

# — NAZARETH FARM —

*The Association of Volunteers  
for Christian Service*

**LITTLE BATTLE RUN  
CENTER POINT, WV 26339**

## SUMMER NEWSLETTER

The blanket of fog covers our hollow each morning accompanied by the sound of dew falling from the leaves; it's much like a dry rain, or as one volunteer says, " it's like angels dancing in the leaves."

### OH MY! BIG NEWS!! Rose & John

Greetings to all! Big happenings here at Naz Farm this summer! On September 6, 1993 (Labor Day) we will celebrate our marriage at Doddridge County Park in West Union, WV. We believe that our Nazareth Farm family has been an integral part of our relationship. Thus, we invite you to join us in the celebration of our commitment to one another. If you are interested in being a part of our weekend celebration please write or call us for more information (RSVP by Aug. 15, 1993). We know that everyone will not be able to join us for our ceremony, but we ask that you keep us in your prayers as we will also be praying for you. PEACE AND GOD BLESS.

### A MIRACLE! Liz Dowling

Being a former staff member at Nazareth Farm has allowed me to be a witness to the extreme power of God that is so present in everything we do. While in West Virginia, I watched as volunteers, as well as staff, worked with power tools and surprisingly never had any major accidents. I watched Mike (Abramowski) scratch his head wondering where the money for supplies was going to come from next and having a rather large donation arrive just days later. But the reason I am writing is to tell you a story to remind you that you don't have to be at the Farm to have the power of God close at hand.

On April 12th of this year I left the Farm after a glorious time of celebrating Holy Week, still walking on air from the wonderful experiences I had. Martha White and I, driving separate cars, were following each other back home and were only an hour into our trip when I had an accident. Somehow going off the road, the little Ford Festiva rolled in the grass, slid partially across the interstate and flipped again where it slid to a final stop in an overturned position to the right of the highway. With shattered glass everywhere and the seat belt keeping me from being thrown, I looked for a way out and saw a man

looking back at me. With my hands shaking, I unhooked myself from the belt and crawled out with the help of this stranger. Starting to hyperventilate, he lead me away from the vehicle to a place where I could sit, constantly asking me if I was hurt in any way. All I could do was stare at him unable to connect what I was thinking and unable to speak. A few seconds later, Martha came running at me and the two of us hugged each other, crying.

When we finally settled ourselves and began to take the whole situation into account, Martha asked me how I got out of the car. I told her of the old man and began to wonder where he went so I could find out who he was. Martha told me she thought she had seen someone help me away from the car, but neither of us could remember seeing him leave the scene or any other car besides our own and those who had just begun to arrive. He had left as quickly as he had come.

I never found out for sure who he was or why he was there at that very moment that I looked up, or even where he disappeared to. After looking at the car with the windshield pushed within inches of where my face was, I thanked God for the miracle of surviving the crash without even a scratch on my body, and I thanked God for the helping hand and calming words of concern. When I got into Martha's car to return to the Farm, John Michael Talbot's song, "Because You Are Chosen" was playing on the radio. So you tell me... who was that stranger?

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Ironically enough I recently learned that Janet Roth, board member and ten year veteran of the Farm, came away from a terrible accident in which her car went under a semi tractor-trailer and was totalled. She also escaped without injury. You tell me... did God have a hand in it? Was it a miracle? I know Janet's answer to those questions.

### PRAYERS ANSWERED AND WISHES GRANTED

Martha White

In our last newsletter we challenged everyone to participate in fundraising activities at your home parishes and schools on behalf of The Farm and The Knudsen Fund.

Once again we are writing but this time to extend a huge thank you to all of you that rose to the challenge and contributed so generously to The Farm and The Knudsen's.

Because of your selfless efforts our ministry continues. As for the Knudsen Family they are very happy in their new home. On July 6th we will begin laying approximately one mile of gas line which will power their generator to produce electricity for their house and water pump.

The donations from volunteer groups has been overwhelming. We could not do it without you. Thank You! Thank You! Thank You!

In regard to the wish list we had some very generous responses which produced a new floor jack, cutting torches, and vacuum cleaners.

Thanks again and keep up the good work as you are very much a part of our family.

## HOW DOES OUR GARDEN GROW?

Sylvia Nieto

Greetings from the Nazareth Farm Gardens. Yes, gardens! We have four this year plus a watermelon patch. Alyson, Rose and I all work to keep them green and growing. Here's what we have - corn, beans, tomatoes, potatoes, zucchini, cantaloupe, broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, green peppers, swiss chard, onions, herbs, cowpeas, and flowers. We have lots of help from the volunteers keeping everything weed free. Thanks volunteers.

We harvested all of the rhubarb and strawberries. They were both quite delicious. We've had some of the onions and chard for cooking and look forward to July when we'll dig potatoes.

So far the rainfall has been generous and we have happy plants. Mother earth has blessed us with rich earth and we are grateful for that. Enjoy your Summer!

## WAYNE'S WORLD CELEBRATION

Sheryl Groves

On June 8, 1993 Wayne Groves, my father and long time friend of Nazareth Farm, celebrated his 89th Birthday!! Wayne was given a surprise party here at The Farm by staff and volunteers. I think he liked it!

## RECIPES FROM OUR KITCHEN TO YOURS

Sheryl Groves

### Apple Crisp

"Extra Tempting - With a Touch of Autumn Flavor"

Take five to six cups of sliced firm tart apples either pared or unpared and place in a 6" x 10" greased baking dish. Cover the apples with a mixture of:

One cup sifted enriched flour  
One-half to one cup sugar  
One teaspoon baking powder  
Three-quarters teaspoon salt  
One unbeaten egg

Finally pour of everything one-third cup of melted and cooled shortening and sprinkle with one half teaspoon cinnamon. Bake for thirty to forty minutes at 350 degrees. Serve warm with ice cream or milk.

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Joan and John Donnelly's New Address:

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