff headed up by Linda Lee, our day shift supervisor, and Angie Carman, the evening shift supervisor. The babies are transported every week to visit with their mothers in prison. This maintains the mother to child bond that is so vital to their health and well-being.

**Our Christian Academy** has 70 students enrolled. A new science lab addition is currently under construction which will enhance the learning experience. Our sincere thanks go out to the *World Apostolic Christian Church* for their wonderful work on this and many other projects over the years. We are in such a poor, rural area that the Galilean Home absorbs most of the cost of tuition for many of the students. **Our Joshua House Preschool** provides an early education for children under the age of 5. **The Youth Center** is a multipurpose building attached to the school and it gets a lot of use. It is home to the Boy’s Basketball, Girl’s Volleyball, PeeWee Basketball, and fundraisers like the Annual Quilt Auction. It has even served as sleeping quarters for large volunteer groups. We were very fortunate to have the wood donated for a brand new maple hard wood floor. Its installation has added to the usefulness of this facility. A **Picnic Shelter** has been added for activities such as the Quilt Auction and family gatherings.

**The Carpenter Shop** is run by Tom Emerson and is an integral part of our operation. He is a talented carpenter and is responsible of anything

made of wood on our campus—from student’s desks, display cases, counter tops, tables and chairs, and frames of all kinds. The list goes on and on. We keep him very busy and is an appreciated, valued member of our team.

The **Maintenance Shop** is run by Zachary Burt. Without it, our physical plant and infrastructure would deteriorate and crumble. The behind the scenes repair of buildings along with maintaining and repairing all the vehicles, mowers, and tractors is often taken for granted because it is done so efficiently and with precision. We sometimes forget how important it really is. We thank Zachary for his skills and hard work.

Among the many buildings on the property are some that are used for storage. **Joseph’s Store House** is a massive building where we keep all of the donated dry goods, canned food, frozen meats, and paper products. These are all tapped into on a daily (sometimes hourly) basis. It is what keeps the residents well fed and cared for. **Our Warehouse** contains all furniture and other useful items needed to maintain the property. These types of donated supplies are always welcome. There is a **Bus Barn** that houses the MCI Bus used for transporting the children to activities around the state. There are also various maintenance buildings to house and maintain our grounds equipment and supplies.

There are several houses, cabins, and apartments on campus that house some of our workers. **The Mary Martha House** is a wonderful home that is used by our many volunteers that provide a vital service to the Ministry. It is a very comfortable and quiet place for them to live while sacrificing their time to help God’s children. Their stay ranges from 3 months to 6 months or more. We have some girls that have elected to stay long term and have been here for more than 3 years. We are so grateful for our volunteers. Dawn Shultz is the coordinator for the volunteer service and is doing a great job. Thanks Dawn! Along with a few paid workers that reside here, there is a **Guest Cabin** that houses visitors who come to place children here or are a part of a volunteer work team.

**Jerry & Sandy’s Cabin** is a modest log structure that they planned on retreating to when in need of a brief rest from the pressures of running this Ministry. They had also decided to live there if they ever were able to retire. Sandy had a lot to say

in how it was designed and built. Her visions of living there did not come to pass before she went on to be with the Lord. She did have a chance to visit and give her approval of the progress being made. She is resting in peace in a small family plot behind the cabin. She is close to all of us so we can pay homage to her at will. There is also a small **Cemetery** on the property for our residents that have gone on to Heaven. We are blessed to be able to provide a final resting place for these blessed ones.

On the property is also the **Fudge and Quilt Shop** that is open for limited hours for visitors to enjoy while on a tour here. The fudge sold at our restaurant is made here and is a very popular item. This delicious treat contains the very best ingredients and genuine Amish butter. There are quilts available here that get donated from Amish and Mennonite crafters from all over the country.

**The Galilean Farm** has enabled us to become more self sufficient and economical. We raise cattle, hogs, and chickens (for the eggs). This provides the Home with much needed resources, be it food or the sale of livestock. It sure does help us out.

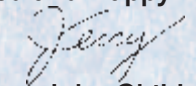
We have two businesses off the property which help raise income. **Our Bread of Life Café & Gift Shop** is on Highway 127 between here and the town of Liberty. This was Sandy’s pride and joy. You can see all of her touches in this part of the Ministry. It started as a small café downtown. The much larger retail building became available and she saw much potential in this prime spot and convinced the board of directors to allow them to move the business. It has become a very successful eating and gathering place and has been frequented by many from Casey county and from around the country as well. Her vision came to life and is now host to thousands of hungry folks looking for a quiet, relaxing, clean and comfortable place to dine and visit. It also employs many of our children and is a great way for the public to meet and greet them and witness how they are being trained to function in society. **The Liberty Trading Post**, a thrift shop located in Liberty, allows us to sell the excess items that are donated to the Home. The proceeds from these sales also benefit the home. It is run by Rose Miller and her staff. They do a wonderful job of keeping the shop clean, fresh, and organized, with new items being rotated through on a regular basis. This is a very

successful way to help fund the Ministry since all of the merchandise is donated. Thanks, Rose, for the great job you do.

As you can imagine, this type of operation requires a significant amount of dedication, organization, coordination, cooperation, management, supervision, people, and prayers. An enormous amount of resources are needed in order to make the Home run safe and efficient for children. Our monthly operating budget is in excess of \$250,000.00. Being a faith based organization, this can be a very scary and daunting task. We depend solely on our supporters and fundraisers like our Annual Quilt Auction to fund this Ministry, for which we and the children are very grateful. They say stress is the biggest killer. May you be reminded that your support is adding to our longevity.

This is a time for reflection and celebration. As we look back on the past year and all that has taken place in our lives, we remember each experience for the good that has come from it and for the knowledge we have gained. We remember the efforts we have made and the goals we have reached. We remember the love we have shared and the happiness we have received. We remember the laughter, the joy, the hard work, and the tears. We look now to the new year ahead as a time of new beginnings and celebration of life, as the new year unfolds like a blossom with petals curled concealing the beauty within. Lord, let this year be filled with the things that are truly good, with the comfort of warmth in our relationships, with the strength to help those in need, and the humility and openness to accept help from others. As we make our resolutions for the year ahead, let us go forward with great hope that all things can be possible with your help and guidance.

May You All Have a Blessed and Happy New Year.



Perry (Sandy’s brother), Jerry, and the Children

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- ✓ Powdered infant formula
- ✓ “Clorox Anywhere” Spray
- ✓ Jars of Baby Food
- ✓ Orajel (for baby teething)

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