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Ceilings, Sheds, and Splitting

By Lee

If you haven't already heard, the Nazareth Farm staff spent some time this past autumn building a woodshed for our friend and neighbor Nelson. The shed sits near the crossroads of Route 23 and Nazareth Farm Road. Our other neighbor Butch served as site leader and foreman for the shed's construction. A combination of rough cut lumber and tin, the shed is sure to keep lots of firewood dry and handy throughout the winter months. Next time you're passing by the Farm, be sure to check out Nazareth Farm Road's newest addition.

As for January, the staff has been busy on a number of indoor and outdoor worksites. Adam, Katie-Rose, Joe, and I have spent time installing drop ceilings, of several varieties, in both Clarksburg and Pennsboro. Fresh insulation and ceiling tiles can do wonders for warming up a house and improving the quality of living for a family. Katie-Rose has also been getting her hands dirty painting and putting up dry wall for a family whose home in Lost Creek was damaged last year by a fire. Finally, Joe and Adam have mastered the wood splitter and chainsaw while leading volunteers to keep our Winter wood supply split, chopped, and stacked.

When we use our hands and backs to work with those around us, we begin to embrace our cornerstone of community. Not only do we tangibly help our neighbors, but we also help ourselves move ever closer to God by choosing to let our hands do the Lord's work and thus, truly living our call to love.

Holy Missouri!

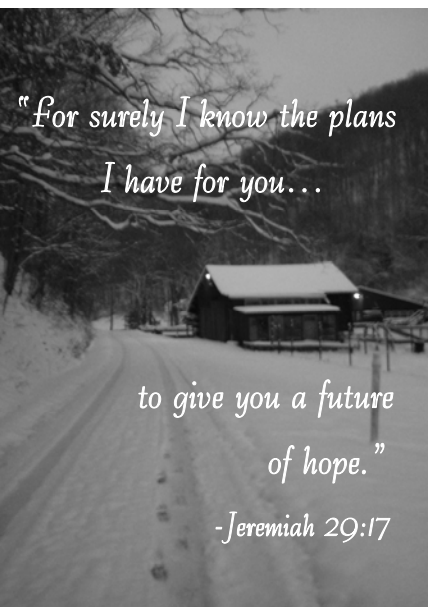
by Katie-Rose

After two years of dedicated service to the Farm, we said goodbye to our dear friend and project coordinator Erin Campbell, also known around these parts as "Blondie". She is leaving the Farm for a grand tour of the East Coast, as well as lots of general adventuring in true Erin spirit. I know she will also enjoy spending quality time with her family in northern Virginia.

After many months of a small staff, we are so blessed to welcome three new staff members this January, bringing our total community to nine. The first of these is Julie Schneider, a recent graduate of the University of Missouri - St. Louis. Julie worked part-time for the Newman Center at UMSL, and was a volunteer several times at Nazareth Farm throughout college. She says she is looking forward to many good conversations, drinking lots of hot cocoa, and building a nice community here at the farm.

We also welcome Ken and Jessica Mayo also former Missourians and graduates of Truman State University in Kirksville. Ken recently finished his Masters degree in Economics from Iowa State while Jessica was a freelance writer and worked in communications for a community organizing initiative. The Mayos say that they most look forward to becoming a part of both the staff and greater Doddridge County communities.

You can read more great information on all current staff members by visiting our newest "staff bio" page on our website! WWW.NAZARETHFARM.ORG/STAFF_BIOS.HTM



*"For surely I know the plans
I have for you..."*

*to give you a future
of hope."*

-Jeremiah 29:17

FLOOD FILES

BY ADAM

Date: Thursday, December 13, 2007
Location: Nazareth Farm Road

7:28 a.m. I flop groggily out of bed, knowing that this morning I have to sprint (again) to prayer or risk being late.

7:30 a.m. I stumble across the bridge as I lumber toward the house in a hard rain. Something seems out of place, but the combination of sleepiness, darkness, and tardiness dull my senses and usher me into the house before I stop to look around me.

7:47 a.m. Prayer ends and the staff heads downstairs. As we walk past the living room, we slam together like a human accordion and gape outside as the creek breaks out of its banks and rushes onto our road and grass!

7:49 a.m. We are still staring incredulously at the second major flood in just five months. In a flash we activate the *emergency flood action plan* and call our trusty font of wisdom Butch to ask how high he thinks the water will get.

7:58 a.m. We scramble all over the Farm to move lawnmowers, tools, and vehicles out of harm's way. The water is still rising, an eerie and salient reminder of the last flood in July that knocked out our three footbridges and staff bucket shower. One of our beloved cats, Droopy, is nearly washed to a watery grave by the reaching fingers of water, but Erin leaps to the rescue in a peerless act of selflessness.

9:12 a.m. From his own front porch, Butch fixes his steely gaze at the road-turned-river and vigilantly spies our dumpster as the whitewater effortlessly swallows it into the muddy depths of the creek. Little Battle Creek has consumed our road, making it completely impassable!

10:23 a.m. Our bonfire pit narrowly escapes an inundation, but our orchard has joined the road in becoming a part of a now massive creek.

11:48 a.m. Exhausted and thoroughly soaked, the staff has taken every recourse to allay any potential damage. Stranded now in the holler, all they can do is watch.

2:02 p.m. The water has subsided enough to permit wading over to the Sandora's. In her new rain boots, Tina ferries staff members piggy-back style at particularly deep junctions. (St. Christopher would be proud!) We sit on Mary's porch and wave to Nelson, whose property has now become an island unto itself. Helicopters zip overhead and boats sputter down Route 23 to rescue residents of flooded homes.

