

Planning on visiting our area?

Do you need a place to stay? Call for reservations at the



HORSE & BUGGY COUNTRY INN
BED & BREAKFAST
 A log home nestled deep in an Amish/Mennonite Horse & Buggy community.
 For reservations call: (606) 787-6612 • (606) 787-6110
You'll be glad you did!

Bread of Life Café Hours:
 Monday–Thursday–7:00am–3:00pm (ET)
 Friday & Saturday–7:00am–9:00pm (ET)
 Closed Sundays

Call for Reservations **606-787-6110**

WE ARE STILL SAVING SOUP UPCs AND BOXTOPS!

Remember to send Campbell's soup UPCs 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!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of mature ladies (18 years or older) to volunteer their time in service at the Galilean Home. We would need at least a 3-month commitment. You would be caring for the handicapped residents as well as the babies in the Angel House. Please contact our volunteer coordinator, Dawn Shultz, at 606-787-4697 for more information.
YOU WILL BE BLESSED!
 Email: theshultztribe@yahoo.com

Galilean Home Ministries, Inc. keeps all donor information private and secure. We keep information under physical, electronic, and procedural control at all times. We do not sell or trade a donor's confidential information to any other entity in existence. This policy covers all ministries and businesses affiliated with the Galilean Home. The Galilean Home Shepherd is issued monthly and is published by the Galilean Children's Home. There is no charge for this publication to subscribe, contact information is on the front page.

SPECIAL NEED

We are in need of a bus for our basketball and volleyball teams traveling to away games. Some are as far as Hazard, Lexington, Shelbyville, Oneida, TN, and so on. We have been using two 15-passenger vans for years. They are getting a lot of age (2003) and mileage on them. We also have a 1984 school bus which is 27 years old. Can you help?

NEEDS LIST

- ✓ Laundry Soap
- ✓ Bleach
- ✓ Soy Powder Infant Formula
- ✓ Paper Towels
- ✓ Bath Tissue
- ✓ Fruit Juices
- ✓ Size 4 Infant Diapers
- ✓ Cake Mixes

JUST A REMINDER

You can designate your United Way contribution to us. (Our agency # is 7003). You would need to fill out an application with your employer.

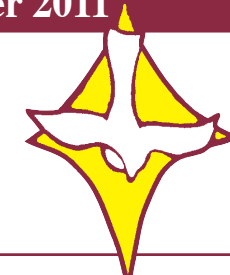
We have available upon request with any donation:
 A. Both of Sandy's books
 B. Our 30 minute DVD "The Story"

GALILEAN CHILDREN'S HOME
PO BOX 880
LIBERTY, KY 42539-0880



Non-Profit Org.
 U.S. Postage
PAID
 Permit No. 1478
 Lexington, KY

Return Service Requested



GALILEAN HOME SHEPHERD

Galilean Home Ministries, Inc.
 PO Box 880 Liberty, KY 42539
galileanhome.org

606-787-5120
 VOLUME 26 ISSUE 11

Shipping Address: Galilean Children's Home
 712 South Fork Church Road
 Liberty, KY 42539

Another Good Year Comes to a Close

Greetings from rainy Kentucky! This year has been given the honor of being the wettest year on record. It has been raining for three days now. If this moisture had been snow, we would be in major trouble. Those of you to the north know what I mean. Imagine what would happen here with our hills and lack of serious snow removal equipment!

living area. Some of these "kids" have been here nearly 30 years. Rosie is our official greeter, and she fulfills that calling 100%. After you leave this building, you have no doubt why it is called the "Blessing House". It sure lives up to its name. We had one Blessing House resident pass on to Glory this year. Tina Haven was 38 years old and was 100% dependent on others to meet all her needs.



It has been two years this month since we took a walk around campus, so... put on your rain coat, grab an umbrella, and let's start on this venture.

As we leave my humble little office, we might as well drift into the Blessing House which is attached to my office. Twenty residents swarm me with hugs and kisses, and in the process nearly knock me down. Now remember, this is a very busy

She was a blessing, and we all miss her. She will be another angel to join the others who have left here in the past.

Now, out of the Blessing House we go and up the ramp to the main office. We have four women who work in the office, which is another beehive of activity. Hope has been here 21 years, Debbie 11 years, Michelle 16 years, and Adrienne 6 years.

They keep things running smoothly, especially when I stay out of the way! I appreciate all four of these ladies, mostly because they are willing to put up with me.

OK, got to hurry. We'll go over to the laundry room to say a quick hello to Debbie, our laundress. Debbie manages six washers, six dryers, and never-ending loads of laundry. We have solar panels on the roof that were donated to aid in heating the water, which helps keep our electric bills down.

Next, we head into the recreation room. We have a ping pong table, air hockey, shuffle board, carpet ball, etc. which helps keep the kids busy on these rainy days. Currently there are four older girls who inhabit the bedrooms around the outside of the recreation room. Now for a quick look into my apartment. Not much to see here, especially since I'm not in here (I am busy being a tour guide at the moment).

Now, we head into the main kitchen and dining room. This can be the busiest place on the planet at times. Phyllis, our cook, has worked for us for 22 years. On holidays, we will have over 100 friends and family eating here in the dining room. Off to the side is the door into the chapel. The school holds their chapel services in here every Tuesday. It has in the past been used for weddings, funerals, concerts, and many other events. Now, most of those activities are held in the school gym since it is much larger.

