

A Time of Great Blessing and a Time of Serious Need

We have arrived. With great blessing we have found a home of our own near Branson Missouri. This is the first time in our 10 year journey we finally have a home of our own. God does look after his creatures great and small. We are blessed.

As we write this letter the new habitats are being constructed. We are hoping to create a comfortable, welcoming sanctuary that allows our many supporters and fellow journeyers to enjoy the beautiful tigers entrusted to our care. It will take us a good three months to build out the basic habitats. We should be good at this since it is our fourth time we have had the opportunity to create such a home for our tigers. We know the tigers like high places where they can look out over their surroundings. We know the tigers like a dry, comfortable place they can come into during tough weather – hot, cold or rainy. We know they like a place where they can pose for pictures for their admirers – TJ believing he has the largest fan club. We know the tigers love playing in the water. Only with your help and support will we be able to accommodate them with all this in their new habitats.

We are also very blessed in the many volunteers who have generously offered their time and hands to help us build the new habitats and bring down the useful fencing from our current location in Bloomsdale. The folks in the Ste. Genevieve, Bloomsdale, and surrounding St. Louis area have been wonderful – they have become part of our family. We will not forget them and their support; we hope to see them again in our new location. Their kindness gives us the courage to make new friends and supporters in our new home. We are blessed.

We are in serious need also. We have to buy the fencing, bolts, poles and enclosures for the new habitats in Branson. Each habitat will run about \$16,000 in material and labor. We will need six of them right now, to keep our seven tigers and one cougar safe and comfortable. We closed our gates to visitors here in Bloomsdale at the end of October so we have no revenue coming in. We really could use your financial support over the next couple of months until we can get our gates open near Branson. This is the winter of our deepest need. I know we will make it – we always have because of our friends, and I trust we always will. I hate to be so blunt, but for the next 4 months any financial gift you could help us with would make all the difference in the world.

We will create a place of learning and care at our new home. As we did at our home in Bloomsdale, here we will introduce many school kids to the environmental issues they will face as they grow up. We will have year round internships for college and graduate students to enable them to discover the joy of hands on learning and their own ability to make a difference. We will provide habitats that enable the tigers to play to their hearts content, not only for our cats but also for others that may come our way in the future. We are blessed with opportunity, hope and passion. We need your financial support to make this dream come true in our new home.

God Bless.