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## Autumn 2006

As colder weather sets in, it's time to remember the special, seasonal needs of those who have next to no resources to stave off the cold.

## Blankets

We prefer to give out used blankets as they are less likely to be stolen and sold. Buy yourselves new blankets and give us your old ones. You don't need to wait for a special time to do this. Any week you choose they will be appreciated. Either leave them in the Great Room foyer at St. Philip's or drop them by our house. We will give them away the following Thursday evening.

## Men's Coats, Socks, Hats & Underwear

Octagon Research got us started right this season with four garbage size bags of new white tube socks and two bags of knit hats. We can always use more. We also need coats, sweatshirts, T-shirts and boxers, briefs and longjohns. Think layers. People who don't have ready access to climate controlled space need to layer.

## Whom We Serve

It seems that I am always explaining to people why we serve in the open air rather than at a homeless shelter. Many of those we serve are not homeless. They are working at low wage jobs or are "retired" and have to make a choice each month on whether they are going to spend their money on food or rent. This is why our numbers go up as the month wears on. We see more of those who receive food stamps or monthly checks as they run out of money before they run out of month.

The homeless we see fall into three main categories. There are those who are just finding themselves homeless; just released from jail or prison, kicked out of home, divorced, etc.. There are those who have behavior and/or legal problems. People who get written up in a shelter get banned from that shelter. People who misbehave repeatedly end up banned from the whole system. Also, there are many who have bench warrants who would be apprehended if they gave their Social Security number to a shelter. Then there are the mentally ill. Some are paranoid or feel they have been abused by the system so they won't give out their SS number to enter a shelter.

## What We Do

The King's Jubilee serves soup, sandwiches, pasta with meat sauce, fruit drink, cold water, fruit and goodies (if we have them) to between 50 and 150 men and a few women in Center City Philadelphia every Thursday night. This is in a park, year-round.

We also share toiletries, blankets and season appropriate clothing with them.

We also try to gather resources for other ministries that serve the poor in Jesus' Name. If we can't do it in Jesus' Name, we don't have time to do it.

## Hope for the Future

We recently have seen an increase in the number of younger volunteers coming out regularly to serve. This is so encouraging to me and to those whom we serve. Also, folks from more churches have joined in, making this truly pan-Orthodox.

## Pray for Rosalie and Clare

In the Summer newsletter, we asked you to pray for Rosalie and Clare. Rosalie seemed to come through the chemotherapy all right, but now it appears the leukemia is advancing again.

Clare is doing just fine.

Please continue to pray.

## The Appeal

We can only do what we do, because there are many others who share the resources God has given them with us. Donations are gladly and gratefully received. The reverse of this newsletter is an invitation to the Extreme Makeover Barn Edition. Please help us to stay in operation. We can't afford to hire help, since we have always made career choices based on maintaining a flexible schedule to serve the poor and those in prison. We don't regret this, but it means we, in turn, rely more heavily on you.

In addition to checks and cash, personal size shampoos, soaps & lotions are always welcome, as well as men's clothing in season.

Checks can be mailed to:



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Thank you. May the Lord bless you as you bless the poor in Jesus' Name.

Peace,

Cranford Joseph Coulter



*(with apologies to ABC, Ty and the gang)*

The Coulter's barn is in need of rebuilding. Much has been done; but much more needs to be done. This barn is the home of "Come and See" Icons, Books & Art and The King's Jubilee.

The first part of the "Extreme Makeover Home Edition" show (Hereinafter referred to as "HE" is where you hear the sad tale of woe that has befallen some family, usually involving a handicapped person, a death in the family or the loss of a home to some natural disaster; or some extreme combination of all three. The "Extreme Makeover Barn Edition" (hereinafter referred to as "BE") is just like that only completely different.

In this BE episode we do indeed have the interplay of all three. This is to tug at your heartstrings, make you cry, and feel the compelling need to reach out and help this desperate family. The handicapped person is, obviously, Cranford. He suffers from a nearly terminal case of possibilititus. This is an apparently hereditary disease that afflicts males. Victims of possibilititus see horrible ruins and see them restored beyond their former glory in just a Saturday afternoon or two. (Picture the little foster boy from *Angels in the Outfield* saying, "It could happen!") The death in this family is Bethann's sanity; at least for a time, when she fell prey to the "Charming House Syndrome" last Spring and agreed to buy the charming house with the amazing barn. The natural disaster hasn't happened yet, but is inevitable (you see how this adds a level of suspense to the plot): it is Winter. The barn needs to be made "winter worthy" before Cranford's paint and toes freeze while painting icon edges.

As if you weren't emotionally stretched to the limit already; when Cranford was asked by his family what he wanted for Christmas, he replied: "All I want is a huge work party to finish the barn!" In HE there is always a cute kid or six; in BE there's just Cranford.

We know this really isn't your problem, but are confident that we have tugged on your heartstrings, made you cry, made you laugh to such an extent that you would feel fulfilled to be a part of this effort. It just would be super kind and gracious of you to help Cranford dig out of this hole he has gotten himself into, so the icon business and the homeless ministry can go on smoothly.

This document is downloadable at: <http://www.shoutforjoy.net/autumn06.pdf> Share the fun!

If a whole lot of people pitch in, it can be fun and no one will be too terribly inconvenienced. Bring a team of your coworkers or neighbors. Many hands make light work. Don't think you have to be particularly skilled to do any of these. Cranford doesn't know how to do any of this stuff, but he never lets it stop him.

Here is the list of tasks for you to volunteer for:

- Cleaning
- Demolition
- Sawing scrap wood for disposing
- Floor framing
- Floor decking
- Insulation
- Batten the exterior of the barn.
- Caulking
- Install sheathing & siding
- Country western singer
- Electrical wiring
- Exterior priming & painting
- Drywall installation
- Baseboard heat installation
- Build stairs
- Install doors & remaining windows
- Go-fer
- Help cook
- Photograph or Videograph *(It's 2006. If you can't see it on your TV, computer, PDA or mobile phone, it didn't happen.)*
- Be the loud-mouth with a megaphone
- Things we haven't anticipated

In HE the owners are sent off to Disney World for the week while the whole town destroys and rebuilds their home. In BE the owners will be sticking around mostly to make sure what has already been done isn't demolished. So there won't be any exciting reveal or people shouting "Move that bus!" There are a few other differences, like there are no gay designers or free Sears appliances on BE. There won't be any cool shirts either. Sorry.

The Extreme Makeover Barn Edition: Coulter Event will start at **8 AM, November 11, 2006 and run through 10 PM, November 18, 2006**. It should be noted that we will not miss any of the services at church for this. The wrap up party will be after Vespers on November 18 from ~7:30 to 10 PM. The barn is located behind the Coulter's house at: 27 N. Front St. Souderton, PA 18964

Please call or email to let the Coulters know when you will be coming and what you want to do, so jobs, materials and food can be staged properly. Bring tools and ladders labeled with your name.

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