



# Spiritual Fruit Farm

*Implanting the seeds of Truth & Hope in homeless children & adults, as well as providing a missionary respite.*

Dear Fellow Laborers of the Field,

Thank you so much for your prayers for the Spiritual Fruit Farm! We've been very busy and are very excited with all the great things God has provided as a result of the power of prayer!

Please let us know what you think of our newsletter, we'd love to hear from you!

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## A Bit Of Truth



Greg Donough and Jackie measuring a horse at Flintrock

Verbal abuse is a learned behavior passed down generationally and just as a horse needs to be broken so it is with the generational cycle of verbal abuse. In today's environment, our children are continually learning to masterfully hurl verbal attacks towards their relatives, friends and teachers. The power of words lies in the degree of respect, authority, adoration and value their victim assigns to the perpetrator. Proverbs 18:21 tells us, "Life and death are in the power of the tongue", and the most destructive impact of verbal abuse comes from the fact that the words contain a hint of truth. We see this manifestation of verbal abuse in the abrasive work environment as well as tearing down marriages. If the chain of verbal abuse is to be broken then the tongue must be bridled.

If life and death are in the power of the tongue, like the Proverb says, if this is true, then we need to let Jesus reign in our hearts and help us understand that our words have life long consequences to those who cross our paths and lie in our wake.

Meet Jackie, this is her first visit to the Spiritual Fruit Farm. She is 13 years old and lives at the Water Street Rescue Mission with her Mom, sister and brothers. Jackie is learning that a horse is a big pile of flesh that could become very dangerous if it is not in control. You can see the sheer size of the horse (7' 10") compared to the 6" bit that controls it.

In the same way, Jackie is learning that the book of James tells us that if anyone does not stumble on what he says he is a perfect man able to bridle the whole body and we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they might obey us as we direct their entire body as well. So the tongue is the small part of the body, and yet it boasts of great things. With it we bless our Lord and our Father, and with it we curse men who have been made in the image of God. James points these things ought not to be this way.



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Praise God for providing our website! Please visit [www.spiritualfruitfarm.org](http://www.spiritualfruitfarm.org) to find out more of our ministry. Terry Goss and Kurt Harnish of Cornerstone Computers and Link Web have become our Computer/Technical Advisory Board members and donated their services and time to design the web site and agreed to host at a greatly reduced fee! The website continues to be developed, so please visit often to see new pages, newsletters, etc... Thank you Terry and Kurt for your sacrifice of time!

## SFF...IN THE NEWS!

Coming soon! The local newspaper will be coming out to do a featured article and take photographs of the ministry and the children at the farm. Please pray that the article will be a true representation of the Spiritual Fruit Farm's vision and ministry.





## Volunteer Spotlight!

*Here is an example of individuals willing to be used of God!*

God has touched the hearts of Roman & Lucy Stoltzfoos and their children to open up their farm, home and lives to the Spiritual Fruit Farm. Over the last couple of months we've brought over 12 children to their home. They have graciously allowed us use of a place to stay where the children are learning object lessons at the farm. Each weekend two children come and we share a meal at their regular "Homemade Pizza" night on Saturdays, and then share Sunday morning devotions attending the church's Sunday School and Church service. Afterwards we get to join the family for Sunday meal which is always fabulously prepared by Lucy and her daughters. The volunteers eagerly await the sampling of Lucy's awesome cooking each weekend! Dear Lucy and Roman, How can we thank you enough for all your provision, love and care you show each child who comes to your door and for the vision of the Spiritual Fruit Farm. Upon sending the Stoltzfus family a thank you card, Roman in turned thanked us for the commitment to forge the Spiritual Fruit Farm. We also want to thank Hughe Karreman, Veterinary Advisory Board Member for introducing us to Roman and his family.



*"The good Samaritan was on a journey, and it slowed him down to stop and help, so we don't mind doing what we can to help those in need." Roman Stoltzfoos*

## SPIRITUAL FRUIT FARM at CREATION 2003!

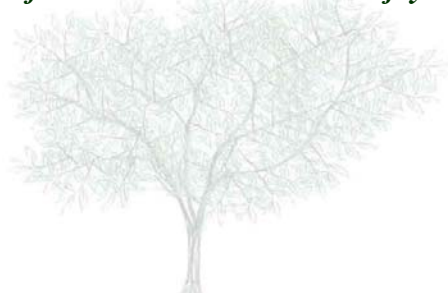


Praise God! Over 2,000 individuals joined the Spiritual Fruit Farm's Prayer Team. WOW! Each person signed a leaf with their name and email address, and then we placed the leaves onto the SFF Tree. The SFF Tree was filled to capacity every day! The event was held at Hershey Park this year and we were blessed to be accepted to have our 1<sup>st</sup> display at Creation 2003! Many local bookstores gifted us with Raffle Prizes, Provident, Christian Light Bookstore, Hearts n' Mind, Corinthian Christian Book, Joy Bookstores and Sight & Sound. Also, after hearing the vision for the Spiritual Fruit Farm, neighboring ministry and vendor stands donated Raffle items. We'd like to thank each company and ministry that donated raffle items and the many hands of volunteers that helped create the brochures, seed packets and cutting out all the leaves! We also want to thank, Mary Sauder, Deborah Force, Gary Gerlach, Greg Donough and Sarah Sheetz, but most of all we want to thank you for agreeing to pray for the Spiritual Fruit Farm three times a week.

Thank you again for your prayers as we continue.

To The Kingdom!  
Greg Donough

*Thankfulness is the soil in which joy thrives!*



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