

## The Perfect Place Part II . . .

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As far as I could see vineyards just ahead were my best alternatives. Usually while no one is looking I just disappear off the left side of the road to a safe place. Something was directing me to the vineyard on the right. This meant I had to cross the highway, which attracts unwanted attention, but I've learned to trust this something, that never lets me down. I crossed the road and dropped out of sight.

The sprinkler heads were visible all around me in the vineyard. I prayed to stay dry as I was two nights without much sleep and tired from fifty miles of walking the past two days. I slept twelve hours, waking up only a couple of times all-night, and remained dry. Praise God!

A half-hour later I was on the road. I guess I shouldn't have been surprised that all the vineyards in the area were being doused with water except the one I was directed to. Praise God!

May we all wake up from our perfect place we work so hard for before it's too late. I pray all our lives are more than Jesus Christ's words in Luke 17:28: "Everybody kept eating and drinking, buying and selling, planting and building." If these things are the focus of our lives we will perish. Jesus Christ is returning someday and I hope we are prepared.

Till the next time...  
In Christ's love,

*Don*

P.S. Miles walked: 4945  
Money from the pavement: \$418.36  
Unsolicited money from motorists: \$369.21

### Don's 2003 Itinerary:

**As of date of publication:**  
New Mexico  
**Mid-May:** Colorado  
**June:** Western Kansas  
& Western Nebraska  
**End of June:** Colorado,  
into July & August  
**Remainder of year:** Kansas

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## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE AT CLAIRVAUX FARM



In April we broke ground at Clairvaux Farm on our new residence for families experiencing homelessness. Volunteers will be working on the building through the summer. We welcome contributions of lumber, paint, carpeting, & other building materials: please contact us to ask what we need and how you might help. The building will be fully accessible and is designed for the particular needs of the parents and children who will be served by it.



### Nazareth College

April 8, 2003



Dear Clairvaux and Meeting Ground Friends,

Tonight we gather here on campus to share pictures of our Spring Break trips. Enclosed are pictures from that wonderful week.

As always, being with all of you renews our spirit. So many memories remain with us-being so warmly greeted even as we arrived late for chapel; sitting around the table in the dining room and sharing in conversations; playing with the children; and soaking up the unconditional care and love that abounds at Clairvaux. Few places allow for the kind of reflection that happens in the presence of all of you and we sincerely thank you for inviting us to participate in your life for that special week.

Recently the Nazareth Alumni magazine, Connections, included articles about community service. In reading that I was aware of how many ways Clairvaux was mentioned and how significant the experiences have been for so many on those Spring Break trips. This year was no exception. I include a copy of that magazine for you.

I understand that winter has once again reappeared in your area too. It seems to be a winter that won't let go. In the midst we send our gratitude and very best to all of you and wish you a warm and peace filled spring.

God's richest blessings to all,

*Elaine*

*You have become my family. I will never forget all you have taught me about myself, the farm, & you are all in my thoughts. Always take care and I'll be back. Jess Shackleton*

*For the work I put into the farm, I got so much more than I ever expected. Thank you for giving us this opportunity. Amie Collins*