

Bringing the Pieces and Colors Together

KALEIDOSCOPE

A Newsletter for Glenmary Sisters' Adopters and Prayer Associates



Menifee County, Kentucky

Sister Kathleen

Greetings from Frenchburg. Hope you had a good summer and can enjoy each day. As I write this we are getting over the hurricanes. What a disaster! So many have lost their homes and had to move

to another area; also, so many lost their lives. We certainly pray for all involved and pray for their future.

We have had several groups of volunteers and they brought much joy and support.

I traveled with Sr. Darlene for two mission appeals - one in Maine and one in Kansas. Long trips, but it is always a good experience. The one in Kansas was tougher as we drove through places where so many were getting lined up for the eclipse. We had no trouble going but returning was like a nightmare. All motels were packed, even the food places. God bless Sr. Darlene - she drove back and got in at a late hour. We met so many wonderful, dedicated folks who are very faithful to the church. We need our church in this sad time.

Now I will go with Sr. Aida to Pennsylvania and once again with Sr. Darlene to Iowa. We also have a group coming in from Pennsylvania as volunteers. They are a joy.

Please know I thank you daily for your continued support. God love you.



Owensboro, Kentucky

Sister Darlene

Greetings from Owensboro Kentucky! I have finally arrived. I have to admit, I was wondering if I would ever be able to say I am here. It has been quite a journey. After a wonderful week at camp, I completed my last bit of packing and headed to

Owensboro on July 26. Izzie was happy to see me come through the door with my suitcases and her toy basket. It is a good feeling to be fulltime in one place and not divided between the two. I miss my friends and parish family in Caruthersville. I do look forward to the new relationships that will develop here. This is the life of a missionary.

My first day here consisted of a morning meeting followed by ringing the Mission Bell as Srs. Sharon and Mary Ellen left for our Pemiscot County mission. As soon as they departed, I visited with our staff and Srs. Bernadette and Rosemary. I then departed for a mission appeal in Utica, New York. I was delighted to stop in Buffalo to have lunch with Beth whom I have talked to since entering Glenmary but had never met. After our delicious lunch and wonderful visit, I continued on to Utica. I fell in love with Utica and the people I met. The area is rich in history and is located in the Mohawk Valley. I would love to return one day to explore this part of the country.

I returned to Caruthersville on August 6 to a special farewell dinner for me and welcome to Sr. Sharon. It was a beautiful celebration. I felt overwhelmed by the many kind words that people shared and the work that went into making everything beautiful and memorable. I can honestly say I love my parish family there and the people and friends I made in the community. While there, I enjoyed helping Sr. Sharon fill out her first financial report and showing her around the town and key places in the county.

August was busy with travels and meetings. My first venture was to take Sr. Catherine to Michigan to spend time with her family. I enjoyed meeting her sister Theresa and her friends. Sr. Kathleen and I traveled to Kansas for a mission appeal. The weekend was very enjoyable. The travel home was an adventure. We became tied up with all those who were seeking the best spot to experience the eclipse. We made it back to Owensboro to enjoy the eclipse with Srs. Rosemary, Mary Ellen and Bernadette. It was amazing! I returned to Michigan to bring Sr. Catherine home. The month ended with

a trip to our Frenchburg mission to deliver donations.

My life here is very different from my life in the missions. It has a different rhythm and way of being. I have a wonderful staff that guides and helps me to accomplish the many responsibilities I have. I do not have to do everything on my own, which is taking some getting used to. I am very blessed with the privilege of attending daily Mass. I love being with my Sisters here and being here to help and serve my Sisters in the missions. I trust in God that he will provide the graces I will need to carry out the duties he has placed before me.

I thank each of you for your continued support and prayers for our missions. We would not be able to provide for the many needs that exist in the missions without you. You and your needs are in our prayers each day. May God bless you for your generosity.



Ohio Co/Butler Co, Kentucky

Sister Aida

Blessings.

Since the last publishing of Kaleidoscope our portion of the V Encuentro has been completed. We are still working and traveling

for mission appeals.

I continue to serve as interpreter, prepare parents for the baptism of their babies, visit the jail, and help families.

In a couple of weeks we will be having our catechists take the Safe Environment training. After that CCD classes will begin. The adult Bible Study has already begun.

