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Sister Elma's Orphanage Needs HELP!!

Our orphanage in Mexico, Sister Elma's House of Love and Mercy, is going through a particularly difficult time this summer due to the Swine Flu fear that has kept many short-term mission teams from travelling to Mexico. Sister Elma's orphanage houses 65 girls with another 45-50 day care children. A large percentage of their annual budget comes from the summer teams that visit her. Now, with very, very few teams there this summer, they are hurting just to put bread (or, in their case, tortillas) on the table.

Any special gift you could share this summer would mean even more than it normally does. Perhaps you were one of those planning on a summer trip that got cancelled, maybe you could send your money even if you can't go.

Whatever monies you can send in to us would be sent immediately to Sister Elma. Please designate your gift, "Mexico Missions". Remember, the need is great and the need is now. Please give accordingly.

"Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." James 1:27



These are just a few of the girls who live at Sister Elma's orphanage. Remember, these are the daughters of our Father. How do you think He'd want His daughters taken care of? You can be a part of caring for these Divine Daughters. Every little bit helps a little one.

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HIS PLACE

Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed. (John 8:36)

This is a special time when we celebrate Independence Day – the 4th of July – the birth of our great nation's freedom. According to Wikipedia, we celebrate with “fireworks, parades, barbecues, carnivals, picnics, concerts, baseball games, political speeches and ceremonies, and various other public and private events.”

And we should! As citizens of the United States by birth or adoption, we are able to enjoy rights, privileges, incomparable prosperity, and freedom unknown by most people in the world past and present. As one unknown author penned, “Freedom is never free.” The freedom we experience was paid for by the blood of courageous men and women who sacrificed everything to purchase and maintain it.

The greatest freedom experience in time and eternity was also obtained through the shedding of blood – the precious blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. His blood redeemed us from the ultimate tyrant and oppressor even Satan himself! This magnificent liberty can also only be obtained by birth. Jesus declared, I tell you the truth, no one can see the kingdom of God unless he is born again (John 3:3).

All who truly repent of their sin and by faith ask the Lord Jesus Christ into their life (receiving Christ's substitutionary work of salvation when He took all our sins upon Him on the cross and gave us His righteousness), will be born again. The Holy Spirit supernaturally baptizes them into the Body of Christ – the Kingdom of God! They become citizens of heaven with all the rights and privileges that go with it – the abundant life here and eternal life in heaven. They are set free from the control of Satan and sin; free from self and selfishness, and free from drugs, alcohol, and sexual addictions.

Just as our nation's freedom must be maintained through diligence by constantly guarding those principles we hold dear, even so the Christian's freedom must also be maintained by continuing in the Word of God. John 8:31-32 states, Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

It has been my joy over the past five years as the His Place Director (along with the His Place staff) to be entrusted with the “spiritual keys” (the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ) that has unlocked the chains and shackles of many men bound by sin, flesh, and the devil setting them free regardless of their past mistakes or current physical circumstances. *I encourage all my brothers in Christ to stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage (Galatians 5:1).*

In Christ's unfailing love,
Glen

Intern Report from Steve Diamond at Times Square Church, New York City

Project Hope was an incredible vision that was originally given to Pastor Neil Rhodes by the Holy Spirit about the inner city kids and kids from specific shelters in the tri-state area. To see it come together with the soldiers that were in dock for fleet week combined with the kids was a true blessing, which also opened the door for the single mothers to be ministered to in a private session in the sanctuary.

The children interacted and fellowshiped with the church staff and over a hundred Military men and women who volunteered. They participated in a puppet show, games, food, ice cream, face painting, and in songs.

It blessed our hearts to see how the kids bonded with the soldiers immediately upon arrival, and with how the soldiers loved on the kids unconditionally through out the day.

Then came a day of relaxation and fun for the Times Square Church staff and family on staff day at Central Park, where we enjoyed a great devotional lead by Pastor Carter and then off to the carousel where young and old found themselves laughing and cutting up as if we all were children. They split into teams lead by Pastor Carter and Greg Thomas for a great game of softball where of course none other than Pastor Neal Rhodes was umpire and not to mention paid off by several team players, this called for a battle of the bats which was won by the Carter Cardinals 15 to 14 . A great day of fellowship and fun for all a big thanks to Pastor Carter for a great time.

It is a pleasure to know that Pastor David and Sister Gwen will be here for the entire month of July, while Pastor Carter and Pastor Teresa will be away on a needful time of rest. I would ask you to continually lift Pastor Dave and Sister Gwen in prayer as it is a great need for them in their walk with the Lord as they tread on through life at such a *young* age.

