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October 24, 1994

Dear Little Creek Academy Alumni,

Last Saturday night, I met with several Little Creek Alumni who were here at Heritage Academy for our Open House. I learned that a big lack of understanding has contributed to a major problem. Let me explain-----

First, by way of explanation, when the Little Creek Board and The Layman's Foundation Board voted in December 1992 and January 1993, they both voted for the relocation of Little Creek Academy out of the city. After several months when things had progressed to the point that the move was becoming a reality, we were then told we would have to change the name of the school. The Little Creek Academy Board and staff had no options but to change their name. The Little Creek Academy Board and staff wanted to keep the same name and relocate the school, but were not given that option. It was made very clear that we were not moving Little Creek Academy, but rather beginning a new school. This has caused consternation among staff at Heritage as well as among Little Creek Academy alumni. This is the explanation for the name change, and now to discuss the problem-----

Many Little Creek Academy alumni, at this point, feel homeless. I can empathize and I'm not certain I have the answer but let me try. The staff and I would like to ask you to consider being a part of the Heritage family. I understand this has been an emotional issue for many of you. The family at Heritage would like to take this opportunity to ask you for your prayers, and we would appreciate your friendship, fellowship, and your support.

The action that was taken Saturday night as a group of Little Creek alumni met was as follows: We, as members of the Little Creek Alumni Association, form a new alumni association to embrace the alumni of Little Creek Academy and the future alumni of Heritage Academy and name this group the Heritage Academy/Little Creek Alumni Association.

May God bless you as you meet November 5, 1994 to discuss the future of the Little Creek Alumni.

Yours in Christ, for the touching of the world,

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Dick Garver and the Heritage Staff

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Duane Chesney

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Reeta Jones
Reeta Jones

Roy & Lillian Harrington
Roy & Lillian Harrington

Brian & Melanie Hickman
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Clyde & Carole Leeds
Clyde & Carole Leeds

Eugene & Winnie Peek
Eugene & Winnie Peek

Dianne Schutt
Dianne Schutt

Jim & Sue Milks
Jim & Sue Milks

Jose & Reina Zamora
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A New Academy Is Born



Eugene and Winnie Peek became charter members of the Heritage Academy church which was organized December 3, 1994. The Peeks served Little Creek Academy approximately 40 years before their move to be a part of the new staff.

by Richard Garver

The new Heritage Academy is the newest self-supporting institution in the Georgia-Cumberland Conference. The new 1,150-acre property is located between Crossville and Cookeville on Clarkrange Highway in Monterey, Tennessee.

The deep and rich heritage of this academy comes from 54 years of self-supporting work at Little Creek Academy located outside Knoxville. The growth of Knoxville has surrounded the once country 329-acre campus with numerous housing developments.

A relocation proposal was taken to the Little Creek Academy and Layman's Foundation boards. Both boards voted to relocate the school.

The sale of the property took place on February 24, 1994, and the purchase of the property for the new campus was March 24. Little Creek retained 49 acres and continues to operate the nursing home.

The new property has 450 acres of woods and 700 acres of tillable land, with two natural gas wells, streams, many beautiful hiking areas, and an abundance of wildlife. The only structures on the farm were four corn storage bins.

Construction of roads, homes and a shop began in April.

Presently we are completing the last of 18 homes and two duplexes, and have almost completed the multipurpose building which will house the academic area, cafeteria, and bakery until more facilities are built. Ninety-one thousand square feet of buildings are now

under roof in spite of the wettest summer old-timers can remember, and government red-tape. One giant miracle.

Until the multipurpose building is completed, the classes are being held in the daylight basements of some homes. Temporary living space for the 55 students are in homes, with the majority of the girls living in a duplex which was converted into a temporary girls' dorm.

The objectives for Heritage Academy are to provide a conservative academic Seventh-day Adventist school with opportunities in music and in practical work situations. Our prayer is that here among nature, the students will be nurtured spiritually and be able to develop socially.

Work opportunities will include a bakery, a large-scale farm on which we will be adding cold frames/greenhouses. An assisted living home is also under consideration. Some of the students are involved in the literature evangelist Mega Book program.

Please remember Heritage Academy in your prayers and come by for a visit. Heritage Academy, 23100 Clarkrange Highway, Monterey, Tennessee 38574; 615-839-6675. ■

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The 22,355 square foot multipurpose building contains a gymnasium, cafeteria, classrooms, administration offices, and will temporarily house the bakery.