

To all the friends of Nazareth Farm and Hope Land! May You know the peace and joy that are in Jesus!

God has been so good to us! We have new staff members to introduce, Bill Hying from Wisconsin, Joan and John Donnelly from New York, and Pat Mertens from Florida. That brings our permanent staff number to ten. So much is being accomplished with the increased staff - ceiling and carpeting are now complete in the O'Connor room with cubboards, shelves, and lights waiting for a stormy day to finish. A new section of land near John of God house was prepared and sown with rye in preparation for next year's garden. A new batch both of chickens and rabbits have been installed to supplement our food supply and this Sunday "Henny Penny" laid her first egg! A wood stove was set up in the parlor of the farm house to help us heat with less expense. We have already cut and split 8 chords of wood - about half of what we think we will need this winter. Meanwhile, we have sent crews out each week to Hope Land and other homesites to keep our commitment of serving the poor of the region. The October food distribution at West Union is remembered as the day the green truck "blowed up!". Six of us were on our way to West Union and never made it, having to suffer the indignity of being towed in to the Exxon station in Salem. At least we made a big hit at the Dairy Dream where we had lunch. On top of that, the suburban wagon was also down for a couple of weeks, needing brake work, front end king pin repair and alignment, as well as 2 new tires. BIG EXPENSES FOR REPAIRS! So often this past month, we wondered how to pay for expensive auto repairs, how to provide food for the poor, how to pay our insurance and purchase building supplies. We said again and again "we have to walk in faith." We made conscious efforts to turn our cares and worries over to God. Again and again God has been taking care of us! People have been so generous in sending us food so we could eat. Just when they were most needed generous donations have come in. Neighbors have sent us firewood, and throughout all, we have been able to also share with others. Today (Nov.28) the fourth wall of the framing for the new barn is going up. We have the materials for the second floor and roof. We are praying for a donation of material for siding for the new barn, John of God house, and the Lipscomb house at Hope Land. We await this Advent season with joy and excitement. There will be four weeks to be grateful for all God has accomplished.

#### GREETINGS AND PEACE TO YOU!

I have to get in my 2 cents here and I suppose that from the last news letter you are expecting a big pitch for money. As you have already heard from Fr. Bernie, much progress is being made here at the farm and at other work sites. For those of you who have been so faithful in giving support both financially and in prayer I can only imagine how good it is for you to hear the progress report. For those of you who want to share the joy of being a part of the good things happening here we will be more than happy to hear from you. We have had some "Biggie Bills" lately but those angels keep watching over us and we are amazed and humbled by the fact that God takes such good care of us. Its almost as if we are a pet project of His. We are looking forward to seeing those of you who are planning to come to work with us this year. Our calendar for the winter is filling up and our summer schedule will be available at the end of January. My wish for you all as we enter into the advent season is that you take time to thank God for life, love, health, family, friends, and for things that you have prayed for and about. The gift that He has given us is freedom. Freedom to be all that He created us to be. Freedom

to take risks. Freedom to share His love. Freedom to question and seek. Freedom to claim His promise of peace and His challenge to "go unto all the ends of the earth" to proclaim Him as Lord of all! Listen now to the cry of the poor...He listens and responds through you. We thank Him daily for your response.

Joy to the world, the Lord has come!

Kay, John, Joan D. Jant.  
Fr. Bernie Mary Ellen  
Terry Bill Karen P.  
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We all wish you a happy & blessed advent season. Share the gift of love with all & pray for peace & good will for our world.

"The glory of the Lord shall be revealed!"

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