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PILGRIMAGE OF A PROMISE

In August I will begin my 18th Annual Pilgrimage of a Promise. Colorado will become my 35th state to walk across (and my toughest yet).

I hope to begin my walk on or around August 15th, journeying some 400 miles down (up and down) the heart of Colorado. As you know the heart of Colorado = the heart of the Rocky Mountains. I'll need your help like never before. I am 52 years old, and no mountain climber. This pilgrimage will require a lot of Holy Ghost help. Please be in prayer.

This walk will also require some good old fashioned friends to help lift me up, perhaps literally.

I am going to need friends who will help sponsor this pilgrimage with your financial support.

Once again, I am going to be travelling in a His Place van, sleeping in my old faithful "travelling trailer". We try to travel as simply and economically as possible. It's a religious pilgrimage to raise shoes and minister, not a holiday. Nonetheless I still have to have gas to get out there and food to eat. This trip will require more stays at RV parks (there aren't many Wal-marts to park at in the Rockies). There will be some extra equipment I'll need to buy. My old faithful hiking boots have finally bit the dust (after over 5,000 miles!).

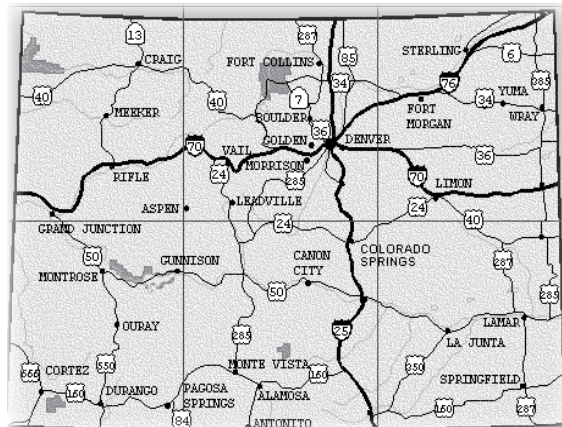
All told, we estimate the entire trip will cost somewhere around \$5,000 (depending on how many Yoo-hoos I drink and what gas mileage we get in the mountains pulling a trailer).

We're praying for friends to sponsor us. You can give a little or a lot. It all adds up. It all helps. If only 50 people would give \$100 or 100 people would give \$50 we'd be there. Maybe someone believes in this pilgrimage enough to give \$1,000 or even the whole \$5,000. Whatever we don't need in actual costs will go towards shoes. Our goal is 4,000 pair of shoes.

If you'd like to be one of our SPONSORS please let me know ASAP so I can plan (and hopefully not worry...). You can call me at 334.332.3932, email me at rickhagans@harvestevangelism.org or

facebook me (Rick Hagans). You can send your support to PO Box 2888, Opelika, AL 36803 or give online at www.harvestevangelism.org (PLEASE DESIGNATE---- "WALK" so it gets to me).

**THANKS FOR
TAKING THE TRIP WITH
ME THROUGH YOUR
PRAYERS AND SUPPORT!!!**



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Harvest Evangelism Banquet Coming Soon...October 3rd

Our annual Harvest Evangelism Banquet is scheduled for Monday, October 3rd at Auburn's Hotel and Conference Center. This year's speaker will be our good friend, and new pastor at Brooklyn Tabernacle, Tim Delina.

We are in the midst of planning all the details of this year's banquet. We still have room for a few Table Hosts.

Table Hosts are simply responsible for filling a table (of 10) people who would be interested in supporting the ministries of Harvest Evangelism.

If you'd like to help with the banquet contact our office manager, Genera Walker at 334.444.2220 or you can email her at accounting@harvestevangelism.org.

Harvest Evangelism Online

Desmond Frick continues to update and add to our website, www.harvestevangelism.org. You can keep up with ministry events, read testimonials, listen to sermons and communicate with us immediately, online.

Even now, this newsletter, along with all our past newsletters are catalogued online on our website.

Check it out. Give us some feedback.

You can also keep up with Harvest Evangelism on: facebook, Harvest Evangelism – Alabama; and Tumblr, <http://harvestevangelism.tumblr.com>.

Special Donations Given This Month "In Honor"

James Brown: Doug Dewberry, Rick Hagans, Diana Brown, Brandon and Mandi Brown, Clay Cardone, Christina Houser

Johnny "Coach" Cook: Rick Hagans

William Brown: Rick Hagans, Ricky and Alicia Tant, Clay Cardone

Some scary things are real. Your support helps the "boogy man" go away.



Harvest Thrift Super Center

God continues to bless all our hard work at Harvest Thrift Super Center. With donations down at Harvest Evangelism during the summer months (a common malady amongst all ministries) our Harvest Thrift Super Center has been able to keep the work at His Place, Hosanna Home and Hope's Inn going. All the profits of Harvest Thrift Super Center go to His Place, Hosanna Home and Hope's Inn. Thank the Lord for the blessings Harvest Thrift Super Center bring to the table.

You can bless Harvest Thrift Super Center with the donations of your unwanted items. You can drop your donations off at the store, 2510 Pepperell Parkway in Opelika or call us at 334.705.8858 and we'll pick them up. We can use any sellable items:

Clothes	Books
Shoes	Sporting Goods
Nic-nacs	Appliances
Furniture	Baby Items

We especially need furniture. School starts soon and we'll be flooded with students and parents looking for furniture to set up dorms and apartments. Call us and we'll pick your donations up. (334.705.8858) All donations to Harvest Thrift Super Center are tax deductible.

We can also use YOU. We need volunteers, especially on Mondays. Call Greg Boyd, 334.705.8858 if you'd like to give the gift of YOURSELF!



