Hopeful Hills Farm, Nonesuch, KY

Purpose and Mission

“I am the Gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture.”
John 10:9

MISSION:

Hopeful Hills Farm is a family farm that follows sustainable farming methods. We also, in manageable ways, provide a place where job and life skills training, as well as, equine and agriculture focused recovery for “at risk” and emotionally burdened youth and adults will flourish.

VISION:

Hopeful Hills Farm is a place where family is cherished, intentional community is sought, and mentoring opportunities are prayed for and realized. The individuals whom we mentor are taught ways to acquire self-sustaining skills within the areas of general agriculture, equine management, in addition to marketing and financial responsibility. Our farm strives to produce a supportive and strengthening atmosphere for the spiritual healing of hurting people through the care of previously devalued horses/animals and Christian mentorship. Through all of this we strive to glorify God and enlarge His family.

CORE VALUES:

Hopeful Hills farm is a safe community which welcomes people from all walks of life regardless of worldviews or religious beliefs to the farm. We hold certain ideals to be truth but desire to engage in respectful conversation concerning these views. Such truths include:

• Historical Biblical Christian standards of lifestyles and doctrine hold the final authority concerning all topics.
• Every person holds importance and worth.
• There is unmatched value in the co-operation of individuals, independent businesses, and local commodity producers serving as the foundation for a fully functioning, wholesome community.
• There is beauty and value in God’s creation and the bounty that it can produce.
• Animals, both on and off the farm, deserve humane treatment.
• It is important for like-minded organizations and people to partner with each other.
• In every part of life, including work, home, worship, and play Christians are called to be Holy and Christ-like in speech, behavior, and presentation of their lives and faith.
• Through God’s power, strength and love we believe in and demonstrate forgiveness and second chances.
• Hard work and rest goes hand in hand.
• Use, reuse, recycle, repurpose before creating, buying new or throwing away.
POSSIBILITIES:

- Poultry - meat and egg production
- Hay production
- Orchard development
- Bee-keeping, honey production
- Christmas tree production
- Berry and vegetable production
- Dairy and cheese production
- Sheep - meat and fiber arts
- Agri-tourism programs: trail rides, day retreats, country tea room, KY Proud market, horse and carriage rides, food preservation and cooking classes, etc.
- Inter-denominational continuity development and programming
- Equine recreation for hurting people
- Temporary housing and hospitality for those in recovery, homeless, single parents, etc.
- Total farm self-sufficiency using wind mills, natural gas tapping, etc.
- Partnership with café for farm to table produce and meat products, as well as co-op job skills training for farm and café employment.

NEEDS & NEXT STEPS:

Grant research to help fund farm restoration and purchase.

Volunteers to help clean up farm debris, build fences, build small structures, etc.

Assistance and supplies to restore home to livable condition: Including dry wall, floor restoration, paint, light plumbing, HVAC, heavy cleaning, window frame repair, and restoration or demolition as needed.

Veterinarian and Farrier Aid

Some Horse Tack, Supplies & feed

Hay & Straw in winter months – or- hay bailing equipment repaired for haying property for animal feed and hay sales revenue.

Lumber and Fencing

HVAC purchase and installation and ceiling fan installation (using some old HVAC equipment on property)

Fireplace and chimney inspection, repair or insert installation; possibly woodstove inserts

Restoration of electricity and water to barns

Extension agency evaluation of soil, terrain and pond stock sustainability

Additional hand, farm and garden tools/equipment and some repairs to current tools