

\* Spring/Summer \* 2020 \*

# The Haven Missionary Care Center

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*Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord. 1 Corinthians 15:58.*

## A Message from Ann...

Greetings from The Haven! Hope you are doing well and weathering the continuing challenges of COVID-19. Little has changed at The Haven, nestled snugly in beautiful, rural Eure, NC. "Social distancing" is a natural part of our culture. We had already established a first-name basis with our UPS driver and the USPS postmaster, whom we see more often these days. Farmers are busy in the fields and plants are thriving with all the rain we have received. Forests have become a deep green, flowers are blooming, and hummingbirds happily visit the feeder outside the dining room window. While many have needed to establish a "new normal," this *is* our norm. We are blessed.

## Gardening & Finishing Projects

With much fewer visitors the past three months, the mixture of springtime and quarantine has provided a perfect time to do some yardwork and landscaping. The new azaleas are looking good in the planter beside The Barn. The grass seed Bob planted are popping up and greening up. There are still fun projects around The Haven, so pack your bags and come on over! We'll treat you like family with good food, warm fellowship, and interesting things to do, which will bless *you* as well as our missionary guests!



## Conferences

In February we (Bob, Ann and Susan) attended two conferences: Calvary Chapel Pastors' Conference in Merritt Island, Florida and Johnson Ferry Baptist Church MOVE Conference in Marietta, Georgia. Both provided encouraging fellowship, uplifting worship, and challenging messages. In between conference sessions, we made many new contacts as we shared our ministry of missionary care. We even had an opportunity to present the ministry principles we've learned to a mission

organization in Florida. They requested a meeting with us as they reorganize and develop a way to minister to the physical and spiritual needs of their staff. Our hope and prayer is to encourage more ministries and help them develop this vital area within their mission organizations.

## Ministry to Missionaries

We're blessed to have Cheza Shalom available to minister to missionaries. It is our delight to watch these precious servants come to our door tired and weary and drive away with a renewed vision for their ministry. We thought we'd be doing some ministry during this strategic time of quarantine. However, two missionary families who had planned to quarantine with us were diverted to other places. Looks like we will be hosting a single missionary as well as a family in July and August. So far, we've had several other inquiries for accommodations at The Haven for summer and fall.

## Ruth's "Intermission"

In March, as governors began issuing "stay-at-home" orders, our daughter, Ruth, was caught in the middle of a move. She had just moved out of her Apex, North



Carolina home and was literally headed to her interim office for orientation when the stay-at-home came down. She stopped by for a visit in route to

orientation, and wound up staying 13 weeks! She has been able to work online, and gets together with friends via phone and Zoom™ meetings. Ruth also set up Zoom™ meetings with our extended family. We cherish this extra time with Ruth AND with her pet menagerie (two kitties and a pup) while awaiting her overseas move.

## Website Development

PRAISE THE LORD! God has answered Ann's heart cry for help on The Haven website. Two ladies,

*A Refreshed Missionary is an Effective Missionary*

Pat Jenkins and Susan Megee, have come to the rescue! They are working together to fine-tune wording, update photos, and make our website both attractive & useful to missionaries around the world. They're doing a great work, which is greatly appreciated by everyone (especially Ann)!

### More About...

Chaplain, missionary, Serve India Ministries (SIM) Director of Operations, Red Cross, Fire Volunteer and Rescue/EMS (Emergency Medical Services) provider, Susan Westfall, our missionary in residence. In addition to being an integral part of The Haven staff, Susan loves serving our community and missionaries working around the world. Her "day job" is Director of Operations for SIM. Ebey Samuel, their Indian director, had to cancel SIM's yearly board meeting due to COVID-19 travel restrictions. It seems there is no end to the stronghold of the coronavirus as it touches everyone around the world. Susan's work with Gates County EMS keeps her busy with extra shifts (and lots of extra cleaning procedures!) as the agency cares for the medical needs of our community. In Gates County, we've been encouraged to see a 95% recovery rate for those who stricken with the virus, but it's always sad to learn of those who don't.



### ZOOM GriefShare

GriefShare (GS) is a powerful ministry, giving hope for thousands around the globe. There has probably never been a time when this ministry is needed more than during this pandemic. Ann and Susan were just getting started with a new 13-week GS group when the "stay-at-home" order was issued. We switched our GriefShare ministry online using the ZOOM App and continued our meetings. We have two co-leaders this time around, Jackie and Sallie (Ann's cousin), who are doing a fantastic job assisting with our group of eight ladies. All of us are becoming more tech savvy than we ever thought possible!

### ZOOM Piano Lessons

Despite all the challenges and adjustments required because of the COVID-19 crisis, I continued piano lessons for my students online. Though not ideal, it worked! Both students and teacher had to work extra



hard to communicate, but making music together is always a blessing. Hope to have our LIVE recital June 28!

### Until Next Time...

Life is full of ups and downs, even in "normal" times. However, these are extraordinary times. One thing I hear on the news every day, "We'll get through this together." Our world will look much different as we come out of this crisis. As priorities change, we will all come to see it is not THINGS that matter, but PEOPLE. Jesus' words, "Love your neighbor" have never meant more than they do today.

We are grateful to each of you for your continued support of The Haven through your prayers and gifts. Let's all continue trusting in Jesus... and seek to create new ways to love one another.

### Prayer and Praise!

- \*Praise the Lord with us! The Haven Missionary Care Center was used by Jesus to bless missionaries even during COVID-19!
- \*Please pray with us for a deep spiritual and lasting breakthrough of the Holy Spirit in granting the joy of the Lord, His peace, and His strength in the lives of the missionaries and friends the Lord brings our way.

*"We give thanks to God and the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love which you have for all the saints." Colossians 1: 3-4*

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