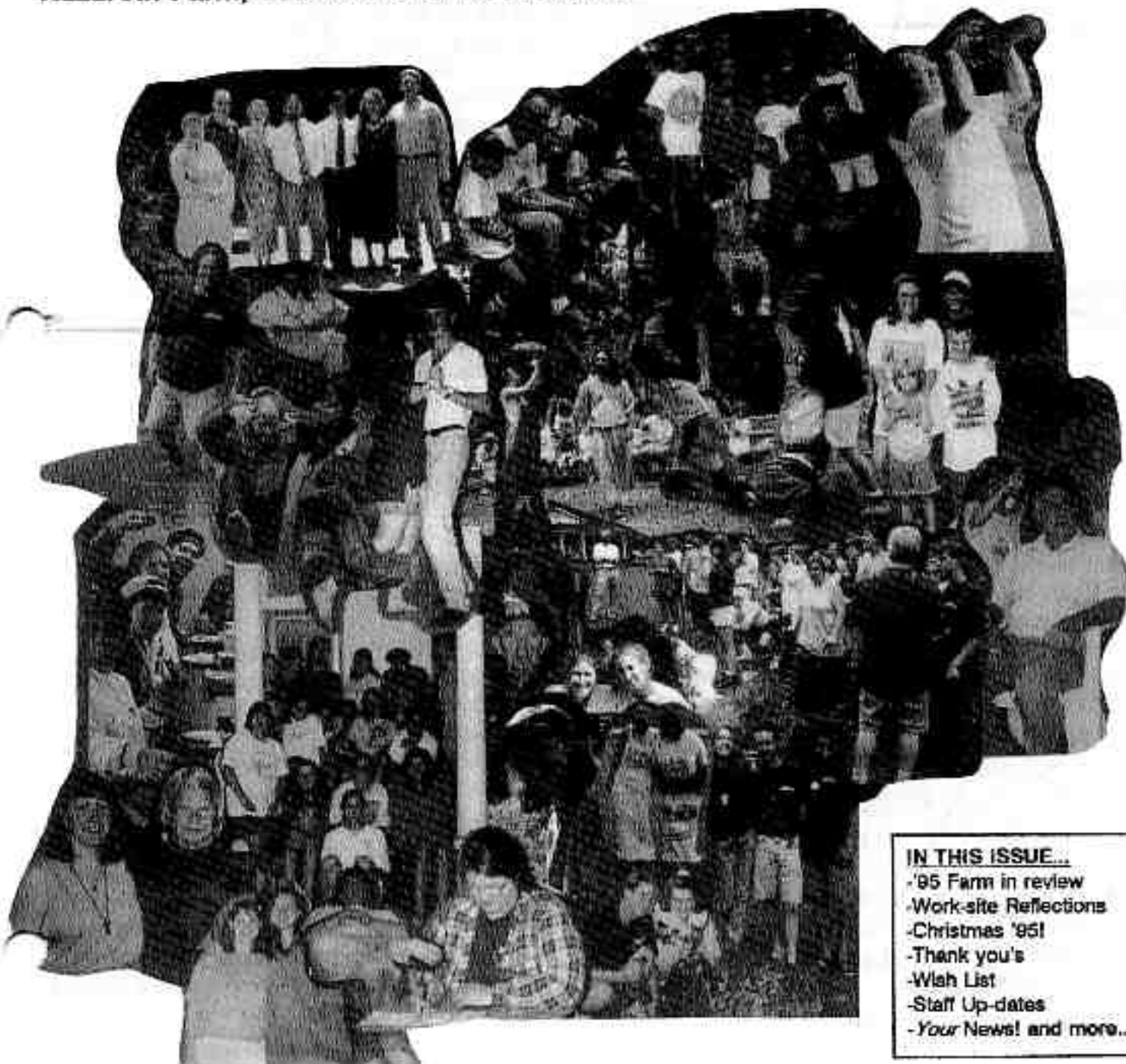


# NAZARETH NEWS

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Nazareth Farm, Summer of '95 in Review...



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You need Nazareth Farm?  
We need a director.

If you or someone you know is in transition or not, and may be interested in ministry as a way of life for a time, please send a cover letter, resume, and references to Nazareth Farm, Director Search, or contact Thomas at the Farm at (304) 782-2742.

**McCUNE'S WORK SITE**

by Joe Hennessy

I spent most of my summer on the rooftops above Doddridge, Ritchie and Tyler Counties, nailing on shingles, nailing on tin and baking in the sun. The view gave me a different perspective of this area, and it also brought me into contact with some great people.

Working on the roof of a home can make getting to know the people inside the home a little more difficult than usual. It's hard to carry on a conversation with someone when you're standing on top of his house. A rooftop is, however, a great place from which to throw a football, and the value of that should not be underestimated. That is how I met Danny McCune, Jr. and his sister Adrien.