5:45 p.m. The rain has stopped, and the creek slowly retreats, its fuel cut off. The Farm is once again saved from damage. Just another day for the staff!



The creek floods Mary's field and rushes dangerously near her home.

WE PRAY FOR:

- JOAN DONNELLY
- JENNY GRIMM
- RICHARD KELLENBERGER
- MATT LAVAN
- JEANNE MINEO
- TIMOTHY MITCHELL
- TOMMY O'CONNOR
- MILLY PAVINI
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- WILLIAM WESTERMAN

PROJECT COORDINATOR SOUGHT



Position requires:

Construction experience with a working knowledge of basic homebuilding skills, working with local community members, coordinating work sites, ability to teach staff and volunteers, strong leadership skills, a person of faith with an openness to youth/young adult ministry, and a desire for prayer, simplicity, and community living.

Position includes:

Room and board, health and dental insurance and salary. Please call Nazareth Farm at (304)782-2742 and speak to Allison with questions.

Start Date: June 2008

“Two Weeks before Christmas” By Joe

Two weeks before Christmas,
and all over Doddridge
many creatures were stirring,
especially the children.

Oodles of presents
were wrapped with great care,
knowing Saint Nicholas
soon would be there.

Volunteers from all over
came to The Farm,
to help with the party
and lend hand and arm.

On Amy and Mo,
on Krumreichs and Marisa.
Now Benders, Panepintos,
Campbells, and Laura.

So gracious we were
for all of their help,
that when they arrived
we gave a loud yelp.

And then the time came
for our party to start.
Decorations galore-
resembling fine art!

The Cutrights had baked
a plethora of treats.
For all of our friends,
there was no dearth of sweets.

And come they sure did
from all over the county.
Of smiles and hugs
there was oh, such a bounty.



Face painting was just one of the many activities our friends took part in at the Christmas Party.

We laughed and we played,
such fun was had by all.
We hoped not to leave
‘til the start of next Fall.

Most anticipated of all,
I’m told it was said,
was Santa’s arrival
on an engine of red.

The line to go see him
was really quite long,
although it seemed short
when we joined in a song.

Every child came
to sit upon his lap.
Then leaving, to a
shiny package they clasped.

Success! It went so well
that all were real cheery,
though all the hard work
would make anyone weary.

Santa, from his “sleigh” called
as he rode out of sight,
“Merry Christmas to all,
and to all a good night.”

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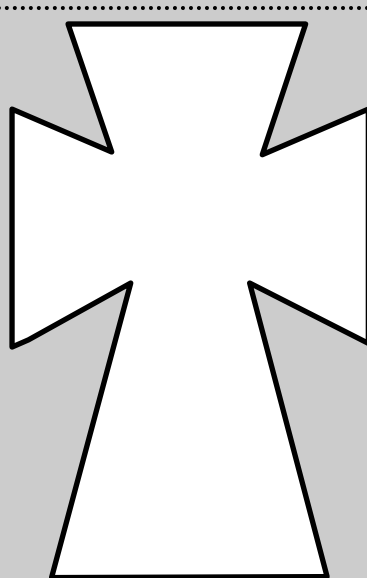
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HOLY WEEK 2008

As we enter the Lenten Season, we turn our minds once more to the beautiful mystery of Holy Week. This year we invite all Nazareth Farm "veterans" to join us in a week of service and reflection from March 16 to March 22, 2008. Please submit a Holy Week Volunteer Contract by March 1st to participate in this beautiful experience. If you would like us to pray for a special intention, send it to us on the cross or you can call or email us, and we will carry it with us on the Good Friday “Stations of the Cross” Hike. Many blessings to you this Lenten Season!

“Lord Jesus, You know my heart. You know my struggles, for You have walked and lived and worked beside me. Create in me a desire to do your will. Give me strength to face my daily challenges with grace and peace. Help me to be a sign of your presence in the world, that by my example I may lead other to You. Bless those who need You today, be with them and grant them Your peace. For all the intentions of the Nazareth Farm family in the name of Christ Jesus. Amen”





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Truck Stop

by Allison

Four horns and twelve seatbelts. Three ladder racks and one camper shell. One CD player. Two tape players. One AM/FM radio only. Two new transmissions. Seven gas tanks. '95, '96 and '99. The Viking. Big Red. The Silver Bullet. Night Rider.

I have to say, I feel like one tough woman driving the Nazareth Farm trucks around town. Although it's pretty clear these trucks weren't made for a person pushing 5'1", I feel a heck of a lot bigger behind the wheel of one of our 4x4 beauties. They certainly have their own personalities and have made more trips and hauled heavier loads than their friends basking in city life. The Viking is our oldest and is often referred to simply as 'the beast.' It was our newest truck when I was on staff back in 2003 and was named by the Minnesotans on staff because of its bright purple paint job. The Silver Bullet, with its silver body, blue interior and white top, comes in extra handy when it's raining, and Big Red is, well, you guessed it-big and red. Night Rider was named as soon as our friend Dale called to tell us he had found a big, black truck we might be interested in, and with its purchase we waved good-bye to Radio Flyer. It goes without saying that our trucks work extra hard to keep us safe on the windy roads of Doddridge County and have the ever important job of hauling materials, ladders and tools to and from the worksite. We couldn't do it without them and it sure beats using a wheelbarrow to haul loads of wood from Butch's woodshed! Of course, they also need to keep their horns in tip top shape for the enthusiastic jubilee that awaits them after a long day at the worksite.

We all have our favorite trucks to drive, and although there is an element of sadness in letting them go, we think being a truck at Nazareth Farm is a pretty sweet place to work before retirement. We are looking to purchase and replace one more truck this winter so if you are interested in donating, please write 'truck' (and an idea for a name) in the memo line.

