



## THE HARVESTER

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Greetings and blessings in the Name of our Risen LORD and Savior, Jesus Christ (Yshua). SHALOM!

As I write this letter, we will be celebrating Resurrection Sunday (Easter), and our prayer is that you will have an incredible day with your loved ones. I will be spending the day with my church family, with special services and then a huge dinner at church. (I'm still singing in the praise & worship group.) I do miss spending holidays with my wonderful physical family, but they are now scattered all over the U.S. - Nebraska, Iowa, Louisiana, California, Washington, Montana, and a grandson in the Navy. One son and several grandchildren are in FL, but not close-by. I'm hoping some of the family will visit in the near future.

I must apologize for the tardiness in sending this newsletter, but it is a time for "transition" for Harvest Time, and also, I have had a respiratory bug for the past 2 weeks, much better now. Haven't had so much a cold in many, many years. I recently made the remark that, as I get older, time seems to be going by more quickly, but the Lord reminded me that time isn't changing, I'm just getting slower. Oh well! At age 81, I have found the duties of a "one-girl office" to be too much to handle, so others on the Board are taking over some of the duties, and another organization has offered to help out, plus give us space for the many overflowing file cabinets acquired over this 30+ years. The overwhelming consensus of the Board, however, was that I continue writing the HTM newsletter and stay on the Board of Directors. I'm still trying to keep up with the yard work and house work, but that's usually behind. Other than just this "bug" of late, I have been in excellent health. Doc says I'm "perfect" according to annual exam and lab work a couple months ago. I told him I only know One who is perfect, however. But I do thank our LORD for His many, many blessings through the years, including Don, my wonderful husband/teacher/lover/helper, who went to be with Jesus in 2001. Michelle, my 8½-year-old Yorkshire terrier, still visit patients at the local Hospice House with me, and I plan to have Bella, my 2-year-old Yorkie, trained to visit in the future. The Lord has been nudging me to get more involved with "end-of-life" transitions, to help people and their families as they prepare for eternity, so my duties in Harvest Time need to decrease.

This newsletter will be a bit out of the ordinary, in that I had planned to include pictures of the farm worker children taken during our Christmas visit and distribution of new clothing & toys, but recently I received notice that our very first volunteer, Lorraine Schleede, went to be with Jesus in January. Lorraine and her husband, Paul, started going with us to the camps only a couple of years after we started, and were so very much appreciated. Even after Paul passed away and Lorraine moved back to New York, she continued to send many boxes of donated clothing (from her church and other sources) each year. Lorraine and Paul were recipients of the J. C. Penney Golden Rule Award for outstanding volunteers. I was surprised recently with a large album from Melissa, their youngest daughter; she felt I would be blessed with the memorabilia which Lorraine kept: Pictures, news articles, etc., so I will include some of them with this newsletter. Perhaps I will include the camp Christmas pictures in a later newsletter.

**IMPORTANT REMINDER::** As of today, there are still 450+ names on our "snail-mail" list. We are trying to be better stewards of the Lord's finances, so again I'm asking for your help by sending us your e-mail address if you are willing to receive the newsletter by e-mail. We have less than 200 names on that list. You also will be able to donate online, if you wish.

...And here I am again! Today is April 21, and I'm FINALLY able to sit down and work on the newsletter, after many distractions! For those of you who have more than one home address, if you send your e-mail address I can be sure you receive the newsletter. PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOUR HOME ADDRESS OR E-MAIL ADDRESS CHANGES. POST OFFICE WON'T FORWARD BULK NONPROFIT MAIL.