We have been praying for my family and friends in Puerto Rico; and for all those affected throughout the Caribbean by hurricane Irma; and for those in Florida and beyond; and for those affected in Mexico and Guatemala by the earthquake. Hurricane José is coming, so we need to keep up our prayers for those in its path.



Pemiscot County, Missouri

Sister Sharon

Well, Hello from our Pemiscot County mission! I am not sure if you were expecting to be greeted by me from this mission. After our Chapter in May and the election of new leadership, as part of my sabbatical, I was able to go on a special Holy Land Pilgrimage that was filled with grace and blessings. Sr. Darlene and I are looking forward to sharing our wonderful experiences in our next few issues of KINSHIP. After I returned from the pilgrimage, I was able to take a 30-day silent Ignatian Retreat. This may sound intimidating. I have to admit that indeed it began that way, thirty days in silence with God. However, as I entered into this grace-filled time it became so much more. During my time on retreat, God renewed my spirit and mission heart in preparation for my new assignment in our Missouri Pemiscot County mission.

On July 26, I packed the last of my belongings and drove down to Caruthersville, Missouri to find out what God has in store for me and the people He is calling me to serve here. Little by little I am getting grounded, even with a two-week detour up to the Northeast for a couple of our summer mission appeals. While I was up that way, I also joined the Catholic Daughters of America group of Jamestown, New York for their summer picnic. This wonderful group of women has been extremely faithful for the last 8 years or so in gathering items and gift cards for our mission needs. In between my two mission appeals, I also had time to visit with a couple of our donors. It is always such a blessing to get to know personally those whose generosity allows us to share God's unconditional love with people who have not experienced it. I only wish we could meet each of you who have become such a vital part of our ministry. We would not be able to accomplish without you.

I am now back in Missouri. I spent this last week getting Mothers House, the outreach center for expectant mothers and women who have small children, ready to re-open. It had been closed since May when Sr. Darlene left to come up to Owensboro for our Chapter Meeting. In her absence, there was no one to keep it open. While Sr. Mary Ellen did some cleaning and re-organized items on the shelf, I planted some mums outside around the house to give it a fresh look. We decided to go ahead and put up the OPEN sign.

Sure enough, several women stopped in to see what was going on and told us how glad they were to see us open again.

I have to admit that I am anxious to see what else God has in store for me as these next few years unfold.



Sister Mary Ellen

This summer I have been doing a lot of travel - mainly back and forth between our mission in Missouri and our Motherhouse in Owensboro, Kentucky. It is getting a little confusing

trying to remember which place is home.

Shortly after Chapter was over, Sr. Darlene and I returned to Caruthersville and soon after we got back to our Sacred Heart parish, we celebrated 125 years of its existence. It was a wonderful celebration held on June 25th. Our Bishop Edward Rice came to celebrate the Mass and also stayed for the meal and celebration. We also had a band there for music and dancing after the meal.

Our Henderson, Kentucky youth group also arrived for the celebration and afterwards set up their living quarters in the parish hall. After their Bible School and building repair projects were completed, they returned to Kentucky. It wasn't long after they left that Sr. Darlene and I left for Owensboro. I spent most of the rest of the month at our Motherhouse. Shortly after Sr. Sharon returned from her retreat, the two of us went to Caruthersville. We stayed there for about two weeks, just long enough for me to touch base again with different aspects of the work I had been. The second Sunday after we arrived, the parish had a combined farewell party for Sr. Darlene who arrived that morning, and a welcome party for Sr. Sharon. It was a wonderful party and the many tributes given to Sr. Darlene by many people in the town were amazing. The tributes included one from the mayor who presented her a plaque from the city of Caruthersville.

The day after this party, a volunteer who wanted to give some time to mission work arrived. She was a 20-year-old college student named Monica who is studying to be an occupational therapist. She spent about a week with us working very hard and helping with many different mission projects. It was nice having her with us even for a short time. Just a few days after she left, we ourselves headed for Owensboro so Sr. Sharon could leave for a mission appeal in the Syracuse, New York diocese. The following weekend she did a second mission appeal in Pennsylvania. When she returned from this, we headed back to Missouri.



