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## "My People Pray For Me"

Charles Spurgeon is one of Christendom's true heroes. He started preaching as a teenager and became a pastor at only seventeen. Before he became twenty years old he moved into London and took over the pastorate at New Park Street Chapel. His crowds often reached into the thousands. He later founded the Metropolitan Tabernacle. With membership of six thousand. One crowd was counted at 23,654 when he preached at London's Crystal Palace. His church was always filled. Four times a year he asked his members to stay away so unbelievers could get a seat. Imagine that in today's churches. David Wilkerson is the only other pastor I've ever heard say such a thing.



Spurgeon's church stayed open every day from 7am-11pm ministering to the spiritual, emotional and physical needs of his city, London. Spurgeon founded and maintained sixty-five different ministries in his lifetime including orphanages, homes for unwed mothers, schools, feeding programs, welfare services and his own printing house. His 3,561 *written sermons* are still published today in a sixty-three volume set, thirty eight thousand pages if you'd like to read them.

Once, when Spurgeon was interviewed he was asked how one man could accomplish so much. "What's the secret of your success?" The reporter inquired. Spurgeon replied, "My people pray for me."

Our ministry is minuscule in Spurgeon scale, yet the truth remains—anything I've ever done (that's worked) is for one simple reason. "My friends pray for me."

Years ago, when I first started the ministry, one of my Board Members, Miss Nancy Godfrey, told me, "I know you're going to do right and make it because if you don't my prayers would be in vain." I loved that lady. You better believe at times when I was tempted to give up or give in the echo of her words kept me. I don't want to be a part of any of my friends' prayers being "in vain."

E.M. Bounds, the great Civil War chaplain once wrote, "Prayers are deathless. The lips that uttered them may be closed in death, the heart that felt them may have ceased to beat, but the prayers live before God, and God's heart is set on them. Prayers outlive the lives of those that uttered them; outlive a generation, outlive an age, outlive a world..."

I thank God for my friends, living and dead who pray for me. Anything we ever do is because of such prayers and the friends who pray them.

Pastor Rick and Kim Hagans

Along with the Staff and Board of Harvest Evangelism

Would Like To Invite You To A Farewell Reception Honoring:  
Phillip and TR Amason

Sunday, August 28 2-4 PM: At Hope's Inn  
431 North in Lafayette, AL (For directions call 334.864.0890)

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## His Place Farm Mobile Home Village

After many months of work, delays and frustration, the village is now a reality. It is not totally finished but we are almost complete. This has been a pay-as-we-go project and we have no debt to carry over. Thank you Lord, thank you our friends, and thank you Greg Boyd and the Thrift Store.

So far we've purchased four FEMA mobile homes, had one other mobile home donated, set them all in place on pillars, purchased 4.5 additional acres, drilled a 500 foot well, ran water to all five homes, put in a sewage system and an electrical system to all of the mobile homes. Wow! I wrote that real fast but, believe me it did not happen fast, nor was it simple. It was also expensive, but Praise the Lord, that part is done.

What remains to be done is install a road/drive-way through the park, skirt the mobile homes, build decks and steps at each unit, do some repairs on the four FEMA units and a complete renovation of the donated mobile home. This renovation requires new plumbing throughout, some interior wall replacement, some flooring replacement and new floor covering throughout. We also plan to repaint this unit to match the other four. I estimate the total cost of all of this to be between \$25,000 and \$30,000. This includes labor and materials. If any person or group would be willing to help us finalize the mobile home village please call me at 334-749-2130 or 706-518-3613.



Because He Lives,  
Don Sledge, Special Projects Administrator

His Place Addendum: I am sure all of you know that Pastor Glen Ward resigned a couple of months ago. For this period of time I have not only been the interim director of His Place but my wife, Yvonne, had heart by-pass surgery in late June. Because of all of this, I have been doing double, even triple duty for the past several weeks. By the time you read this we will have a new Director at His Place, Andy McClellan. There will be more about Andy in next month's newsletter. We are all excited about Andy coming, he is an old friend and a graduate of His Place. We expect great things from him.