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

One of my favorite hobbies is reading...all right, in an effort to be more honest, one of my obsessions is reading. Our house and my head is always filled with books. Every once in a while I come across a thought that moves something deep inside me, a thought so awesome I can't wait to share it with my friends.

I came across one of those beautiful truths recently in a book called, "Inklings of God" by Kurt Bruner. Anything with a tie to Tolkein/C.S. Lewis gets my immediate attention, thus the author had me from the title. Beside that, the hard back book was on the "Sale" table for only \$2. It's been my experience that most popular books tend to be cotton candy while the less popular books on the "Sale" table are often more "meat". My spiritual diet needs protein so I oft opt for that which offers sustenance versus a tickling of my ears. "Inklings of God" did not disappoint.

In one chapter the author reminded me of a great truth about the church using a scene from another great book, Victor Hugo's 18th century masterpiece, "Les Miserables."

Perhaps you've read Les Miserables or more likely seen the stage adaptation. It is my favorite play. In the book, beautifully acted out on stage is a scene where Valjean, the main character, a hunted, haunted man on the run seeks asylum in a church. The priest, Bishop Bienvenu, finds him hiding there and verbally disarms the tormented man with this truth:

"You need not tell me who you are," he tells the hunted, "This is not my house, it is the house of Christ. It does not ask any comer whether he has a name, but whether he has an affliction. You are suffering; you are hungry and thirsty; be welcome...This is the home of no man, except him who needs an asylum. I tell you, who are a traveler, that you are more at home here than I; whatever is here is yours. What need have I to know your name? Besides, before you told me, I knew it...your name is my brother."

I long to be a part of such a Body. The Fellowship of the Afflicted. Perhaps if I can take the time to learn your name and share my own I will find it.

I am broken, a wishful wanderer and friend of all who are honest and hurting. I am a sinner saved by grace, in love with Grace. My name is pilgrim, traveler, lover of lore and seeker of truth. You may call me Pastor Rick, or Rick in need of a pastor. You may call me brother. And hopefully over time, you will call me friend.

Let's "be" church together.

Rick

New Christian Coffeehouse Ministry Miraculously Set To Start:

This ministry started way back in 1980, in an upstairs room on College Street in Auburn. Back then we were a "Christian Coffeehouse". Our incorporating name was, "The Upper Room." That was how it all started.

Thirty-one years later that part of our dream is being "resurrected" by our son Winchester. The Lord has put it on his heart to have a Christian Coffeehouse to reach students here in Auburn.

Miraculously he has been offered the use of the Baptist Campus Ministry's building on weekend nights. That building is on College Street in Auburn, a stone's throw from where it all began for us.

All the details haven't been worked out yet. He's not even sure what to call it (My suggestion is "HeBrews"). What is for sure, Winchester is going to need A LOT OF HELP! If you're interested in this type of ministry please contact him at 334.750.4210, email him, wchagans@harvestevangelism.org or message him on facebook, Winchester Hagans.

We're not sure of everything he'll need, but we know he'll need the following:

- Coffee, creamer, sugar, sweeteners
- Snack foods (could your church cover one/two nights per semester?)
- Paper products
- A good (industrial grade) Espresso machine
- A sound set (Amp, mikes, speakers, cords, etc...)
- Media set up (Laptop, projector, screen, etc...)
- A van or trailer to keep everything in and transport it back and forth
- Printing/signage/advertising

- Volunteers (especially musicians, worship leaders)
- Money (the building is free PTL! But everything else costs money)



Getting everything started is the most costly. We don't have much time. School starts back August 17th and we hope to have our first services on the weekend of September 2-3.

We NEED your help (and your PRAYERS!) now. Please contact Winchester and get involved in this new (resurrection of our 'old') ministry.

ITEMS NEEDED

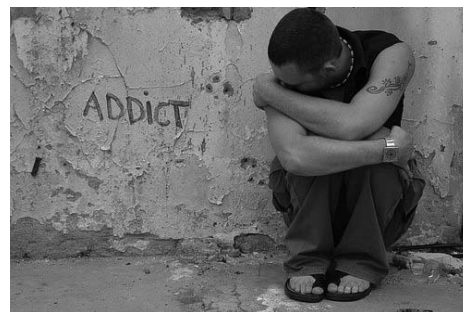
1. Vehicles. Praise God for the car we got for our interns (they're so stoked). We still need at least 1-2 others.
2. 12-15 passenger vans
3. Laundry soaps and cleaning supplies
4. Supplies for our new Coffeehouse Ministry (see accompanying article)
5. Fencing so Sunil can have a goat. Call Sunil (718.316.0280) if you can help.
6. A commercial vacuum cleaner for Hosanna Home.

CARPENTER' GROUPS NEEDED

We have 4 of our 5 trailers almost ready for occupation at our His Place Farm. "Almost" ready because we need steps and decks built at each trailer.

This would be a great project for a carpenters group. Each deck will allow us 2 bedrooms for men in need. Saving someone's life isn't a bad return on a day's work and a few dollars spent.

If you'd like to help get a trailer open by building a deck (or contributing towards one) please call Don Sledge at 706.518.3613 or 334.742.0777 and leave a message.



"Whatever you do for the least of these, you do it for Me."

Jesus

Thanks to everyone who reads this newsletter and my accompanying message. I've had more comments regarding our last two editions (May and June) than any we've ever put out.

(You can still read them online at www.harvestevangelism.org) God Bless You! These last two were the two hardest I've ever written. Your kind affirming comments have meant a lot to me. They always do.

I appreciate every response we receive. Keep them coming....