

Spiritual Fruit Farm

Implanting the seeds of Truth.

Is first and foremost a state of Heart & Mind, before it can grow to be a Physical Reality.

Dear Fellow Laborers of the Fields,

April 2003

We want to thank you for your prayers as we began Phase One: Children's Ministry of the Spiritual Fruit Farm this past weekend. We also want to thank the Christ's for opening their home and farm to us and two children from the Water Street Rescue Mission.



This is Jared, he is 10 years old. Here he is at 5 am Saturday morning helping to milk cows...for the 1st time!

Both children got to experience with all their senses an event neither will ever forget. And near the end of milking, Greg, "Bible Dude" shared an object lesson based on this scripture.

Hebrews 5:12-14

12 For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the oracles of God, and you have come to need milk and not solid food. **13** For everyone who partakes only of milk is not accustomed to the word of righteousness, for he is an infant. **14** But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil.

And this is Robert, he is 7 years old. After a great breakfast, Greg Donough and Deborah Force took the boys to a Trout Pond in New Holland, PA. Here the boys got to fish for the first time and caught an amazing 17 trout! When the action died down, Greg shared another object lesson on the following scripture and helped the boys work through what it means to be a fisher of men.

Matthew 4: 18-20

18 Now as Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon who was called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. **19** And He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." **20** Immediately they left their nets and followed Him.



After supper, Mary Bechtold, our Equestrian Advisory Board member, joined us and we went for a ride to the farm she works on. Here we met CJ the horse and the boys helped groom her before we saddled her up.

Romans 12: 1-2

1 Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, **2** fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

By Saturday evening, the boys were quite exhausted and fell asleep almost as their head hit the pillows. Such a day filled with fresh air, new exciting experiences and freedom was a welcome respite from life at the Water Street Rescue Mission.

The Water Street Rescue Mission has a great ministry, but due to sheer numbers of people, it is not possible to let everyone do what they want to do, when they want. It is easy for the adults to accept this, but harder for the children. During the Spiritual Fruit Farm weekend, here at the farm, both Jared and Robert had free time where they could chose what they wanted to do. Most often it was going outside playing on the swing set with Nathan, the Christ's little boy or quietly play with toys. Robert said it was nice not having all the kids after them all the time and Robert shared that he slept very well, it seems he has trouble sleeping at the mission. They both were quick to ask if they were coming again next weekend. This brought tears to our eyes and a determination to bring this ministry to it's fullest potential. Here they had lots of fun, but they also found peace. I'm sure once the other children at the mission

have had a chance to come, we can bring Jared and Robert again. Please keep Jared and Robert in prayer that the seeds planted will stay deep in rich soil, fertilized and watered by the Holy Spirit and the body of Christ.

The Spiritual Fruit Farm will be doing another weekend in May, 16-18. Please keep the children and the workers in prayer.

Other news to share, as the Spiritual Fruit Farm is working towards becoming a fully non-profit ministry, two people have joined us in helping to attain that goal. Joanne Murphy, Lawyer and Eric Phillips, Accountant, have agreed to help us. Thank you both so much.

The board of the Spiritual Fruit farm consists of Greg Donough, "Bible Dude", who is the founder and president lives in Lancaster, PA and is joined by Deborah Force as Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer who lives in Brownstown, PA and Dave Wolf, Vice President, Pastoral, Nomination and Financial Director. We've also asked Mary Bechtold to be our Equestrian Advisory Board member. We are in need of many more that have the skills in business, finance, insurance, promotions, agriculture and so much more. Please keep the current board members in prayer and pray that God would bring others that are needed.

Another prayer request is the Spiritual Fruit Farm will be at Creation 2003 this year! We are acquiring a booth to promote our vision. We will need helpers to assemble the promotional materials as well as help in getting prizes to give away at the booth. There is a possibility we will make T-Shirts and other promotional items.

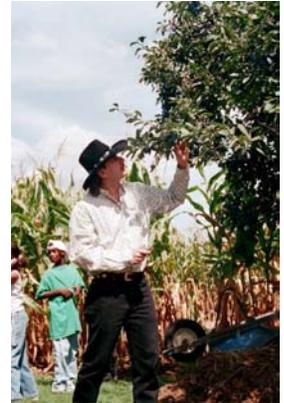
Thank you again for your prayers as we continue.

To The Kingdom!

THE BIBLE DUDE

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Thankfulness is the soil in which joy thrives!



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