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WAYNE'S WORLD

✠ a prayer for our friend ✠

As many of you may have heard through the Nazareth Farm trees, our dear friend Wayne Groves was in the hospital for some time. He fell and broke his hip on May 13th, and had some complications during recovery. Cheryl, his daughter and past Nazareth Farm staff member, has spent many hours traveling the roads between here and Pittsburgh, where Wayne spent his 91st birthday in the hospital, making sure he got the best care. Wayne was transferred to the Clarksburg VA hospital where he began some physical therapy, but unfortunately, his health continued to deteriorate.

Wayne past away early Thursday morning, June 22nd.

Services were held that Saturday, and Cheryl asked the Farm staff to be pall bearers. After taking him home so many times on community night, we took him to his final home next to his wife, Pauline.

It was a sad day at the Farm when our dear friend Wayne passed away. Many memories flooded our thoughts of all those precious moments spent with our friend. What a treasure he was, from his stories, to the tour of his home, and of course, Poochie. As Wayne may have touched your lives, all of you touched his. His favorite days were those spent with volunteers, when he could stand up at dinner and thank all of you for coming to West Virginia, his homeland, and praising the work being done.

The memories of Wayne will linger in our hearts forever. Although he may no longer be with us at dinner, his spirit is definitely here watching over us.



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"DEAR KIDS,..."

Back in April and May, we worked with the Beamer's, Tamela and Bob Beamer, and their children Jen and Jon, opened their home and their hearts to us. After one group week, Tamela wrote a note to us and to the many volunteers that helped work on their house.

Tammy & Bob Beamer
March 10, 1995 - 2:00AM

Dear Kids,

You have no idea how much this week has meant to us - and how thank-full we are to you - for all that you have done, for us.

To Jon - You gave him a week of endless exploring -

To Jen - You set a witness to a very impressionable girl - She told me - "Mommy, I want to be like them, when I grow up!"

To me, You've given me an overwhelming sense of Peace and the reinforcement of the belief that Je u i always with us and will help us through the problems - no matter how great they seem -

To Bob (and he especially wanted you to know this) to him you gave the most - He has been so frustrated, with his life because he knows how to do this type of work but when he begins a job, he doesn't have the energy or muscle, to complete it.

To him, you were his hands, muscles, and energy -

To this town - Yes this town - You have served as a witness that not all kids are out to mess up and raise havoc - that you can do a job and do it well.

There's a song, which I think of, when I think of you all - "Angels Among Us" - This is what you have meant to us -

Go with the Peace of God and know that you have made a (positive) difference in our life -

Thank you - Thank you - Thank you!

Tam, Bob, Jen, & Jon

P.S. This will sound crazy - But take your left hand and place it on your right shoulder - know that you're never alone - We've prayed that each of you have an angel placed on your right shoulder, to protect and guard you.

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"ALMOST HEAVEN" WORK SITE

by Eric Hoch

According to Nancy Singleton, a youth minister from St. Gabriel's, the Beamer family lives in Heaven because when she drove her van up the hill to their house, all she could see was sky. Well, life has not been a piece of cake for the Bob, Tammy, Jenny, and little John, but the past few months have been joyful and grace-filled not only for them but for the staff and volunteers who worked with them on their home.

Through the leadership efforts of Tim Ciavarrì, Joe Hennessy, and myself plus the hard work of all the volunteers, the Beamer's have two fine porches on their freshly painted house with roofs that don't leak. We have the fond memories of sitting around the dining room table hearing Bob's stories about life in Doddridge County and in the Navy while we ate Tammy's chili. I remember when Bob and Jenny took some people out to a cave right off of the Rails for Trails state park, others who played trucks with John or took him for a bike ride, and still others who sat on the front porch swing and talked with Tammy. A volunteer noted once that although it was we who went to work on the house each day, we too said thank-you many times as we got back in our vans.

Bob recently got his full benefits from the military and the family is now off of welfare. Plus their dream of having a business is about to be fulfilled. A long awaited loan for a bike rental shop has come through and the building has already been started. Tammy is busy gardening, and Jenny has been a big help. And John, well, John is still the little wild ball of uninhibited, unending joy he was when all of you were here.

