



THE HARVESTER

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Blessings and greetings and peace (SHALOM) in the Name of our Lord Jesus! I pray all is well with you and your loved ones, and that you are enjoying the great weather.

This has again been a very busy "season", and I'm amazed that it has almost come to an end; I'll believe it when I see less traffic in the streets. I'll be here all summer, except possibly for my usual 2 weeks in the Omaha/Des Moines area visiting family. I have a new great-granddaughter, Olivia Jewel, born Feb. 28 to granddaughter & husband, Savannah & Dave Farrell. I am blessed with so many grandkids, great-grandkids (and even one great-great granddaughter) that I'm about ready to quit counting. ☺ Sure wish some of them lived closer!

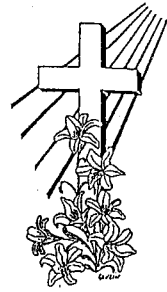
Harvest Time has been blessed again this year with donations to see us through the season, and now we're gearing up for next season, since we need to have food and supplies on hand to start the new season in November. Of course, in August we will distribute over 400 filled backpacks to the neediest of children in the Migrant Education program. It was a delight to see all the happy faces as we distributed toys and brand new clothing to children in the camps just before Christmas and, of course, Mr. and Mrs. Santa (Leo and Marilyn) were there again this year to pass out the presents. We saw many lives changed as the Word of God went forth and many people made the commitment to the Lord. Feb. 21 was the Bonita Springs Prayer Breakfast at 7 AM, and Harvest Time was one of five local charities honored. Over 1,000 people attended. Carlos and I attended the kickoff 2/25 for the Lighthouse Bay Pentathlon held on 3/17. Carlos, and my spiritual son Tom & wife Beth, and 10-year-old Elizabet participated in the Pentathlon and HTM took blue ribbons in 4 of the 5 sports. The LHB proceeds from their various activities are distributed among three charities, and last year we received \$10,000. We also applied for a grant from Country Creek Community Charities to help with our storage rental fees.

Tom and Beth took me for an early Christmas dinner on 12/23, and friends from church invited me to their home on Christmas day for dinner. Because I needed to catch up with end-of-year bookkeeping, getting annual donor receipts out, etc., I decided to dedicate January to paperwork ☺ but my wonderful volunteers kept everything going nicely--packing for the camps, delivering the items, etc. Even though they said they missed me, I found out I'm not really indispensable, after all. Some of them thought I was on vacation - ha! My January birthday came and went (76), although I received welcomed calls from family members, and my pastor and friend, Ann, took me to belated dinner in Feb. and a visiting missionary friend went along. Then in March, Carlos (our HTM chaplain & friend) & wife Paty, took me to a Peruvian restaurant for a belated birthday dinner. I'm still keeping busy with clergy meetings, Red Hat Ladies, Partnership in Housing (Pueblo Bonito) board, and several other meetings. Church Bible study is Thurs. PM, and I have Life Group at my home once a month, which includes dinner and Bible study. Weds. Noon is church prayer. I endeavor to make it to the gym once a week for Silver Sneakers exercises; the teacher was a ballet dancer and teacher, and she really gives us a workout! I need to find more time for exercise. Other than being on the Sunday praise team at church, I haven't done much outside singing lately, although another lady and I sang a duet at an evening service at a local church. The Lord has blessed me with good health, and I still take no prescription drugs, just a lot of vitamins.

The copier finally "went south", after many great years of service (we purchased it, used, in 2000) and I found it would be more economical to lease a brand new one, since churches and nonprofits receive great discounts. I was told the old Canon copier was one of the first digital ones out. So, I'm in the process of learning what these "new-fangled" machines can do. I'm trying to do the copying myself, saving a great deal over the prices we were paying a company to print them for us. I also decided to do three a year, instead of four. At present, even with volunteers, it takes a while to stuff 450+ newsletter envelopes each time, and of course this will be cost effective, as well. The HTM pickup truck (2000 Ford Ranger) is still giving good service, but, as it ages, more repairs.

*****IMPORTANT MESSAGE!!!** If you don't read the HTM newsletter, PLEASE let me know. We want to be good stewards of the Lord's money. We're not asking that you send money, and if you enjoy the newsletter we'll continue sending it until you tell us otherwise. It's always a blessing to know that it's worthwhile. Also, PLEASE give us your new address if you move; nonprofit bulk mail will not be forwarded & it costs us extra when returned.

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)



Saturday 4/7 we'll visit farm worker camps to deliver food, toiletries, Bibles, clothing, diapers and other necessities, as well as toys, "Easter" baskets and goodies. Of greater importance, they will hear the Word of God and the true meaning of this Holy Day.

