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The association of Volunteers for Christian Service.
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Greetings to all from the Farm!

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I have lots of news to report as we have been busier than ever now that we are preparing for our summer schedule. Since January we have already had over 150 volunteers come through our doors and we expect to have record numbers coming this summer. We are booked solid for the summer but if there are a few stragglers out there who want to come down and see us, get on the horn and give us a call and we will see if we can fit you in.

Many of you are probably wondering how our Easter went with the new schedule. We had a beautiful week here. It certainly was a highlight for me and from the letters that I have received from those who were here it was an awesome experience for all. The 8 mile walk turned out to be a 10 mile walk but that was fine. It was a very holy time as we walked and put up our crosses and reflected on each station of the cross. I checked the other day and it looks like all of the crosses are still standing. All I can say is that the Lord was truly present during that week and we witnessed a true infilling of His spirit. In terms of work sites, we are still working over at the Cooper's and those of you who have been there need to know that we should complete the job by the end of May. Floyd's place is coming along fine. In spite of the rather "artistic" foundation. Most of the floor is done now and we will start putting up the walls in the next week. Jimmy and Sarah are so excited about their new bedrooms. Mary Lou Marks has a new roof, some new plumbing, and a fresh coat of paint on her place. She asked me to tell you all that she is so thankful for your hard work and she loves us. Wanda Weekly is pulling wheelies on her back porch and also wanted me to give warm greetings from her and a message of thanks.

We are slowly but surely getting our summer staff. John and Joan Donnelly are still here along with John Morgan, Karen Powell and myself. David Dominiak joined us about a week ago. He comes to us from Chicago. We will be getting another staff person at the end of the month. Rose Ratzki also from Chicago will be here. She attends the Univ. of Dayton and was here for a week and just couldn't stay away. We would like to have one or two more staff for the summer so if you know of anybody who has been here and might be interested just give us a call.

There will be changes in the next year here at the farm. We are currently advertising for two directors and a social worker. If there is anyone out there who would be interested in filling any one of these positions please get in contact with us. We are looking for a Director of Projects and Fiscal Management, and a Spiritual Director. Please pray about it and get a hold of us if you feel that the Lord is leading you to serve on a long term basis down here.

As we begin the summer I feel a great sense of anticipation. I know

that there are many young people who will be coming down here not only to work and serve but to also seek and sort out some things in their lives. Please pray for the young people who will be joining us. Pray that as they see the needs down here they can feel compelled to continue to be aware of and concerned for the poor. Pray that they will have the courage to face the areas in their own lives that are impoverished and will ask the Lord to fill them with His spirit of reconciliation and peace. Pray that by witnessing the beauty that surrounds us in these hills, they will be called to be good stewards for our Mother Earth. Pray that as they will experience the spirit of peace and joy during their visit here, they can take that experience home with them and be ambassadors for peace and simplicity, so a little bit of Nazareth Farm will be evident in the different communities represented. We are looking forward to seeing those of you who are coming down and those of you who will not be able to join us this summer need to know that we thank the good Lord for you and we pray for you each day. The trees are back in bloom here and our whippoorwill is singing again (unfortunately, he chooses to sing by John and Dave's and my window at about 3:30 a.m.) its summer and "the heavens are telling the glory of God and all creation is shouting for joy" take time to "dance in the forest and play in the fields and sing, sing, of the glory of the Lord."

Peace to you all and may you continue to seek His will.

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