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*Putting God's love
into action...
where the action
is at!*

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Harvest Thrift Store Will Soon Be: *Harvest Thrift Super Center* The Biggest Thrift Store in America

It's not just our name that's changing. We're moving our thrift store and Harvest Evangelism Ministry Offices to 2450 Pepperrell Parkway in Opelika. We'll be moving into the old Wal-mart building in the Pepperrell Corners Shopping Center (behind the old Lowe's, 1 mile East of the Opelika Wal-mart Super Center).

This building is in a much better location for both our customers and our donors. It's a straight route from Auburn, making it more convenient for university students. We will now be within minutes of the hospital (approximately 2 miles), the mall (approximately 3 miles) and the Tiger Town shopping area (approximately 4 miles). We'll be centrally located between most residents of Auburn and Opelika, making it easier for our friends to drop off donations and stop in to shop.

Not only is our new building convenient, it's BIG!! At 100,000 square feet, Harvest Thrift Super Center will be the biggest thrift store in America. We can't imagine a bigger one in the world. You'll have to make plans to stop in and see us. We're planning on a Grand Opening August 31-September 3. We'll be open 10am-6pm, Monday-Saturday. Our ministry offices will be located within the store and our ministry office hours will be Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm.

Just to get open we need your help. First of all we've scheduled a special evening of prayer and praise to dedicate this building to the Glory of God. We'll be meeting there at our new Harvest Thrift Super Center, Thursday, August 13 at 7pm for our dedication. Bring your lounge chairs or be prepared to stand, we don't have any chairs there.

Actually, we don't have anything there yet. Thus, our second need. We need LOTS of stuff to fill our Harvest Thrift Super Center. We need clothes, shoes, furniture, nic-nacs, books appliances, sporting goods, tools...if you donate it, we'll sell it. You can bring your donations right to our new store (there'll be a donation drop box by the front door). You can call us, (334.705.8858) and we'll come pick up your donations. It's going to take A LOT of stuff to keep a "Thrift Store Super Center" full, so please help us with your donations.

We also need a box-truck and a van to help with pick ups. We expect a large increase in our donations and our old faithful Harvest Thrift Store truck won't be able to handle it all. If you have a truck or van you could donate, I can promise you it will be like good seed on prepared soil, it will reap a bountiful harvest.

Finally, we need volunteers. We need people to help with our move. We also need people who can volunteer a few hours a week to help with such a "super undertaking" as running the world's largest thrift store. Call our manager, Greg Boyd if you'd like to help (334.705.8858).

Think about this, Harvest Evangelism was founded by Rick Hagans, a country preacher from Society Hill. Our first building was rented with deposit money from soda pop bottles. His Place, our men's home, began in Rick and Kim Hagans' home, a 2 bedroom trailer. Hosanna Home, our ladies' home, was birthed from a homeless girl living in the Hagans' guest room. And our first thrift store was nothing more than Mr. Sledge selling junk out of the backdoor at His Place.

Look around you today and you'll see all that God has done. He is faithful. He is awesomely, abundantly, eternally faithful. To Him be the honor, and glory forever...with gusto!
Amen!!

GIFTS TO HARVEST EVANGELISM GIVEN IN:

Memory of:

**JD Campbell & Morris Bass; Given by Dorothy Campbell
Danny Hamilton; Given by Phil & Cathy Sexton
Morris Bass; Given by Martha Rayfield
Morris Bass; Given by Ms. Jo Lyndol Weaver**

Honor of:

**Mitchell Bruce; Given by Mary Glenn Kelley
Lee Gillian; Given by Raley & Sandra Gillian
Dalton Campbell & David Bass; Given by Dorothy Campbell
(David and Dalton just walked 130 miles, from Gulf Shores to Evergreen Alabama, beginning a walk across Alabama in stages.)**

***** If there is someone you want to honor or give gifts in memory of, we want to give you the chance. It has proven to be a blessing to many. Simply send your gift and a note specifying who it is in Honor/Memory of and we will be glad to include it in our monthly newsletter.**

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HIS PLACE

Testimony of Davey Richards (His Place Graduate-2007)

To me, my life has always been hard, but I know now that many others have had a much harder life than me. I have come to understand that the Lord never promised that life would always be easy.

I was raised in a home where my mother and stepfather were alcoholics, and growing up in that environment was very difficult. I never thought that I would turn to alcohol, but I did. I thought that it would ease some of my other problems, but it never did – it just made things even worse.

After five DUI convictions, I still didn't want to admit that I had a problem with alcohol! The last two DUI's I received came after passing out in a church parking lot – that should have been a sign to me, but it still had not sunk in. I wrongly believed that I could handle everything on my own.

I found myself in court for not paying my child support. The truth is I didn't have the money because of my drinking problem. I had to go before Judge Richard Lane who I discovered was a very devoted Christian man. Judge Lane saw something in me that he could help me with. He saw how desperately I needed help with my drinking and family problems. At the time, Judge Lane was on the Board of Harvest Evangelism. He wanted me to go spend a year at His Place. Although I struggled with the idea, I looked around and finally realized I needed help and couldn't get it on my own.

