



THE PEACEABLE EARTH

YEAR 12, EARLY SUMMER

GOOD NEWS FROM A WORLD MADE NEW • HILL COUNTRY • ORCHARD LANE

TODAY
76°F / 61°F; clear with a light west breeze

GARDENS
Soil moisture ideal; peach trees ready for planting

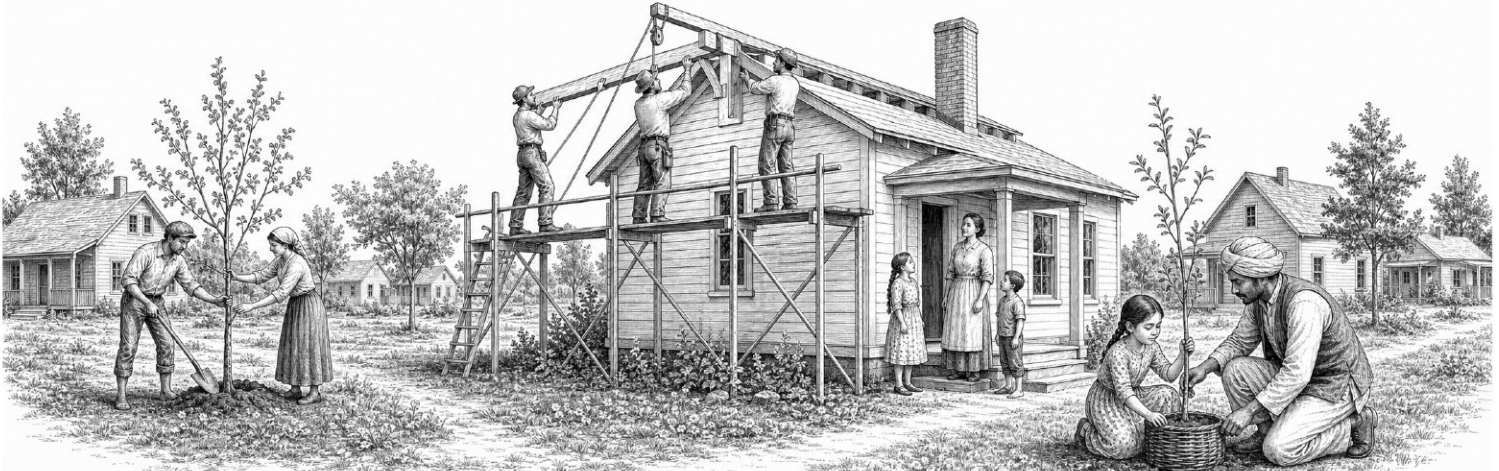
TRAVEL
All paths open

SUNSET
8:14 p.m.

GATHERING
Community supper at 6:30 p.m.

A HOME TO CALL THEIR OWN

Thirty-four households finish new homes and plant the first shared orchard — a quiet milestone in the continuing restoration of the hill country.



Neighbors finish the orchard path beside the Rivera family's new home — work shared freely and skills passed patiently from one generation to the next.

COVER REPORT

At sunrise, the final roof beam was set in place and the whole lane paused to applaud. The Rivera family did not celebrate alone. Carpenters, gardeners, stoneworkers, cooks, and eager learners had all helped shape the home and grounds. Some arrived with years of experience. Others learned their first useful skill while working beside a patient neighbor.

Jehovah's promise behind the moment is familiar: people will build homes and live in them, plant vineyards and enjoy the fruit, and find lasting satisfaction in their work. Under Jesus Christ's peaceful Kingdom rule, the words recorded at Isaiah 65:21-23 no longer feel like a distant picture to the families on Orchard Lane. They are visible in every doorway and every row of young trees.

By afternoon, the first peach trees were in the soil. Children carried water from the terrace while older neighbors marked places for figs, grapes, and shade trees. No one hurried to claim the best view. The homes face a common green where meals, music, and evening study can be shared. Next week, the same crew begins two homes farther up the valley.

TOP STORIES

West Pavilion Opens as a Music Hall

The valley's west pavilion rang with strings and singing yesterday. Its shelves now hold instruments, songbooks, and carefully restored music, while the largest room welcomes evening lessons and a weekly community chorus. Several neighbors who once served the district there helped choose the new purpose. They describe the music as a joyful response to the invitation at Psalm 96:1, 2 to sing to Jehovah and declare the good news of his salvation—a generous new chapter for a familiar gathering place.

Peace Settles Over the East Meadow

Children on the morning nature walk watched a young wolf rest near a flock without alarm. Habitat stewards say such scenes are becoming ordinary, echoing the peaceful picture at Isaiah 11:6-9. The animals are still treated with patience and respect. Visitors are asked to move calmly, protect nesting areas, and remember that peace is not permission to be careless.

DEPARTMENTS

Harvest Notes

Peaches, early figs, mint, and barley are ready this week. Bring baskets to the south terrace after the morning dew has lifted. Extra fruit will be shared at supper, and bruised peaches are being collected for jam.

Skills Exchange

Wanted: two learners for stone carving and three helpers for orchard irrigation. Offered: beginner harp, seed saving, bread making, and repair of hand tools. Add your name to the community board before sunset.

COMMUNITY BOARD

- 7:00 a.m.: Orchard care and tool sharing
- 10:00 a.m.: Historical-language songs beneath the oaks
- 2:00 p.m.: Meadow habitat walk for families
- 6:30 p.m.: Supper, music, and new-neighbor welcome

NEIGHBORLY ADVICE

Warm counsel for everyday questions.

Q. *A lion often settles beside my lamb and repeatedly licks the lamb's wool. The lamb remains calm, but the loose wool makes the lion cough afterward. How should I manage their resting area? — Concerned in the East Meadow*

A. FROM THE EDITOR You are being wonderfully attentive to both animals. The behavior may be peaceful without being useful. Ask an experienced animal caretaker to observe the pair, then provide separate shaded resting places and brush the lamb regularly so less loose wool is available. If the lion begins licking, calmly redirect it before much wool is swallowed. There is no need to assign human motives to the animals; simply arrange the space around their real habits. The lamb can rest, the lion can remain nearby, and your rug may also collect less wool. — The Editor

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