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Greetings to all from Nazareth Farm!

The winter has been long, cold and difficult at times, but our winter volunteers were a real blessing and we have accomplished a lot. The Lipscomb house at Hope Land is sided and porched. Much has been done at the other Hope Land sights and we think, that soon, all of the houses will be completed. Those of you who have participated in the Thompson "cellar scene" will be happy to know that we think we solved the problem there and it is no longer an indoor swimming pool.

We had a wonderful Christmas party in December and we would like to thank all of you who donated gifts and money. I wish all of you could have been there to celebrate Christmas with us. The people had a great time and the little kiddies were so excited. Please know how much we appreciate your help in putting on the party. We will be starting our Christmas party plans earlier this year so watch for upcoming news about that.

The summer schedule has gone out to various groups and it looks like we will be in for a full house for the entire summer...good thing we've made such progress on the new barn. It's going to be close quarters this year. Write or call and we will keep you posted on available space for summer weeks.

We are looking for a few good men and women. If you are interested in staffing here this summer, please contact us A.S.A.P. We are going to be in need of some extra help here especially since we will be having very large groups this summer. Requirements for summer staff:

1. You must have completed at least one volunteer week
2. You must have completed your freshman year of college/or completed a years worth of similar experience.

If you are interested, pray about it and get in touch with us soon.

Speaking of staff, our current staff consists of:

Joan Donnelly	Kay Hetherington	Karen Powell
John Donnelly	Bill Hying	
Joan Frisz	Pat Mertens	

We are all fine and dandy, but we still appreciate getting personal mail now and then. (HINT!)

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The Lord builds... They labor in vain. Ps. 127

We just finished out Easter celebration and what a great celebration it was. Holy Thursday was awesome. We went to the Salem church and helped with the music for that service. We had a wonderful Good Friday service here and on Saturday we went to the Easter Vigil in Clarksburg. Easter Sunday morning was cold and rainy, so we had our prayer service in the O'Conner room. We sang, had readings and sang some more. It was great!

Enclosed, you will find a summer volunteer schedule and application. At this time, the only weeks open are the two family weeks and the infamous "Canning Carnival". If you are interested in coming down for a week, please fill out the application and return it right away. We'll do our best to accomodate you.

I know what you are thinking right now. You are thinking that you have read this whole newsletter and there has not been one little mention of money. Well, that's because I wanted to save lots of space to write about this cursed topic. To put it in a nutshell...WE NEED MONEY. I am not very good at groveling, but I really must encourage you to consider donating some dollars to the Farm. We are in the process of finishing the barn and increasing our outreach to folks who need some home repair. We also are hoping to add more people to our food distribution list and that takes money. We know that we cannot take care of all the needs of this area, but we want to reach out even more than we already have and you could help us by continuing to be as faithful as as you have been in the past with financial assistance. Those of you who have not been so faithful in the past might be encouraged to become faithful now. I know that you have been touched by this place. Many of you write letters thanking us for the good experience that you have had here. If we are to continue, we need your help. Please pray for us and for the ministry here and, if possible, send us a donation. The Lord will bless you for your charity.

Some of you will be happy to hear this bit of news...we have lowered the dog population and upped the chicken and rabbit population. (We've tried it all and decided that we like chicken and rabbit meat best... so beware the stew around here - ha ha ha.)

That's all for now. We thank God for all of you and we pray that you are happy and healthy. Be assured of our continued prayers for you. CELEBRATE THE RISEN LORD! REST IN HIS PEACE! HE IS ALIVE THROUGH US!

In His Love,
The Nazareth Farm Community