## Harvest Thrift Super Center

As summer starts to sizzle and the students start returning, things really begin to HEAT UP at our store. We're busier than ever. Whatever we put out on the floor sells right away. Did you realize we put at least ONE THOUSAND pieces of clothing out every day? If you've got clothes you don't wear (and don't we all?) you can donate them to Harvest Thrift Super Center and they'll become seed for the Father's fields. All the profits from Harvest Thrift Super Center are invested into the ministries of His Place, Hosanna Home, and Hope's Inn. Our thrift store, selling your donations, generates 12%-17% of our overall Harvest Evangelism ministry budget.

Your donations are tax deductible. You can drop donations off at our store (2510 Pepperrell Parkway) or call us at 344.705.8858 and we'll pick up your donations.

We'll take ANYTHING that will sell. We especially need CLOTHES and FURNITURE.

**Remember our motto: "One man's junk is another man's opportunity to hear the Gospel."**



### WHAT DO YOU THINK? WE'D REALLY LIKE TO KNOW:

Sunday a friend came up to me at church and thanked me for my recent message in this newsletter. I didn't even know he received the newsletter. Much less that he would read it and be blessed. It was a super-blessing for me to hear from him.

I'd like to hear from you too. Do you read our newsletter? What do you think about it? Do the messages speak to you? Your comments are important to us. What do you think? We're one ministry that would really like to know.

## SUMMER MEXICO MISSION REPORT:

This Summer's Mission Trip turned out to be one of our best ever. We ended up with a smaller group than we normally have, with 26 of us. The neat thing was having a group that size meant we actually got to know each other. So many churches are so big and busy the real Body (us!) never gets to work together. We worked together! And it was awesome. We built a house for a poor family who had no roof over their little shack. This year's mission team didn't have any experienced carpenters. So, with Roy Busby's supervision, Pastor Rick and his sons, his nephew, a friend who builds bombs for a living and his son, seven ladies from Hope's Inn, a recent High School graduate and two high school girls built the house. I think it was our best house ever. God help our nails hold.

We also visited Sister Elma's orphanage every day while we were there. It's doing unbelievably well. There are 115 children at the orphanage. It's PACKED! Eighty girls and 24 boys (who sleep across the street) were all clean, happy and well fed. Thanks to a large grant from ChildCry, a children's charity out of Times Square Church, all the orphanage's food costs have been covered for a year. It was a joy to see those children eat. Thanks ChildCry! (Check ChildCry out online at [www.childcrynyc.org](http://www.childcrynyc.org)).

Everyone on our trip testified how God touched their life, deeply. (see enclosed sheet with testimonies and photos). We've reserved 35 spaces for our Christmas trip, December 15-22. If you'd like to be a part of a Holiday Mission Trip you need to get your application in (Go online to [www.harvestevangelism.org](http://www.harvestevangelism.org) and go to our "Mission" page). Space is limited. Get your spot reserved.

This year's house was build in memory of our late friend, James Brown of Boaz, Alabama. James went on a lot of mission trips with us. He was always such a joy and help. He was our friend.



## SPECIAL "SISTER ELMA" T-SHIRT AVAILABLE

Sister Elma Fonseca is a special lady. She runs the orphanage in Mexico we work with. If you've been on a mission trip with us to Reynosa, you've met her and know what I am talking about. Her orphanage, "The House of Love and Mercy" has 114 kids! It has become the largest children's home on the border. It is definitely the best. In fact, the City of Reynosa's government recently gave Sister Elma the award for having the top children's home in the city.

In an effort to promote Sister Elma's work, we made a special T-Shirt (see photo). You can order your own t-shirt online by emailing or calling Desmond ([dfcrick@harvestevangelism.org](mailto:dfcrick@harvestevangelism.org) or 334.707.3902), or by writing us at PO Box 2888, Opelika, Alabama 36803. The cost is only \$10 (plus shipping). ALL the profits from the shirt will go to Sister Elma. And you'll have the coolest shirt to wear back to school.

## WINCHESTER and "TheWay"

I would like to start this article by thanking everyone who has emailed me and expressed an interest in being part of the "coffee house" ministry that I will be heading up this fall (it will be called TheWay). And I would also like to let every one know that we still need more help than we have. Please understand I am not asking you to pull out your wallet and mail it to me. I want you to pray for me. If God tells you to help then do it, if He doesn't then please don't. God will meet my needs; He might use you...but then again, maybe not.