I visited Bob recently on a Sunday afternoon. I hadn't been at the site for week because of I was in charge of farm crew. Bob and I talked for hours about theology. As you might imagine, he's quite informed and has lots of opinions. One of the things he said was that he was not called to be poor but to be a blessing for others. As we say our prayers, let's remember the blessing Bob and his family have been for us in the past few months.

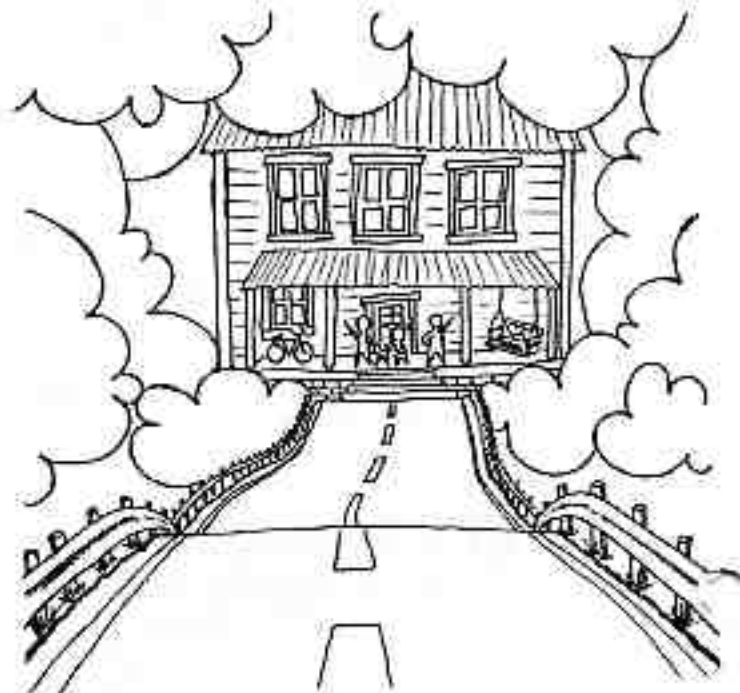
THE BISHOP'S VISIT

by Rodney Dick

Bishop Bernard Schmitt of the Diocese of Wheeling/Charleston visited Nazareth Farm for the evening on March 22, 1995. Bishop Schmitt joined us for community night along with Wayne, Randy, the Channell's, the Sandora's, as well as the students from LeMoyne College, St. Xavier University, and Mount Holyoke College who were here to serve the people of Doddridge County for the week.

This was the first visit for the Bishop, and we hope it will not be his last. Bishop Schmitt joined us for dinner, visited with our neighbors and the student volunteers, shared some jokes with the group after dinner, helped wash the dishes, and joined us for prayer...a typical Wednesday evening.

His presence at Nazareth Farm was great for everyone involved, and we were all grateful that he took time from his busy schedule to share with us! He is a wonderful man, and we are blessed to have him as our shepherd in West Virginia!



A COMMUNITY EFFORT

Our last newsletter featured an inserted appeal made by Rodney to help Mrs. Freda Ash who was "burnt-out" of her home. I am happy to say that due to local effort and much of your support as well, Mrs. Ash now has a new home. Nazareth Farm was able to donate all the block for the new foundation and much of the lumber for the sub-floor and floor. It is inspiring to see so many people who are quick to lend a hand in crisis times such as this. However, the need in this area is still great, and the work we do continues. Please keep up your efforts, and keep Nazareth Farm in your mind and in your prayers. Thank you.

SERVICE OUT OF SERVICE

Once again, we have been blessed with many generous donations. And once again, you have answered one of the Farm's challenges by continuing your service after leaving the Farm. At first, I began typing out all the monetary donations received from volunteer groups and the list was enormous! That's fantastic! But rather than list each group and amount, I've included you all on our Contributors' Page. Thank you for your continued support. Your generosity is remembered and not taken for granted. Several groups and individuals have also donated materials to the Farm. Joe Campbell of Sacred Heart Parish donated several items from our wish list and much more. St. Raphael's of Naperville, IL. donated a full tool box, St. Joseph's of Downers Grove, IL. collected and gave us many tools, and St. Louis de Montfort brought many items from our wish list. Other individuals have also donated materials as well.