I want to thank the Lord for putting these people into my life – Judge Lane, everyone who is part of His Place and Harvest Evangelism, and my family and friends. Without you, I would probably be dead or destitute. But I am very happy to say that the Lord has saved me and blessed me with a wonderful wife, my son living with me, a beautiful baby girl (and another baby on the way), a home, and a car.

My advice to anyone who is struggling with life-controlling problems is turn your life over to the Lord Jesus Christ because He has the power to set you free. He not only forgives, but He forgets and loves you unconditionally. God bless you.

Davey

Director's Note: *Davey was a model resident during his year at His Place. He studied, worked hard, and made good decisions. He required very little attention and lived by the rules. He has emerged as a quiet leader who leads by example. After graduating, he has remained connected to the ministry and accountable to leadership. He has faced some difficult circumstances – yet, God continues to richly bless him in spite of the struggles of daily living in a fallen world. Please continue to pray for Davey, his wife Terri, and his precious family.*

Update Regarding: State Department Of Mental Health's Attempt To Force Faith-Based Programs To Be Licensed & Certified By Their Bureaucracy

We have been involved in discussions for over a year now with the Alabama Department of Mental Health regarding their blatant attempt to gain control over *private, Christian, faith-based ministries* such as our own His Place, Hosanna Home, and Hope's Inn (which would also include other worthy ministries such as Teen Challenge and all our big city missions). Actually saying we have been in discussion with this bureaucracy is somewhat a stretch since they have not listened to a word we've had to say and have been, from our first meeting with them (July 2008) insistent that they have jurisdiction, power and the governor's approval to force us to be licensed (code word for controlled). We have the committee's minutes for the past 12 months to verify these facts.

This is nothing more than the government's attempt to control private business in America. Only this time, it is a Republican Governor seeking control of a private, "not-for-profit" business, i.e. a ministry. Such licensing and certification would ultimately force ministries such as His Place, Hosanna Home and Hope's Inn, to close. The Department of Mental Health just this week sent out 220 pages of rules and requirements (talk about "over-kill"). Numerous of their requirements would prove financially impossible for ministries such as ours to fulfil. The very philosophy of this bureaucracy is contrary to scripture and the church's historical approach to dealing with addictions (which we see as sin and they define as a disease). Personnel within the Department of Mental Health have told us, "Reading the Bible and praying for someone doesn't cure addictions...these people need medication." To us, this undermines the Efficiency of Christ. This entire matter to us is an attack on the heart of our faith. Even if you aren't involved in a ministry such as ours, I hope you'll see the heinous nature of government forcing private businesses (and ministries) to be controlled by their bureaucrats, and those bureaucrats belittling our faith.

Maybe you weren't around when prayer was taken out of our schools. Perhaps you were too young to stand up for life when our government legalized abortion. Many of you weren't even Christians when our culture began to shift away from our founding father's Judeo-Christian principles. But now, you know. Now you're old enough to fight the fight of faith, now you are a Christian, so what are you going to do?

1. Contact Governor Bob Riley (334) 242-7100) and let him know how you feel.
2. Contact your State Senator and Representative and let them know what you think. Make sure they take a definite stand on this issue (and don't let them do the preverbal wiggle where they stand for nothing). Remind them you're a voter and this issue will drive your upcoming vote.
3. Let other people know about this matter. Share it with your friends, family, business associates, et.al. We'll be glad to come to your group and explain in detail how we've gotten to this low point.
4. PRAY. This is a spiritual battle. Our enemy is not flesh and blood. Our weapons are not carnal (but mighty!). The battle is the Lords! But He tells us, "When we've done all to stand...STAND!!!!" (Ephesians 6:13)
5. The one thing you can't do is sit on the sideline and wait. There is too much at stake. Maybe your family, maybe your own life. The time is NOW!



HOSANNA HOME/HOPE'S INN

It's been a wonderful month at Hosanna Home as we've added new ladies as well as children. One of our newest arrivals is actually a grand daughter to one of our ladies. Kinleigh Brook arrived July 14th and Sherry Mosley has been on cloud 9 since then. We rejoice with her in this new birth and we thank God for Sherry's new birth and new life so she can share in this joy with her son, Praise the Lord.

Seeing these ladies begin to experience life again with their families, relationships being restored and watching God's intended plan for them unfold is AWESOME!!!! This is what Hosanna Home is all about. We have had the pleasure of ministering to another family at Hosanna Home and we've asked Cindy to share her testimony with all of you. This too is another example of letting God's plan unfold. We know you will be blessed as you see what God has done in another life.