That being said I want to let you know some of the stuff that is going on with me since I began the adventure that is turning into TheWay. One of the biggest

things is that God has really been showing me how much I need Him. And not in the way you might think. He is showing me that I need Him just to trust Him. I need Him to live, to love and understand love. I need Him to walk and see and breath. I am coming to understand that He is more involved in my life and being that I ever thought. And to think that at one point in my life I had the audacity to ask where He had gone. I breathe because He allows me to. Colossians 1 says that Christ holds everything together. That means the atoms that make me are only working because Christ tells them than He's cool with that.

Another thing that He has been doing is making me study His word and doctrine (I would recommend listening to the doctrine series by Mark Driscoll, so good). And that means at times I hear people say things that I know are accepted but not backed by scripture. Some I leave alone and some I can't. And the Lord is teaching me which is which. I would challenge you to do the same. We can not keep dividing over absolutely stupid things. You might want to stone me but stop getting hung up on how old the earth is, get hung up on the fact that God made it.

And in closing I beg that everyone who reads this will pray for me. Once a month, once a week or once a day. Please just pray for me. If I do this ministry righteously I don't expect the devil to back down without a fight. To be honest I expect it from every side and many faces. I need above all things discernment above what the Lord has already blessed me with. I need wisdom and people working with me I can trust. Please, if you do nothing else, pray for me and for the people TheWay will reach out and minister to.

To steal from my favorite Apostle  
A Slave of Christ,  
Winchester H.



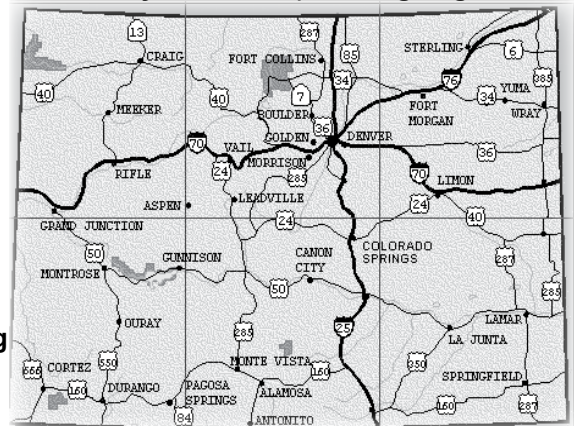
### **PASTOR RICK (and his sons) On The Road--Walking Across Colorado**

Pastor Rick begins his 17th Annual Pilgrimage of A Promise August 15 on the Colorado-Wyoming border. He'll be walking South for the next 20-30 days (including walking across the Rocky Mountains). RC is going to be able to walk the entire route with his dad. Winchester will stick with him for two weeks. Even Elliot is going to be able to join him for a Father-Son Summit of Colorado's highest peak, Mt. Elbert (the second highest mountain peak in the continental United States). Rick is so excited to be able to have his sons with him. He said The Father told him the same thing about having him walk a while with Him. The Father, a father and some sons...sounds like a recipe for something good, and exciting, to happen.

Rick would like for you to be a part of this walk too. You can keep up with him daily on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/rickhagans](http://www.twitter.com/rickhagans) or on facebook. You can email him at [rickhagans@harvestevangelism.org](mailto:rickhagans@harvestevangelism.org) or call his cell phone (334.332.3932).

We still need sponsors to help cover some of the costs. A wonderful friend generously gave \$5,000 which will cover all the expenses. But, if you'll help we can recoup some of that money and use it in our ministry here at home. Thus your gift gives twice.

Thanks for covering the distance with us.



### **ITEMS NEEDED**

1. Vehicles.
2. 12-15 passenger vans: Our vans are old. They break down a lot.
3. Commercial Stove: Our stove at His Place broke. It's so old we can't even get the parts to fix it. Our men have to go down the street a mile or two to John Jenkins' house to fix their meals (on an apartment size stove) and try to get it back while it's still hot.

We have found several nice commercial stoves (used) for around \$1,500. If you'd like to contribute something toward the purchase of a stove we'd sure appreciate it. Or, if you have a good commercial stove you'd like to donate we'd sure take it. ("I was hungry and you fed Me." Matthew 25:40)

THANKS For ALL Your Support. We couldn't do what we do without friends like you! Your help, small or large matters. We appreciate it all.

*This is the most difficult time of the year. If you've never given before, now would be a wonderful time to share a gift. If you're one of our wonderful supporters, "God Bless You!"*