Danny, Jr. and Adrien are two of the children of Mable and Danny McCune, Sr. Adrien is six and Danny, Jr. is eleven, and they are two of my best friends in the state of West Virginia.

The McCune family lives in a beautiful home near Pennsboro. It is certainly atypical of the homes where Nazareth Farm usually works. The house is about 20 years old, and sits on top of a hill overlooking farmland, a forest and a creek. Before this summer, the house also was being protected by its original shingles. Danny, Sr. wanted a new layer of shingles on the house to safeguard against leaks, but because of a chronic back problem, is unable to do that type of work. Mable is the daughter of longtime friend of the Farm Lora McIntyre, and so the connection was made and we visited the McCune home.

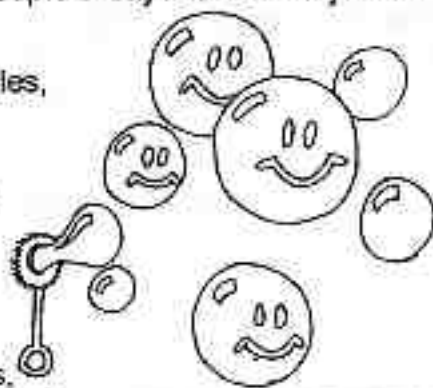
Since that blistering hot July week, I have seen Danny, Jr. and Adrien pretty regularly. Danny, Jr. is one of my fishing partners now. We go up to the Pennsboro Reservoir and can't keep the fish off our hooks. If Alicia goes, then Adrien goes, too. Obviously even at six years old she's learned to play favorites. Last weekend the four of us went for an hour-and-a-half and caught nine fish, and if you laid them end-to-end, we may have had a keeper. I still wouldn't trade our fishing trips for a 20-pound Musky.

We all have a lot of fun fishing, casing grasshoppers, looking at salamanders and picking flowers, but what I think I'll remember most about "the kids" is our first ride from their house to the Farm. Danny, Jr. was asking me what I did and if I helped his grandma and why I did it. He said "You just do it to help people, don't you?" I said, "Yep," and he said "It's good to help people," and Adrien chirped in, "it sure is."

### Bubbles, bubbles, bubbles...

The Farm recently worked on a woman's roof in West Union. She could not walk out to see the work that was being done because she was wheel-chair bound, but that didn't stop her from complimenting us and the volunteers, saying what a wonderful job was being done, hugging and kissing every dirty sweaty staff person and volunteer when we left for the day. She sang a song that became the highlight of many people's days and Nancy Leoncini wrote it down for us...

♫ I'm forever blowing bubbles,  
 Pretty bubbles in the air.  
 They nearly fly so high,  
 they nearly reach the sky!  
 They're like my dreams,  
 they fade and die!  
 Fortune's always hiding  
 I've looked everywhere!  
 I'm forever blowing bubbles,  
 Pretty bubbles in the air! ♪



## MAILING ADDRESS REMINDER!

The forwarding service on our mail has run out! If you mail anything to our OLD address, it will be returned to you!!

Please mail all letters and other correspondences to:  
**NAZARETH FARM**  
**RT. 2 BOX 194-3**  
**SALEM, WV 26426**

## LETTERS REQUESTED

If you volunteered at the Farm and promised (☺) you would write to someone at a work site or promised to send pictures, please keep up your promise. Some people we worked with this past summer have asked us about it. If you need an address or forgot a name, call and we'll be more than happy to give them to you. Thanks.



## SERVICE OUT OF SERVICE

So many groups and individuals have answered the challenge of giving service outside of their service at Nazareth Farm. Thank you! It seems almost every group week, people brought tools or supplies or money to be donated with them. Here is a list of some of the groups who did service work to bring down donations or did fund raising for their Nazareth Farm trip. Thanks go out to the diocese of Syracuse, Propagation of the Faith and the parishes of Transfiguration, Holy Rosary, Sacred Heart, and St. Patrick. Thank you as well to St. Pius X, St. Malachy's, St. Gabriel's, St. Benedict's, and St. Monica's, Indianapolis, IN; St. Walter's in Roselle, IL; St. Catherine's in Mountain Lakes, NJ; St. Francis in Akron, OH; Loyola University of Chicago, IL; St. Alexander of Villa Park, IL; St. Paul's of Hingham, MA; Fordham Prep from the Bronx, NY; St. Joe's in Mendham, NJ; and Mt Holyoke College in South Hadley, MA. Thanks to board member Larry Lenne who organized the second annual Indiana Nazareth Farm reunion and raised money to donate to the Farm. Thanks also, to Our Lady of the Presentation in Lee's Summit, MO for hosting our director, Rodney Dick who made an appeal at their parish, and again, thanks to Presentation whose parish continues to tithe monthly to Nazareth Farm. There have been so many donations and we are so blessed. We could not continue the work done here if not for your donations. Please keep them coming and continue to do service outside of Nazareth Farm. Thank you for all you do.