*For I was hungry and ye gave me food; I was thirsty and ye gave me drink; I was a stranger and ye took me in; Naked and ye clothed me; I was sick and ye visited me; I was in prison and ye came unto me...Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto Me. (Matthew 25:35, 36, 40)*



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**WHAT IS LOVE?**



If you ask this question to 20 people, you will probably get 20 answers. What would you answer? Webster gives many definitions such as: Deep and tender affection; feeling of brotherhood and good will toward other people; strong liking for or interest in something; strong passionate affection of one person for another; God's tender regard and concern for mankind; to delight in, take pleasure in...etc. However, in ***The Book of Mysteries*** by Jonathan Cahn, Author of New York Times best sellers "The Harbinger" and "The Mystery of the Shemitah" I find the best answer I have seen. *Love is to want the best for another. or, "LOVE is to put yourself in the place of another, to feel their feelings, walk in their shoes, weep with their tears, rejoice in their joys, take upon yourself their burdens, and give to them your life."* Rabbi Cahn describes this as "cosmic love". *And we know that God is LOVE, so If God is LOVE, He would have to "walk in our shoes, feel our feelings, cry our tears, take upon Himself our burdens, and our judgment, and our death, to give us His life."* And that's exactly what He did, when He took our place on the cross. He took all our sins, sicknesses, emotions, fears, everything anyone would ever suffer, even though He, Himself, had not sinned when he walked on the earth in human form as Jesus. His sacrifice was the GREATEST LOVE, and nothing can change the fact that He loves us, no matter who we are or what we have done. Jesus, as He was dying, said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." So no one will be held accountable for His death; He gave up His life willingly so we could be with Him eternally. God tells us in His Word that we will be forgiven - even as we forgive others. And we are to love others as He loves us. John 15:12-13 says: ***This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.*** In Romans 5:6 & 8 we read: ***While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. But God shows His love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us.*** Philippians 2:3-4 urges us to ***Do nothing from selfishness or conceit, but in humility count others better than yourselves. Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others.***

So, as we read this newsletter, let us ask ourselves if we really understand what it is to love, and, if so, are we following in Jesus' footsteps by showing our love to others and by choosing to forgive those who have hurt us. Recently an innocent grandfather was murdered at random, and when his daughter was interviewed on TV, she said, with tears in her eyes, that no, she didn't hate the murderer and that she forgave him. She said the Bible tells us that if we forgive, God will forgive us. The choice is ours - we can choose LIFE (with our love for others and with forgiveness) - or not.

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If you have not received Jesus as your Savior and LORD, you may repeat this simple prayer: Or, if you have carried unforgiveness: LORD, I ASK YOU TO FORGIVE MY SINS. I FORGIVE \_\_\_\_\_ (insert names) AND ASK YOU TO FORGIVE THEM, ALSO. PLEASE FORGIVE ME FOR ANYONE I HAVE OFFENDED. I KNOW YOU WENT TO THE CROSS FOR ME AND CARRIED MY SHAME. I LOVE YOU AND THANK YOU. I GIVE YOU MY HEART TODAY AND ASK THAT YOU HELP ME TO LIVE FOR YOU. I WANT TO BE THE PERSON YOU WANT ME TO BE. I WANT TO LOVE AS YOU LOVE!

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Ask yourself if what you are doing today is getting you closer to where you want to be tomorrow.

LOVE keeps no record of wrongs. Bitterness keeps detailed accounts.

Good sense makes a man slow to anger, and it is his glory to overlook an offense (Proverbs 19:11)

Most of all, enjoy every moment of the journey, and appreciate where you are at this moment instead of always focusing on how far you have to go. (Mandy Hale)

It is easier to fool people than to convince them they've been fooled. (Mark Twain)

While we are all waiting for Jesus to come, Jesus is waiting for us to stand up for Him.(Samuel Rodriguez)

Be patient with your enemies and forgiving of your friends. (Afghan Proverb)



**THANK YOU LORD - Every day be thankful for what you have and who you are.**

Even though our breakfast table never looks like the picture in magazines and the menu at times is unbalanced... THANK YOU, LORD, for the food we have. There are many who are hungry.  
 Even though I clutch my blanket and growl when the alarm rings, THANK YOU LORD, that I can hear. There are many who are deaf.  
 Even though I keep my eyes closed against the morning light as long as possible, THANK YOU, LORD, that I can see. Many are blind.  
 Even though I huddle in my bed and put off rising, THANK YOU, LORD, that I have the strength to rise. There are many who are bedridden.  
 Even though the first hour of my day is hectic, when socks are lost, toast is burned, tempers are short, and my children are so loud. THANK YOU, LORD, for my family. There are many who are lonely.  
 Even though the routine of my job often is monotonous, THANK YOU, LORD, for the opportunity to work. There are many who have no job.

