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Stanislaus County nonprofit plans to build mini houses for the homeless, farmworkers

BY KEN CARLSON
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A faith-based program for adults 18 and older is working with Stanislaus Equity Partners and R3 (Rehabilitation, Restoration, Respite) to build mini homes for the homeless, farmworkers and other people in need. JOAN WAINSETT-LEE jlee@modbee.com

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RICK SOUZA

A Great Day



Several years ago, we built a 6,000-square-foot shop with the expectation of using it for job training. Two years ago, we started the permit process to build mini homes in that shop. Thursday night, Dec. 7, the Stanislaus County Planning Commission unanimously approved our plan to build mini homes in our shop, on our property. It is a great day for our ministry. Please read the article that appeared on the front page of the Modesto Bee (Back Cover). We were also interviewed by Fox 40 and KCRA News and received great coverage.

Rick Souza
CEO/Executive Director Faith Home Adult & Teen Challenge



CHRIS YOUNG

Bee Keeping Update



As we settle in from the long and adventurous year, our new apiary is tucked in for the season. This means we get to take a breather from the inspections and let the ladies do their thing. We've lost a few hives and a few queens and endured plenty of stings, but nonetheless we made it through summer! Blessed with four, which was our ideal number to start with. We've learned a lot in our first season, and we're very excited for the next. We're already preparing for 2024 by extending the concrete pad for the apiary, and planting six acres of wildflowers, mustard seed and purple sunflowers that will bloom in spring. We expect to catch more swarms and split the hives we currently have.



With the help of some neighbors and friends for their skills and intelligence—Cover Crop for supplying the assorted seed for our six acres, and Garton Tractor for our New Holland that helped us prepare our soil—we were able to remove the old almond trees to make room for pollinators, not only for our hungry ladies but for the community that surrounds us as well. While we did get to have a small taste of the honey they produced, we decided to let them have it all to themselves to stay full and healthy throughout the winter. While the honey tastes amazing, we're hoping to expand our apiary to become local pollinators for the agricultural industry. But hopefully this upcoming harvest we'll have plenty to share, so prepare your taste buds! We'll be exploring some new skills in queen rearing, splitting, harvesting and other different methods of keeping our bees in a peaceful state of mind. Stay tuned!"



"Eat honey, my son, for it is good; honey from the comb is sweet to your taste. Know also that wisdom is like honey for you: If you find it, there is a future hope for you, and your hope will not be cut off."
Proverbs 24:13-14



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LANCE AMARANTE

Our New Tractor



On April 30, 2022, we held an event here at the ranch entitled "Putting Hope Within Reach Together." The purpose was to share our vision for this ministry and some of our needs and projects we were hoping to accomplish. One of the needs was replacing an old tractor that quit running which played a vital part in helping with projects and maintaining our garden area here on our 38-acre ranch. At that event, a couple of supporters brought to our attention the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Farm Equipment Replacement Program.

With the help of Tom Garton at Garton Tractor, we applied and qualified for a grant which paid 80% of the cost of a new tractor. Through your generous donations equaling \$7,000 specifically for the tractor, we were able to acquire the tractor along with some upgraded features the old tractor didn't have.

What a blessing it has already been. We can't thank you enough for your support and most importantly for your prayers and love for this ministry.



JULIE COFFEE

Living Room Remodel



In one of our recent newsletters, we announced that our living room was in great need of a remodel. Several of you responded by sending in generous donations. With the funds received, we were able to put fresh paint on the walls, tear out the very old carpet and install laminate flooring, replace the old ceiling fans and put up new curtains and rods. Soon we will be purchasing new pictures for the walls along with a new or gently used sectional for the students to relax on.

In addition to the living room upgrades, we received a very generous \$3000.00 donation from one of our partnering churches to use toward new flooring for our student dorms.

We send a sincere thank you to all those who made this possible through your prayers and generous donations.

CHERI RIEBEL

Student Christmas Party



Our Student Christmas party this year was a celebration full of God's love and laughter. The students' love for the Lord shined brightly as they reunited and celebrated with their families.

We want to thank the following churches and volunteers for your generous time and donations: Allen Mortuary, Calvary Chapel Sonora, Christ Community Church, First Assembly of God, Chowchilla, Gateway Community Church, The Place of Refuge, Trinity Church Assembly of God, Angelica Ibarra, Angela & Jamie Cortez, Carol Bell-Cranford, Charlotte Frost, David & Deanna Graves, David & Sharon Roddrick, Donna Malone, Ilene Simar Worthington, Jim & Joy Ullrich, Lori Blackwell, Michael Esau, Sarah & Dean Williams, Shellini Singh.

Gifts of love from friends like you bring smiles and break down barriers. It was a wonderful time of sharing God's love and His power to change.

It states in Numbers 6:24-26: "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace."

It is GOD who has enriched us so that we can be generous and through our generosity bless others which results in giving thanks to GOD.