## Christmas Party Appeal 1995

Dear Friends,

I hope this newsletter finds you well and enjoying the beautiful fall colors. It seems that here at the Farm the leaves are just a little bit more brilliant than I've ever seen. Soon, however, winter's weight will bring those leaves down with cold and snow. Some may look toward the winter with a sense of dread, but it is also the season that is home to one of our most joyous times of year – Christmas.

For several years, Nazareth Farm has sponsored a community-wide Christmas party for the children of Doddridge County, and has brought gifts to the families we served. This year will be no exception, but in order to make the celebration as much of a success as it has been in the past, we need your help. Your donations of gifts or money to buy gifts will be greatly appreciated. If you'd like, you can sponsor a specific family or child. If that is the case, please indicate so on the form below.

The Christmas party will be held at Doddridge County Park on Dec. 10. Please respond to our plea by November 20. Thank you very much, and have a blessed Christmas season.

Peace & God Bless,

Joe

### *Nazareth Farm / Doddridge County Christmas Party 1995*

I want to help Nazareth Farm and Doddridge County celebrate Christmas this year by sending gifts or by making a monetary donation or both!

- I (We) would like to sponsor a family or part of a family!
- I (We) would like sponsor children at the Farm's Christmas Party!

Amount offered     \$15     \$25     \$50     \$100  
 I would like to offer the following amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Parish/Group: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(or contact person)

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone Daytime: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Evening: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_



Please make checks payable to Nazareth Farm, Rt.2 Box 194-3, Salem, WV 26428

✂ clip out or copy and mail to Nazareth Farm -- Attention: Joe

## AND THEN THERE WERE...

July and August brought us some great volunteer weeks. September has brought us some needed quiet time, (a little too quiet for some). In August we had to say goodbye to some staff people as well. John Doughty, after working on his truck all summer, had to ask the staff to push-start his car so he could drive home. He's in New York and working as a Youth minister for three parishes. Chris Faust moved to North Carolina where she's trying to land a teaching job. We hear her allergies are doing much better now. Bless you Chris. It seems that soon after Sr. Paula got here, she moved right back to Pottsville, PA where she is terrorizing high school students in the Chemistry lab. It should be no different than her work in the kitchen over the summer. Ever since Rodney left the Farm, there's been something missing...a certain, hmm, how would you say,...presence? Since his iron fisted model of dictatorship is gone, the current staff have adopted a *shared* leadership model. You guys are always welcome here. Please come home and visit soon!

Alicia is our house manager for these two months and, God love her, she's doing a great job! She only 4 inches away from finishing her afghan and from finding the floor of her room. Our creek has been a little low, so the fish under the bridge have gotten sizable. (5 to 7 inches!) Joe's been spending time trying to "catch the big one". It seems Eric is doing even more now than ever before! If he's not working on a project off the Farm, he's making an arc, baking pies or breads, making salsa or apple butter, or brewing beer.... He canned a gazillion quarts of hot pickled peppers, (guess what his family is getting for Christmas?) Thomas is near his wits end closing out last years books and preparing next years reports. It's ironic that after years of making fun of his mom as an accountant, he's now one too, only he's not getting paid! Butch has started running bus again, hunting raccoons, squirrels, deer, mushrooms, and any and everything else. Our new staffer is Moria Smoski from Bloomington, IL. (But Joe is still the newbie) Moria is a graduate of Yale University and is gradually working here way into the "real" world. She is our new volunteer coordinator and she had the registration out in record time. Keep us all in your prayers please as you are in ours!

## WISH LIST

Thank you to all of you who responded to the last wish list and continue to respond. We got two typewriters, lots of tools and supplies, and one ladder. We're asking for a number of things now. Please help! (Thanks, Marie for the mushroom book. It came just in time for the season.)

### Things for which we wish

- a new director!!!!
- a new upright vacuum cleaner
- standing tool cabinet w/ drawers
- single bed mattresses
- fiberglass-handled hammers
- 386 IBM computer/modem

## Mor..Morr..Mari..no, hm.. Could you spell that?

Some people have called to ask questions of our new volunteer coordinator about registration for group weeks, available dates, or the new policy (if you're asking yourself, "What new policy??", perhaps you should look through the registration pack again.)

Invariably, someone will ask, "So how do you pronounce that? And how is it spelled?" Our Volunteer Coordinator's name is Moria Smoski.

And now for a little lesson in phonetics. Her name is pronounced Mmm, long "O", RI (as in "rye bread"), short "A". M-O-R-I-A. MO-RIA. MORIA. MORIA! Yeah, you got it! That should suffice. If you would like to learn how to pronounce her last name, give her a call (now that you can pronounce her first name) here at the Farm.

Moria said the new policy is going well and that one youth minister, realizing she did not have to spend \$10 on express mailing, sent the money as a donation! (While this does not guarantee this group a week, we greatly appreciate the donation, and the care taken in reading and understanding the policy.)

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