OK, umbrellas open as we head outside. Walking up the lane, we pass the maintenance shop... "Hello Zack (he's our maintenance man)!" Next door is the main warehouse where Robbie and Vance are unloading some donated furniture.

Now we are at the Angel House. We knock on the door and are let into another world. Currently, there are 10 babies and 3 toddlers that call the Angel House home. In the past 20 years since we started the Born Free Ministry, over 500 babies have called this place home. We greet our very competent and cheerful workers as they hug, feed, and play with all the babies. The Angel House is a hard building to leave, but we must if we ever want to get done by New Year's Day.

As we leave, we walk past the fudge factory where Connie makes all the homemade fudge for

the Café. Next, we pass our food storehouse. From there, we say hi to John and Sissy as they come out of their cabin. The Preschool building, also known as the Butchie House, is just ahead. As we enter, we are pushed back out. Seems it is naptime! Oh well, our time for this tour is almost up anyway and we still have a couple more stops.

We will have to save the school for another time. That place is a tour all its own. Judging by the sounds coming from the gym, it seems as if there is a pretty lively basketball game in progress. We walk up the hill, past the picnic shelter, to the carpenter shop. Our resident carpenter, Tom, has been with us for 10 years. He makes all the tables, book shelves, desks, etc. that we may need. Most of his work is done for the school, but he also fixes chairs for the Café.

Back outside, we wave to the volunteers coming out of the Mary Martha House. This building is where all of our volunteers stay. There are usually about 8-10 girls staying there at any given time who have come here from all over the United States and Canada. Down the lane behind the Mary Martha House is my log cabin. Sandy designed it, but was never well enough to even go up on the porch. She passed away before its construction was completed. Her grave is behind the cabin just as she requested. Everywhere I look inside the cabin I can see her and her personal touch.

Well, that about completes this quick venture around the property. We did not go into the chicken or hog houses. Maybe we will next time. Now, ya'll go on. I am going to collapse into my lazy boy and dream of heaven. But, before I fall asleep, I want to express my thanks for all the support and prayers this past year. To say it was a tough year would be an understatement. But, the bottom line is that we are still here weathering the storms of life and keeping up the good fight. It is only by the grace of God we are still in the trenches doing what God has called us to do. I still hear those encouraging words, "Dad, don't quit. Don't ever give up." And, with the help of all our supporters, that is exactly what we plan to do. Love you, Mom.

In God's grace we remain,

Jerry

The following is a letter from an inmate at KCIW in Louisville. These types of letters are always like fuel to help keep us going.

Dear Mr. Tucker and The Galilean Home Staff,

Thanksgiving Day has ended now and here I am sitting on my bed at the Kentucky Correctional Institute for Women (KCIW), wondering where to begin to even try to say "Thank You" to you all for doing God's work by providing for my son and many others at a time where I (and other mothers) can't. I had my son over the summer while incarcerated here. For a long time I had no idea what I was going to do with him when I gave birth. I had a few options but knew the only thing I could do would be to pray about it and not be selfish with my decision. I had never heard of the Galilean Home before, until coming to KCIW, and never imagined that I would give birth to my only child while incarcerated, but as you know now, I did. My family is a part of my life but looked down on me for my choices that brought me to prison and some of them even looked down on me for my son being biracial. However, God knows no color and has no less love for me or my son than He does for you. That is why He put you all in my life. I heard about the Galilean Home from other mothers who are incarcerated that have had their children in your care and they only had great things to share with me. I began to think about what I was going to do with my son as time got closer to me having him.

I went to the chapel one Thursday and met Angie, one of God's greatest gifts, along with many volunteers and staff from the Galilean Home. The second I walked in the door I felt God's love from your staff and knew that was where I needed to place my son. As soon as I made my decision, I felt the greatest peace inside me that I was doing the right thing with my son. You see, I was told that there was someone awake with the children 24-7 and that they would keep me updated about everything. They told me about the woman who comes every week and prays for each person/child

there out of the kindness of her heart. They told me that they would send me pictures once a month, but did not mention the personal letter from Angie and that even sometimes the volunteers would write. They said they would update me on his weight each week when they would bring him faithfully for my bonding visits with him. Those are just a few of the many blessings that I know of, I'm sure that there are more. By placing my son there I knew that unless there was a really good reason, that they would bring him every week. From June 15 to October 29, I only missed one visit with him due to a few babies being sick.

Being a first-time mother in prison is really hard but having my son with you all gave me something to look forward to every single week. Not only did I get to see my son and spend the precious time that I did with him, I also got to know the employees and volunteers whom I will never forget. I can't even begin to express my gratitude for what they mean to me. The bonding visits also gave me a little time to get to know the other mothers who were going through the same things as me. It's November now, and my son is no longer with you all because my sister and her family were able to come and take him into their home until I complete my program here at KCIW. They tell me all the time how happy he is and I know that it is because of all the love and joy you all showed him at the Galilean Home. Had I made a different decision than having him with you all I do not know how things would be. But I do know that thanks to you all I have such a great bond with him, a love that I may not have had, and a much closer relationship with God than I did before. God has really blessed my son and I by guiding you and your late wife into building such a wonderful ministry for His Glory. Thank you for listening to His call and for working for Him.