

Dear Friends,

A phone call Sunday brought us news we pass along to you of Fr. Dave's safe arrival in California to begin a well earned sabbatical experience. We invite you to add your prayers to ours that this will be a time of peace and renewal and growth for David.

Kay Hetherington and I will now share the work of managing & directing the activities of the Christian Community at Nazareth Farm. My Name is Bernie Nelson, I'm the new priest, and Kay & I are co-directors. The two of us have made a commitment to consult and dialogue with our volunteers in an effort to continue the vision and dream of Fr. Dave for a community united in prayer, living a gospel style of life, and reaching out in service to the poor of the region.

July & August were busy months with ordinary activity and special activities to celebrate the 10th anniversary of Nazareth Farm and to recognize Fr. Dave's fruitful years of ministry here.

The final week Dave spent with us brought back happy memories for some volunteers who remembered similar work weeks in past years. Just the sharing of work, of prayer, meal preparation, songs around the fire, personal reflection, the triumphs and woes of community life made the time special.

During this last volunteer week of the summer, we tried to complete or at least begin some of the projects or works that people requested, or told us they would like to see accomplished:

- the inside walls of the O'Connor Room are finished and ceiling begun.
- Sidewalks forms are in waiting for concrete when we can pay for it
- the foundation for a new (safe)boy's barn has been poured and concrete floor in. Through fall we will be framing and roofing the two story building. 1st floor for tool shed & machine shop to use year round and 2nd for dorm. We have supplies and lumber for all but final exterior siding and hope contributions will make it possible to have this ready for volunteers in the Spring.

God has faithful and kind in answering our prayers! Our staff community has been growing--two new members and five others in process of discernment.

"WE NEED YOUR HELP" If anyone could send us one of the following items (new or used) It would certainly help us with everyday tasks:

- BLACK & Becker sawhorses(or similar work bench or table units)
- VACUUM CLEANERS (for John of God house and one for shop)
- ELECTRICAL WIRE AND SUPPLIES TO INSTALL SERVICE TO NEW BARN & SHOP
- TABLE SAW WITH GUIDES, ATTACHMENTS AND SAFETY DEVICES
- LATHE WITH ATTACHMENTS FOR WOODWORKING
- SAWS, CLAMPS, FILES, PLANES, CHISELS, OTHER WOOD WORKING TOOLS
- TOOL CHESTS, HOLDERS, & RACKS
- CHAIN SAW
- BENCH VICES
- BAND SAW
- JIG OR SCROLL SAW
- BENCH GRINDER
- DRILL PRESS WITH PARTS
- WASHING MACHINE & GAS DRYER
- PORTABLE DISHWASHER

Sincerely,

Fr. Bernie Nelson

NOW A WORD FROM THE OTHER CO-DIRECTOR

Greetings to You,

My name is Kay Hetherington and I will co-director at the Farm along with Fr. Bernie and the rest of the faithful members of the community. I basically wish to send the same message as Fr. Bernie with one exception of being less subtle in our plea for financial/or donation support. My daily contact with the checkbook can conclude with one of two reactions: 1. Great rejoicing and thanksgiving! 2. Immediate and fervent prayer. You can help keep me in a state of joy by continuing to support us as you obviously and thankfully have done in the past.

It is exciting, confusing, sometimes hectic, time here but I am very happy to be here and consider it a privilege to be a part of this ministry. The current staff here is; Mary Ellen McLafferty (been here one year... in spite of it she is staying on), Karen Powell (been here three years... and probably in addition to getting wings in Heaven, she will wear an awesome crown), Mary Stellflug (working with Head Start in home education for 3 & 4 year olds), Joan Frisz (arriving Sept. 23), Mr. & Mrs. John Donnelly will be joining us in early October. Three more people are seriously considering this ministry. Keep us all in your prayers and be assured of ours for you. Praise Him and thank Him for all the miracles that already have and will continue to occur.

PHIL. 4:13

"We can do all things through Christ who gives us strength!"

PEACE,

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