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A SUMMER OF BUILDING by JOSHUA

Since the beginning of April countless volunteers have spent countless hours working about 15 miles from Nazareth Farm. In all this time and through all our toils we have been working with the Cooper Family to build an addition onto their trailer home. Through many revisions, plan changes, material exchanges and head-scratching situations we have, together, built an INCREDIBLE addition onto their home.

The new 2400 cubic feet addition and twenty feet deck will offer a very nice place for Trish, Dewayne and their son Brian a place to enjoy the company of their family and gather together to relax and share time.

Thanks to the help of lots of high school and college volunteers we have made great strides - from pouring the foundation to putting on the trim; setting posts to laying tin on the roof; building the floors to painting the walls. Each step working side by side with the Dewayne and Trish and her mother Sallie.

It has been a highlight of review of the day at dinner every evening to hear not only a report of the progress of the addition, but also a report of the mischief of the Cooper's two dogs, Sassy and Lily, because each day of work brought new stories of what they had gotten into. Each day brought anew adventure, dog prints in the cement, licking unguarded suckers, and just being around to always accept an inviting hand to pet them.

You might hear any one of the many volunteers talk of what an AWESOME joy it was to work with the Cooper family for a day, but it falls in comparison to the incredible joy it has been for me to work there for nearly eleven weeks. More than an addition was built over these past months - countless friendships and confidence have been wrought through the sweat, blood and hard work offered to build this project.

So as Trish, Dewayne and Brian begin to arrange the sofa into their new room and Christin the porch with its first barbeque, and I move on to other projects, we would like to recognize the efforts and hard work of the many volunteers who helped us to finish this awesome project, and say a big "Thank You!" It turned out to top all of our expectations.

PICTURE OF
THE
COOPERS
(picture #1)

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A VISIT FROM THE BISHOP by JANA

5:00 p.m. is what the letter said and that is when he arrived. Monday 22 June at 5:00 p.m sharp Most Reverend Bernard Schmitt rolled over the "Love Builds Bridges" bridge to celebrate mass on the Farms 23rd Anniversary. Bishop Schmitt presided over mass outside on the front porch with 41 volunteers, some of our friends from Doddridge County and a few of our pets. He inspired the group to recognize their ability and capacity to serve and also commended the Farm for its relationship with the Doddridge County community and the greater faith community of West Virginia. After mass Bishop Schmitt shared in a meal and some time to chat before heading home and giving several volunteers the opportunity to note that he was "a normal guy" and frankly, "totally awesome."

"The way to true happiness is to always have time to play with the chalk line..."

Reanee Hansen

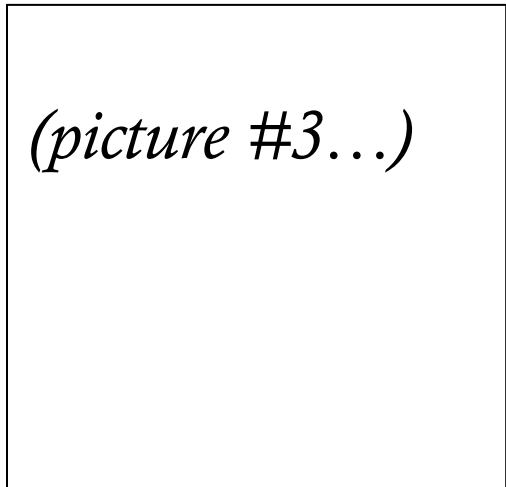
Picture of staff w/ Bishop (picture #2...)



All of us at Nazareth Farm would like to welcome Jim Dugan, Paul Daugherty and Judy Rosatti to our Board of Directors. Jim lives just outside of West Union, WV and is a retired police officer from New Jersey. Paul is also from West Union and is finishing taking classes at Marshall University and will be graduating in December of 2002. Judy lives in Greensburg, Pennsylvania where she runs a youth group and co-owns a hair dressing salon. We are very excited to have these awesome people join our family.