Retired

Sister Catherine

I've been busy with several special occasions and celebrations. On June 8, co-worker Cathy picked me up and took me to the Center for the day. Srs. Rosemary, Mary Ellen,

Bernadette and I played continental rummy, prayed Rosary and Vespers, watched TV, and ate supper. On June 10, Srs. Darlene and Sharon returned from their Holy Land pilgrimage. Sr. Sharon took Srs. Rosemary, Bernadette, and me to Red Lobster for lunch and I stayed at the Motherhouse for the rest of the day. On July 5, Srs. Aida, Kathleen, Mary Ellen and I met our co-workers at Olive Garden for lunch to celebrate with Sr. Rosemary on her 91st birthday. July 16 was the 64th anniversary of the Glenmary Sisters being recognized as a religious congregation. On July 20, I treated Sr. Sharon in gratitude for her ten years of service as President, to a Dairy Queen ice cream by using my gift card. On July 23, Srs. Rosemary, Bernadette, Sharon, and I went to Applebee's. On August 10, Sr. Darlene took me to Haslett, Michigan to my sister Theresa's apartment for my home visit. Theresa and I went to Fowlerville to meet Jackie and brought her back to stay with us. Then we went to Grand Rapids to visit Sister Evelyn and Art. On the 17th we visited Lawrence and Karen in Parnell. We took Jackie back to Fowlerville on the 18th. On the 23rd we went to Belding to have pizza with my high school friends, and also visited my niece and nephew-in-law and their three children out in the county. After that we went to the cemetery to visit our relatives and

friends who have left this world for Heaven. On August 25th Sr. Darlene came to pick me up and took me back to Carmel Home. We enjoyed a lunch and chocolate shake at Big Boy's before returning to Carmel Home. I enjoyed a day-trip from Carmel Home to Lincoln Park and Museum in Rockport, Indiana. We had an ice cream cone on the return trip.



Sister Rosemary

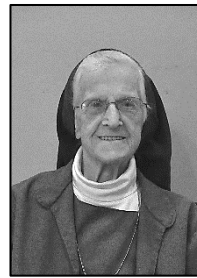
Well, I am free to tell you that I am finally doing quite well. I need my cane to be with me in my activities during the day, but apart from that I am feeling much better with what I can do.

We have had Chapter and Sr. Darlene is now our Mother Superior. She is quite busy in what she must do, where she must go, and this is effective until sometime in the Fall. Then, she said she would like to go back to Smithland with me sometime to recall the year when she lived there with me as a candidate. What memories I have of that time!

During our Chapter time I had no difficulty in voting for Sr. Darlene to be president. She was quickly elected and since then has been "in and out" of here as she needs to get her things moved from Caruthersville. Sr. Sharon, being free from the office of Mother Superior, is moving to Caruthersville where she will replace Sr. Darlene and get acquainted with the people Sister got to know and whom she served while there.

Sr. Sharon is also keeping in mind the young women with whom she will be quite involved in making contact with; women in different college settings. All of us are quite interested in knowing how many women can get acquainted with Glenmary!

With the next issue of KALEIDOSCOPE I shall give you an update on how the time has been used here and in the missions.



Sister Bernadette

Greetings from the Mother House. Things have been going well here. There is a feeling of fall in the air. I have enjoyed spending time with Izzie. I even enjoyed an outing with her and Sr. Darlene. It felt good to feel the sunshine and to watch Izzie sniff about looking for hidden treasures.

I enjoyed the visits with our Sisters when they have come into Owensboro. It has been so wonderful to get to Mass at the Cathedral. We went for a drive one Sunday after Mass. It was good to see the town again. Sr. Rosemary treated us to a lunch at the Olive Garden using gift cards she received.

I have been doing well and enjoying life. I even beat the Sisters in our favorite card game - continental rummy!!

I remember each of you in my daily prayers. I thank you for your continued support of our missions.

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Hello from the Glenmary Center

Sisters and staff enjoyed a pizza party (courtesy of our friend, Lynne) to celebrate the 40th birthday of coworker John Calhoun III.



Left to right (standing) Sr. Catherine Schoenborn, Sr. Rosemary Esterkamp, Sr. Darlene Presley, Cathy Devins, Kim Klueg, and Susan Mann; (seated): Sr. Bernadette Hengstebeck, Irene Longtine, Stacey McCarty, John Calhoun III, and Janet Willis.



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