Look back and thank God. Look forward and trust God.  
 Look around and serve God. Look within and find God!

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 Life is an opportunity---benefit from it. Life is beauty---admire it. Life is a dream---realize it. Life is a challenge---meet it. Life is a duty---complete it. Life is a game---play it. Life is a promise---fulfill it. Life is sorrow---overcome it. Life is a song---sing it. Life is a struggle---accept it. Life is a tragedy---confront it. Life is an adventure---dare it. Life is luck\*---make it. Life is life---fight for it. (Mother Teresa)

\* Note: I would personally use "blessing" instead of "luck".

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 "VOLUNTEERS are the only human beings on the face of the earth who reflect this nation's compassion, unselfish caring, patience, and just plain loving one another.." (Erma Bombeck).

I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank all the Harvest Time Ministries volunteers, past and present, who have sacrificed hundreds (more like thousands) of hours in helping the less fortunate: Volunteers who collect, purchase, sort, bag and distribute clothing and food, those who visit the camps every other Saturday, and, importantly, those who provide the music and deliver the Word of God to families who may not have the means to attend church. Thanks to the Florida Gulf Coast University nursing staff and students, as well as Family Health Center representatives who do blood pressure checks and determine physical needs. And I very much appreciate our Officers and Board of Directors, chaplains, volunteer accountant/treasurer. Without all of these, Harvest Time Ministries would not be able to exist. We also appreciate all who have been so faithful in giving of your prayers and finances!

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 HARVEST TIME MINISTRIES is a local, faith-based, nondenominational 501 C-3 organization, so your donations are fully tax deductible. We are not funded by local, state, or federal funding and depend entirely on donations "from the heart". Your check can be your receipt, but you will receive a receipt from us for tax purposes each year.. Your gift, whether large or small, is sincerely appreciated and will make a huge difference in lives. You can also donate online by going to our web site: [harvesttimebonita.org](http://harvesttimebonita.org)

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 Once again, we would be so grateful if you are willing to receive the quarterly newsletter by e-mail. Harvest Time Ministries is the Lord's ministry, and we want to be good stewards of finances. Not everyone is able to e-mail, and we understand; you can still receive the newsletter by snail-mail. A donation is not required to receive the newsletter. PLEASE LET US KNOW IF YOUR ADDRESS CHANGES OR IF YOU DO NOT WISH TO CONTINUE RECEIVING THE NEWSLETTER.

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 Our prayer is that you will have a healthy, joyful, safe summer with angels and the Holy Spirit safely guiding you in all your travels and the Lord's guidance in all your endeavors. Please remember to pray for HTM, our government, our nation, for Israel, our military forces and first responders, local leaders, and for all who have suffered losses this year in fires, floods, earthquakes, tornadoes and other tragedies.

Love, blessings and prayers,



*Gerry H*

**Beloved, I wish, above all things, that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospers. (3 John 2)**



In Loving Memory  
**Lorraine Della Schleede**

January 17, 1929  
January 31, 2017



*When I come to the end of the road and  
the sun has set for me, I want no rites in  
a gloom filled room. Why cry for a soul  
set free. Miss me a little-but not too long.  
And not with your head bowed low.  
Remember the love that we once shared.  
Miss me-but let me go. For this is a  
journey that we all must take and each  
must go alone. It's all a part of the  
Master's plan, a step on the road to home.  
When you are lonely and sick of heart,  
go to the friends we have known and bury  
your sorrows in doing good deeds.  
Miss me-but let me go.*

The pictures below are from earlier days feeding bodies and souls in farm worker camps, probably in the early 1990's (a ministry of Harvest Time Ministries since 1987).



**Pastor Don Franck ministers the Word during a camp visit. Pastor Bob Selle interprets.**



**Above left: Lorraine with Gerry and Don.  
Below left and also to the right: Lorraine doing  
her favorite thing: Loving on the kids.**