The Word From Up the Holler by ALLISON

Hot, sticky hugs in the O'Conner room during the sign of peace. Two water coolers for the work day. The pool on Friday. Freshly cut grass. Picnics outside. It MUST be summer! And with summer heat comes some of the best time to make some good memories and get some good work done with our many volunteers who come to spend a week with us here at the farm. For those of you who helped plant our garden in early June you will be happy to know that the signs of a plentiful harvest are many....and for those of you coming to see us in August you have some good eatin' to look forward to! Sister Paula is back to keeping the home-fire burning here at the farm, and we've been burning a little dust of our own out at the work sites, with the help of our many volunteers of course. Nhoj has settled on the best way to organize his desk as our project coordinator and could



probably drive to the hardware store with his eyes closed. Neil has finished dry-walling the county and has been doing an awesome job building a few porches with the help of our friend Nick Huck. Kay has been sweating it out on a couple different roofs and along with Bobo built a pole barn with our friend Donald Ash. You probably wouldn't recognize the Cooper's home thanks to Joshua, and Jana and Allison have just about completed siding with our new friends the Robinsons. We are sad to say that our cuddley feline friend Rueben is no longer with us as the tool and safety 'assistant' but the rest of the animals continue to lounge around on the porch or hide in the animal barn -whichever they prefer. We would like to thank all of our friends who have supported us this summer with their prayers, donations, letters, love and working hands. Come and see us soon-We'll leave the light on for ya!

ONCE UPON A TIME...by Nicoley Boboley

Before coming to Nazareth Farm, I imagined an old wooden house on top of a desolate hill, surrounded by dry sand and lots of rocks. I tried to imagine myself there in the kitchen with a bandana over my hair, cooking - which I had rarely done before, especially on the scale expected of house manager. As I turned down Route 23 for the first time on my interview week, my insides turning, hands shaking, heart thumping, I smiled at the serenity of the lush green hills and the quaintness of the small houses nestled into each valley. Already the desolate hilltop I'd imagined was fading, replaced by the beauty and peace of Doddridge County.

After a year on staff at Nazareth Farm, my imagination has changed in more ways than one. My mind and heart have expanded, mostly in the belief of my own potential and capabilities. I found myself sawing up walls with the circular saw I was once scared even to hold and leading home crew in cooking lasagna for more people than would fit in the dining room. But above these physical abilities, my spiritual and emotional growth will be what I most remember and cherish about Nazareth Farm. I realized that I did not come here to expect a change in the staff or Doddridge community, but within myself. I have gained far more from community nights, visits, work sites, home crews, volunteers, and staff than I could ever expect to give. Their lives have rubbed off on mine - leaving paint marks, bruises, scars, fingerprints, and calluses that will never fade. More than ever, I believe the cornerstones (...continued on page 4)

WISH LIST:

- Paint Brushes
- Flashlights
- 16 oz. or larger hammers
- Vice Grips
- Drop Cloths
- Reciprocating Saw
- Fitted X-tra Long Bed Sheets

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are the way of life, how all should live responsibly and justly for the benefit of the world, and I believe Naz Farm gives people hope that it can happen. I suspect this year of simple living will color how I live the rest of my life and the friends I've met in the staff and community will ensure lots of road trips in the future! The desolate hilltop I'd imagined, quite clearly has become an abundant valley full of lessons, love, and peace- open for the taking.

In August I leave for Habitat for Humanity in North Carolina and our new house manager, Jennifer Thomas, will begin her journey at the Farm. She is from Akron, Ohio and attends Akron University, in Akron, Ohio. We wish for her a blessed time of prayer, community, service, and simplicity. And I wish for the Farm a continued renewal in the spirit of our cornerstones.

Imagine two neighboring hills,
and your house, my house, looking across, friendly:
imagine ourselves
meeting each other,
bringing gifts, bringing news
-Denise Levetov

ADULT WEEK 2002...

Your opportunity to come to the Farm and spend a week away from your desk, away from your work and free from the responsibility of being a chaperone is here. It is time for the 6th annual Adult Week at the Farm. Adult Week 2002 will be November 6 - 11. The weekend is a modified week at the Farm and is comprised of lots of service, fellowship, prayer and fun. It is open to anyone 21 years old or older and the cost of the weekend getaway is \$100. We hope that you can join us for the week and we look forward to getting your reservation. Simply call Allison at (304) 782 - 2742 or email us at nazarethfarm@citynet.net.



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