MATCHING GIFTS

Something to consider when making a donation to Nazareth Farm: Check with your employer to see if they sponsor a "matching gifts program." If so, your company may match any donation you make! Please make donations payable to:

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ADULT WEEKS

For the past couple of years, we've offered a few weeks in our schedule called "adult weeks". These are volunteer weeks reserved for individuals or groups of adults either in college, out of college, or in the work world. A possible time for one week this Fall is the first week in November. Other dates may be available in the late Winter or early Spring depending on interest. The adult week schedule is pretty much the same as any other volunteer week. If you've come to the Farm in the past and you can't come down with a parish or campus group, or if you're a youth/campus minister and you want to experience the Farm in a new way, or if you simply want to serve, come out for one of these weeks. If you are interested, please call or contact the Farm about Adult Weeks. 304-782-2742.

SCHEDULING POLICY

We have recently revised our volunteer registration policy. It reads as follows:

Volunteer groups will be assigned openings in the volunteer calendar year using the following guidelines:

1. Groups associated with staff and board members will not receive preferential treatment in the selection process.
2. The registration packet will be mailed first class to all interested Youth/Campus Ministers on the mailing list.
3. No registration forms will be accepted postmarked before a designated date, set by the Volunteer Coordinator, which will be no sooner than two weeks after the initial registration packet mailing. Express mail returns hold the same stipulations as First Class mail.
4. All registration returns will be accepted on a "first-come-first-serve" basis based on the postmarked date.
5. Schools and parishes will be notified when the calendar is complete. This allows the Volunteer Coordinator flexibility on working within a groups three choices for weeks; those applicants failing to list three choices are subject to being scheduled at the Volunteer Coordinator's discretion.

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AND THEN THERE WERE...

In April we had a wonderful Holy Week. Several veteran groups and past staff members joined us and made the prayer that much more meaningful. The Easter season here has been a joyous. May brought us three college weeks in a row and lots of rain. June begins our Summer full of high school volunteer weeks, and the rest of the Summer is packed. Joe Hennessy joined the staff right after Easter and promptly acquired a fishing license and a reputation... Eric-green-thumb has put our garden. He has a relationship to it much like Ahab to Moby Dick. Chris went back to work with John - glutton for punishment, (she seems to be the only one who can keep him in line) and now moved on to her own site. Alicia is doing well, having fun, and is now responsible for Sunday orientation and dinner announcements. Just what she needs, everyone's attention. Thomas has been seen doing the Farm's books with no shoes - not sure if he's relaxing or trying to count. He recently "played" Jesus at a bible camp called JAM Camp - type-casting? John is finishing up his l-o-n-g t-e-r-m remodelling work site and looking forward to some painting. Rodney caught a lot of flack going into the kitchen, but did quite well. He's now out at a work site. Sr. Paula joins us again for the Summer as house manager. She says she wants to get out to the sites too...you might regret that Paula! Butch is now done with driving school bus for the year, rested from vacation, and is spending time here making all our lives a bit more cheery.

Tim, Dave, and Sarah moved on from the Farm. Tim left in the beginning of May. He returned to Rochester, NY and he hopes to attend school in the Fall. Sarah is back in Crosby, ND, spending the Summer on her farm before she plans to go to the Lutheran Seminary in the Fall. Dave left the end of May and will be spending more service time in a community called Inisfree, working with mentally challenged persons. We wish you well and God's peace. Know that this is your home. You are always welcome here.

JUST A REMINDER...

* Nazareth Farm has a new address! Please send ALL letters, etc to:

**NAZARETH FARM
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* Any mail sent to our old address will take much longer due to the forwarding process.☺

* We are still located on Little Battle Run, in Center Point, for UPS deliveries.☺

WISH LIST

Thank you to all of you who responded to the last wish list and continue to respond. We received the levels and tape measurers and the drywall screwdriver, not to mention a house manager for the Summer. Your contributions do help! Some people wonder whether its better to send money. Money is always needed! - but these materials are also needed. If you or your group can donate an item, please do so. Thank you.

Things for which we wish

- 2 - 6 or 8 ft. fiberglass step ladders
- new or used, compact car (Odie, our little white hatch-back just hit 201,000 miles!)
- standing tool cabinet w/ drawers
- 1,2,&3 in. paint brushes
- several single bed mattresses
- electric typewriter with correct-type
- clothes drying machine



- The wooden "Expect A Miracle" sign that hangs on the Red Barn was created by Karen Race from Binghamton NY around Easter of 1986. Thanks Karen.

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