As we continue to see ladies enter our doors we are also seeing a greater need for expanding our teaching programs so we are presently in the process of trying to start an educational supply fund to help us keep teaching materials in stock for the ladies in our program. We have been blessed with volunteers who are willing to give their time with teaching G.E.D. classes, computer classes, art classes, and various Bible studies however, these teaching tools cost money. We need help in this area and if you would like to contribute to this fund please note that with your donation as Hosanna Home/Ed. Supplies. It is our goal to have these ladies prepared spiritually and mentally when they graduate with the capabilities to become gainfully employed in an effort to be self sufficient in the work force. Please continue to pray for us as we seek God's wisdom for the families we joyfully serve in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

God bless,
Phillip & TR Amason

My name is Cindy Maddox and I am 43 years old, I am from Perry, Georgia and I have 3 beautiful boys, Pruitt, 15, Trevor, 11 and Cooper, 7. I came to Hosanna Home back in February 2008 after being court ordered for drug and alcohol rehabilitation. I accepted Christ into my heart a month after I came here but I thought I could still ride the fence, live partly in my world and partly in God's world and still do what I wanted to do. Needless to say, before long God exposed me and I had to choose which world I wanted to live in. For a while I continued to be stubborn and do things my way and wasn't allowing God to even be a part of my life, much less allow him to work in my life.

However, Ms. T.R. and Mr. Phillip would not give up on me and they continued to lead me to the Lord until I finally gave up and totally surrendered everything to the Lord. I have been court ordered to stay at Hosanna Home for a second year and six months of that to be on house arrest and I thank God for this time here everyday because the Lord is working in my heart and my life every day and I have learned that God loves me just the way I am and He must come first!!



Greetings from Times Square Church in New York City!

Some of you probably haven't heard from me in a long time; some of you, in fact, have never met me. That being the case, allow me to update you and introduce myself. My name is David Porch and I am originally from Albertville, Alabama. I have been a resident of the Auburn/Opelika area for what would have been five years this August. I came to Opelika in August of 2004 by divine appointment and the gracious invitation of Don Sledge and Pastor Rick. Mr. Sledge apparently thought I would be a good prospect for intern at His Place. I hope I did not disappoint him. There is much to be said of my time at His Place. It was the most rewarding thing I have ever done, thus far, despite (or maybe because of) the hardships and failures. Actually I worked at His Place twice—two separate years. I was house intern and then "staff counselor." Afterwards, I went back to school to finish my bachelor's degree in Religion from Liberty University. Now I am an intern at Times Square Church! Secretly, I wanted to be an intern here after my first visit to New York with Mr. John Jenkins in December of 2006. But I didn't tell anyone that...except God. Not surprisingly (although it was a surprise to me), God worked through Pastor Rick to send me here. It's not surprising because God has worked through Pastor Rick in my life many times and on most of the important occasions. So when Pastor Rick asked me if I wanted to be an intern here at Times Square Church it didn't take me long to give him a definite "YES."

Today was my first official day at work here. I work in the maintenance ministry, under Earl Stocker, performing my most useful skill: painting. It was a breeze today! It's almost a disappointment to the others that my adjustment has been so easy! But I can only credit it to the baptism of fire from God which I endured while at His Place, under Pastor Rick, Mr. Sledge, and Pastor Glen. So thank you, men of God, for playing your essential part in equipping me for the ministry!

As I close, I want to give a special thanks to a special lady, Mrs. Diane Wright, who called me recently totell me that she's praying for me. I need it. Thank you all for your prayers.

Grace to you all,
David (*Patio*) Porch

**You can keep up with Patio's New York experience at his blog site;
patioattimesquare.blogspot.com



ITEMS NEEDED

While we received a wonderful, late model pick-up truck in great shape last month (lots of what we get is in pretty rough shape) from a neat friend in Indiana, WE STILL NEED VEHICLES. Working with broken-hurting people as we do, this is one need that never goes away. It is also the one item that helps the most and is most appreciated when we can pass it on. So, if you have a vehicle you can donate (broke down or running) we sure have friends who can use it.

1. Vehicles
2. Back to school supplies (we have 35-40 children within the ministry who will be starting back to school this month.
3. Back to school clothes (we have kids ranging in age from pre-school to 10th grade)
4. Toiletries. Think about it...there are 30 ladies with 15 children at Hosanna Home and 30 men at His Place. That's A LOT of toilet tissue, soap, toothpaste and such. While shopping for your family, please remember the His Place, Hosanna Home, Hope's Inn family and pick up something extra. You can drop you items at His Place, Hope's Inn or Harvest Thrift Store.

Our new freezer is up and running at His Place. If you've got a garden or access to fresh vegetables, now's the time to fill it. Our guys tell me they would love to store meats as well. It's actually cheaper to keep the freezer full than empty (frozen items keep it cold). Thanks for your help with this opportunity.

Thanks to Wheeler Foshee for giving our men a bunch of nice, home grown sweet corn and to Olive Garden for the generous donation of their food. Longhorn Steakhouse is also a regular donor of great food that never seems to last long in our freezer.

