

Also, by the time you are reading this, a complete restoration of the Blessing House bathroom and bathing facilities will have started. Son, Jeff, and his Tucker Building Company employees will be doing the work. The funding for this project came from the Kentucky Colonels, which have helped us many times before.

I'll try to wind this down by saying, to the best of my ability to count; we fed 136 hungry mouths here at the Home at Christmas. Only some of the out of state married children did not make it. Not to exaggerate, but we had "tons" of grandkids here that day. We feasted on Mom's recipe for "klopps", which is a Polish meat ball. This was one of her many, many gourmet specialties, along with her homemade vanilla pudding. We sure miss her, but look forward to that blessed hope of being together again with the family circle in the sky. I get chill bumps just thinking about it.

I thought I said I was closing this letter so there would be room for more pictures, but I really am now. With God's grace and the backing of all of you out there, we will persevere in spite of economic downfalls, floods, intense summer heat, and a few aches and pains of a 70 year old man. Implanted in my brain is my response to Sandy's last words to me, "Dad, don't quit, don't ever give up." My answer to her was, "I won't give up, I promise!"

I will leave you with one of my favorite quotes, "You give but little when you give of your possessions. It is when you give of yourself that you truly give." Always Faithful,

Jerry —Jerry

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

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An Eventful Year

It is the first day of a new year; 2010 went by in a blur. I sit in my cabin looking out at an absolutely perfect morning, if there is such a thing. The sky is so blue that it hurts to look up at it. Not a leaf rustles. Sunshine so bright that one might think it was July or August. The thermometer takes away that notion fast, it is 27 degrees.

It has been 3 1/2 years since Mom's passing and still her presence lingers everywhere, especially in this cabin. The cabin she dreamed of and designed, but never set foot inside. It is like she is really here, but has stepped out onto the porch for a moment or out back tending to flowers or even better, getting ready to fix a real Polish lunch for me. But, this is reality. She, in the physical sense, is not here, only in memories and thoughts that will never be erased.

2010 was a very eventful year, to say the least. The flood of May 2nd that closed down our Trading Post for nine weeks caused nearly \$200,000 damage to the building and contents. But, that is now behind us.

We had a bunch of work teams this past summer. We had a team from Canada, one from Lancaster, PA, and one from Indianapolis, IN. Not to mention a lot of smaller groups that served as work teams as well. We thank everyone who involved themselves with the Galilean Home. Whether it be physically, spiritually, financially, or even those who think of us and pray for us upon occasion; we need you all.

The 40 Haitian children that we were scheduled to receive after the earthquake never did make it. The Haitian government and others, I believe, made a lot of dreams not come true. I cannot imagine the chaos after the quake, with so many trying to flee Haiti. We were grateful that we were even considered to be a part of this massive undertaking to help the children of Haiti.

Four more exciting events occurred in 2010. Daughter Jessica and her husband, Kevin, delivered a baby boy. Son Jeremy and his wife, Adrienne, also gave birth to a baby boy. John and Sissy were married. Sunshine gave birth to a baby girl.

Also, another milestone was Ena receiving her American Citizenship in December. Ena came to us 13 years ago from Honduras. Her story has been told many times in past newsletters over the years. I finalized her adoption in October, just a couple of months

before the citizenship process. She currently attends Johnson Bible College in Knoxville, Tennessee. When she was four, six members of her family were massacred during a home invasion. She is now 19.

Also arriving in a few days to make Galilean Home his place of residence, is a young man with Down's Syndrome. We have known him for a few years, his mother and father bring him to the Café to eat a couple times a week.



Mom & Butchie many, many years ago