RESURRECTION SUNDAY (EASTER)
(An excerpt from a teaching by the Revs. Don and Gerry Franck)

The name "Easter" is an unfortunate and absurd translation, as Easter was a pagan festival observed long before Jesus' time. It is not a Christian name, but is derived from Ishtar, one of the Babylonian titles of an idol goddess, the Queen of Heaven. The Saxon goddess Eastre is the same as Astarte, the Syrian Venus, called Ashtoreth in the Old Testament. It was the worship of this woman by Israel that was such an abomination to God. (1 Samuel 7:3; 1 Kings 11:5, 33; 2 Kings 23:13; Jeremiah 7:18, 44:18. Round cakes, imprinted with the sign of the cross, were made at this festival, the sign being, in the Babylonian mysteries, a sign of life.

Easter eggs, which play a great part in this day's celebration, were common in all heathen nations. The fable of the egg declares that "an egg of wondrous size fell from heaven into the river Euphrates, the fish rolled it to the bank, where doves settled upon it and hatched it, and out came Astarte, or Ishtar, the goddess of Easter". Easter, Christmas, Lady Day, Lent, and other Babylonian festivals were all borrowed from this religion and were all observed centuries before Jesus. None of them have any relationship to Jesus or Christianity. (And much of the worship of such idols included gross immorality during the ceremonies.)

What we must remember (and what we must teach our children) is the true meaning of this most holiest of days, when our Savior was raised from the dead and came out of the tomb. In the beginning, Elohim (God the Trinity - God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit) created the heavens, the earth and all life form and placed the "tree of the knowledge of good and evil" in the Garden of Eden, forbidding man to touch it. When Adam and Eve sinned by eating the forbidden fruit of that tree, they died spiritually and, eventually, physically. They no longer had that wonderful, close fellowship with God and, as a result, condemnation came on all mankind. But the plan was already in place to make a way for restoration of the lost relationship between God and future mankind. "For if by the one man's (Adam's) offense death reigned through the one, so much more those who receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ. Therefore, as through one man's offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man's righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life. For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so also by one Man's obedience many will be made righteous. Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But where sin abounded, grace abounded much more, so that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness (a free gift) to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." (Romans 5:17-21). Our Precious Lord Jesus Christ suffered a horrendous death on the cross so that we could once again come into the "holy of holies" and have His righteousness, that close fellowship and relationship with God the Father. Jesus took upon Himself every sin, every sickness, every infirmity, every lack, every offence that man would ever have. We can receive His free gift when we become "born again". How is this accomplished? ...that, if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." (Romans 10:9-10). We don't wait to "clean ourselves up" because our Lord has done this for us, so if you are truly sorry for your sins, make the above confession of belief and truly endeavor to live the life He would desire. Your sins will no longer be remembered because He has cast them "as far as the east is from the west" (see Psalm 103:12). You are forgiven, a "new creature in Christ". Start your brand new day, and brand new life in Jesus Christ! **HAPPY RESURRECTION DAY!**

FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, THAT WHOSOEVER BELIEVETH IN HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH BUT HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE. (John 3:16)

What can I give to Him Who died on calvary
To take away my sins so I can now be free?
That gift I can't repay - what Jesus did, you see,
The only gift I have to give to Him is...
Every part of me.

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THE FOOL says in
his heart, "There is
no God."

Psalms 14:1a RSV

Without Jesus there is no journey.

Godspeed



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When one door of happiness closes, another opens; but often we look so long at the closed door that we do not see the one that has been opened for us. (Helen Keller)

A thousand words will not leave so deep an impression as one deed (Henrik Ibsen)

A mortal asked God, "What is a million years like to you?" God answered, "Like one second." The mortal asked, "What's a million dollars like to you?" God answered, "Like one penny." Mortal: "Can I have a penny?" "Just a second", God replied.

EVERY EVENING, TURN YOUR WORRIES OVER TO GOD. HE'S GOING TO BE UP ALL NIGHT ANYWAY.

Adam and Eve were very happy in the Garden, although Eve became suspicious of Adam when he suddenly began taking long walks in the evening. She tried to follow him a couple of times; however, she always lost him in the lush greenery. Every time he returned, Eve questioned him relentlessly. "Adam, where have you been? Have you been seeing another woman?" "Eve, don't be ridiculous," came the same reply every night. "There are no other women." This went on for weeks until one night Adam was awakened by Eve poking him sharply in the chest. "Eve, what in the world are you doing?" "Counting your ribs," she answered.

