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# Thankful for God's Blessings

With Mother's Day around the corner, this newsletter is devoted to Sandy and the work that God called us to do over 50 years ago.

Sandy has been gone "home" now for over 15 years. People ask me often, "Why do you do what you do?" And "What motivates or drives you to keep going seven days a week, all night and sometimes all day?"

My answer? When God called us 53 years ago in 1969 in Michigan, He didn't just call Sandy or me...He called both of us as a team. We knew one of us would be called away before the other. But I never envisioned it would be her before me.

I was determined then that I would carry both of our loads as long as I have the physical and spiritual strength to do so. I have survived prostate cancer, two shoulder operations, and had my right bicep removed because of a large tumor. I've had two very serious infections in my left leg and foot over the years. I have scoliosis, and I need a total reverse shoulder replacement. But God has supplied me the "fortitude" and drive to keep going. I could not do much without the good reliable staff that surrounds me every day, helping to relieve the stress and weak physical strength that 'attacks' me on occasion. And, of course, all of my grown "kids" and grandkids are a huge help...who keep Papaw going with all their 'foolishness' better described as love!

Often I read the July 2007 newsletter, "It is finished...the battle is over." Mom's battle, thank God, is over but mine is just kicking into 4th gear or overdrive!

On Mom's deathbed at St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington, she turned and looked at me, sitting in the chair next to her bed, and uttered these last words to me, "Dad, don't quit. Don't ever give up!" Those few words are etched on my heart and mind and will be until I am called Home to be with her.

If you knew Sandy as I did... I took those seven last words as an "order" and not as a request.

If you never have, or even if you have before, take one of our July 2007 Newsletters and read it. And you'll have no doubt as to what drives and pushes this 82 year old man!

> -Dad (Jerry) A.K.A "Papa Oso" which is Spanish for Daddy Bear







Dear Friends,

May 1, 1989

This letter is written with sincere love for my children. With mothers day being in may, we all focus on motherhood. We think of Grandmothers, mothers or anyone who became a mother image to us. as a mother think of my children who made me what am through the power of genus Christ. I think of all the mistakes wire made in raising them, and how I learned from those mistakes. I think of the ones who didn't choose a Godly life, living in despair anger and regret. Did s as a mother Contribute to their life? What can to do to restore their happiness? Wherever there are Children, there is joy ... wherever there is joy also is sorrow. Should we give up because we failed? My flesh sometimes tells me yes but my spirit tells me no. God is my strength. I am powerless without Him no, am not a Super mom. O'm just

a mom who loves these children. Little

Children that reach up to me looking for

reassurance that, yes a will be their mom went to visit a young man in Bowling Green, Ky. who tried to hop a train. HE DION'T MAKE IT! He fell under the train and both legs were cut off. One above the knee and the other, so high it almost took his hip, too. He is a Mexican migrant worker, 172 years old trying to earn a living since he was 13 years old. Trying to be cheerful he points to me and in broken English says ... " you be my american ma ma?" I said yes while he grinned and gave me a hug. That's my neward for the amesome responsibility of being a mother. Today we became custodian for him. Why not? There is always room for one more. all the kisses and I love you's heals all the broken spirits and doubts, giving confirmation that God has called me to be a mother to the motherless. Os it easy? What do you think? With a house full of teenagers, all trying to grow up at once. O've dried more tears from the broken hearted then from skinned knees. are their fears or problems really real? Gust hold one of them in your arms while they are sobbing.

o praise God for my children who taught me patience and love. and thank Him for Calling me to be a mother. Of it weren't for all these children and them leading us to gesus ... gerry and a would be divorced by now. as it is ... now he could never leave me he couldn't afford the child support. Thank you, my friends, for helping me complete my calling.

On gesus, O remain, "Just mom", Sandy Tucker

**Letter of Condolence from President George Bush** 



GEORGE BUSH August 20, 2007

Dear Jerry,

Willie Massey wrote to tell me about Sandy, and I simply wanted to let you know how sorry Barbara and I are about your loss. Sandy was an extraordinary lady who lived her life for others, and she will be sorely missed.

I know that it hurts not to have this marvelous lady in your life any longer, but I hope it helps a little to know that we Bushes are thinking of you and your family. We send our heartfelt condolences.

#### —— CURRENT NEEDS LIST

- ✓ Paper Towels ✓ Baby Wipes
- √ Large Trash Bags 
  √ Dawn Dish Soap
- ✓ Dish Towels ✓ Dish Cloths
- ✓ Apple Juice (no sugar added)
- ✓ Latex Gloves (Medium)
- ✓ Medium Adult Diapers
- ✓ One-a-day Allergy Relief
- ✓ Sugar-free gum ✓ Vaseline Lotion
- ✓ Sugar Free Vitamin C Gummies
- ✓ Plain Unsweetened Almond Milk
- ✓ Decaf Coffee (not instant)
- ✓ Prang Washable Paint

#### **WOULD YOU CONSIDER DONATING MEAT?**

A large portion of our grocery budget is meat. We can get 175 lbs of chicken for \$200 and 150 lbs. of beef for \$300. You can designate your tax-deductible donation to purchasing meat for the Galilean Home by calling Sandi Davidson at 606.787.5120.

### **THANK YOU!**

More on our needs list at www.galileanhome.org/get-involved

## **New Dorm for the Ladies**

The new dorm for the ladies is close to completion and we are very excited to move in! It will be so nice for us to have the number of bathrooms we need as well as room to spread out and have our own space!

Here at the Galilean Home, we have always believed that God will send out an army to help those who cannot help themselves. Thank you to everyone who has prayed for us and donated to this project. We have been more than blessed to have Mr. Jeffrey Majors and his crew volunteer their time and energy to this project, as well as our own staff of men to see it through. There have been many wonderful hands involved in the building of this dorm.

We are in the process of adding the final touches of furniture and bathroom necessities. If you would like to contribute you can mail a check with "Girls Dorm Construction" in the memo to: PO Box 880, Liberty, Kentucky 42539, or donate online at www.galileanhomeministries.org For more information regarding donations, please contact Jennifer Coffey at 859-749-0727.







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