A mother was driving her three sons to church to be baptized. Jonathan said, "Mom, I'd really like to go first this morning, before Frank and Timmy." "That's fine, dear," replied his mother, proud of her son's eagerness to begin a new life with the Lord. "Thanks, Mom. I don't want my whole head under water that has all my brothers' rotten sins floating around."

Church Sign: NONEXPOSURE TO THE SON WILL CAUSE BURNING.

DEAR GOD: I think you'd be proud of me! So far today I've done all right. I haven't gossiped, lusted, lost my temper, or been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish, or overindulgent. I'm very thankful for that. In a few minutes, though, I'm going to get out of bed. From then on I'm probably going to need a lot of help. Amen.

Many people who knew Boaz were very glad to see him get married. Apparently, he was Ruth-less when he was a bachelor.

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***NEWS FLASH! YOU CAN NOW SEND DONATIONS THRU PAYPAL OR YOUR CREDIT CARD BY GOING ONLINE TO OUR WEB SITE: harvesttimebonita.org (Checks & cash are still welcome, too.) Thank you!
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THANK YOU, THANK YOU, TO ALL OUR WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS AND PARTNERS IN PRAYER AND FINANCES. WE COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU! MAY YOU ALL BE BLESSED ABUNDANTLY AS YOU HAVE BLESSED OTHERS LESS FORTUNATE! HAVE AN AWESOME SUMMER!
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HARVEST TIME NEEDS

- Nonperishable food, diapers, baby items & clothing, linens
 - Clothing & underwear, especially for men (small) & babies & children (all sizes)
 - Volunteer office help
 - Volunteers to sort, pack & deliver items to camps
 - Financial donations to purchase above needs
- There are emergency needs during summer, plus we'll be distributing over 400 filled backpacks in August
- Your prayers (an important part of the ministry) - always appreciated



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Again, **PLEASE** remember to let us know by phone, e-mail or snail-mail, if your address changes or if you also have a second address. The post office will not forward bulk mail, but they do return it to us, at an additional cost. It is our pleasure to send you *THE HARVESTER* at no cost to you, and ask only that you let us know if you do not wish to continue receiving it. Our prayer is that it ministers to you; do not feel obligated to send a donation, (tho they're welcome). You may always check out HTM and our mission at: harvesttimebonita.org

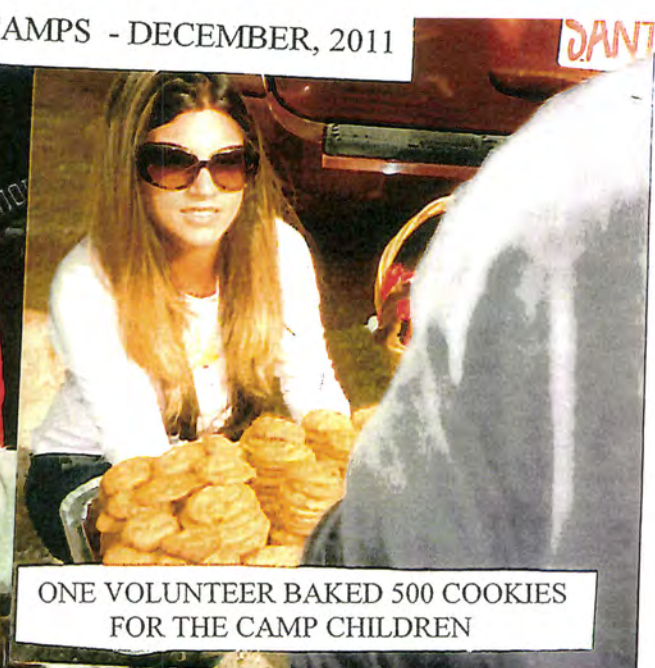
Beloved, I wish, above all things, that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospers. (3 John 2)

In the service of Jesus Christ,

Gerry



ONE OF THE MANY HAPPY CHILDREN AT CHRISTMAS TOY DISTRIBUTION



ONE VOLUNTEER BAKED 500 COOKIES FOR THE CAMP CHILDREN



MR. & MRS. SANTA WITH "BLITZEN"



TWO HAPPY CHILDREN WITH NEW BIKES



Lighthouse Bay Pentathlon 2012 - HARVEST TIME #1 in Putting (Tom); Walking (Beth); Swimming (Elizabeth, age 10); and Tennis (Carlos). Congratulations, HTM champs!



SOME MOMS AND BABIES LINE UP TO HEAR GOD'S WORD (LOTS OF BABIES IN THE CAMPS THIS YEAR)