It has most certainly been a journey these past six months during my internship at Times Square Church. It has been a humbling experience along with growth in mistakes of my own and the unknown, God is faithful and to lean on Him is so much more an important thing in my life today I look forward to the days to come and see how the works of God unfold in my life. As always I would ask you for a prayer of support and direction from God upon my return home to Bama.

I would like to give thanks to all that reached out to me in this time of internship at Times Square Church. Your love and prayers were so needed and felt, A blessing God will surely honor.

GOD BLESS!!!

STEVE.

MAY THE LORD DIRECT YOUR HEARTS TO THE LOVE OF GOD AND TO THE STEADFASTNESS OF CHRIST.

2nd Thes. 3:5

Steve Diamond will be returning home July 14. David Porch (Patio), another young man who has worked around His Place for years will be replacing him as a Times Square Church intern. Next month you'll begin hearing from Patio about his experiences there in New York.



HOSANNA HOME/HOPE'S INN

Hello to everyone from Hosanna Home and Hope's Inn. Scripture tells us..."oh taste and see, that the Lord He is good". I sit here writing this and my spirit overflows with joy at the blessings and provisions of our awesome God!! When you're doing His will individually or collectively God's blessing and provisions are sure to follow. We are seeing a real outpouring of God's love and faithfulness at Hope's Inn. We have literally watched provisions come in the door as our ladies have prayed for different things such as food, clothing and even toilet paper. These haven't been large donations but they have been on time donations because we do serve an on time God. Timing is everything, where God is concerned. Phillip and I tell the ladies continually you are here for such a time as this and God is here to meet your needs. When we look at the different makeup of our ladies we can see with each new group that comes in how God so perfectly placed them here as an individual but with the perfect fit with all of the other ladies that are in the program. Right now we have 30 ladies at Hope's Inn, the most ever!

Recently we had the pleasure of attending revival services at Valley First Baptist and three of our ladies committed their lives to the Lord asking Him to be their Savior, Praise the Lord! We rejoice in that God's saving Grace is the ultimate provision in our lives. So many of you plant financial seeds in to the ministries of Hosanna Home and Hope's Inn and we just wanted all of you to know how your seeds are being multiplied in the Kingdom. Thank you so much for your support we do not take your gifts for granted at Hope's Inn especially in our present economical condition. God Bless you for all you do to further His Kingdom. When God uses a 16 year old boy to help take care of a group of ladies and children it gives you hope, and the Bible says, "hope will not leave you unashamed." (Romans 5:5)

God Bless,
Phillip & TR

P. S. We would like to thank Sam Cowles a student at Lee Scott Academy who participated in their Philanthropy 101 class and chose to give Hopes Inn a check for \$700.00 to help the ladies and children we serve. Sam, we would like to thank you for your donation and your desire to help keep women and children safe and nurtured. When God uses a 16 year old boy to help take care of a group of ladies and children, it gives you hope and the Bible says, "hope will not leave you unashamed." (James 5:5)

Social Services Department:

Hello to all. First let me thank Roper Heights Baptist Church, W.O.M. for our truck load of items for the Thrift Store. It is our pleasure to come share the work God has called us to and to see churches get the vision. I love bringing the ladies and their babies so you can see and live their testimonies. If you would like to be a part of these ladies and children's lives by sharing in their expenses, they can always use toiletries and baby stuff. It has been so long since I have had babies I really don't know what they use other than diapers and bibs. My heart is not only for our ladies and babies but for our men. Mothers and dad's if you have ever had a son or grandson on drugs then your heart goes out to our young and older men struggling with addiction. Satan has lied to them and got them going down a path they cannot get off without help. I thank God He called me to help them. God has a plan for their lives to be Godly men, Godly Dads, Godly Sons, and Godly Grandsons. Pray for us as we try to lead them in the paths of righteousness. Our nation needs Godly men to stand when all else fails. If a nation's men fail, we all fail. If you would like to hear the testimonies of some of our men my husband will be happy to bring them to your men's fellowship. We don't mix our men and ladies (bet you can guess why). Our men also need toiletries if you need a project.

God bless you all.

Mrs. Yvonne Sledge

R.N., B.S.N., M.S.N.

SPECIAL PROJECTS ADMINISTRATION

When your job is Special Projects Administrator that implies your duties will change depending on what the special project is at the moment. Often times I am involved in the spiritual parts of the ministry. These are the times I get to be a part of a salvation experience. This is the best part of my job. Having a front row seat when a man or woman accepts Jesus as their savior is the greatest experience one can have (after your own salvation of course). Another great part of my job is being able to disciple someone as they grow in the Lord.

However, special project sometimes means being involved in negotiating leases, designing buildings and building commercial kitchens that meet code, and all the other projects that are a part of a ministry this size. These special projects may not be as uplifting but they are very necessary. They are also very expensive. Please, we need your prayers for the spiritual victories and your contributions for the mundane part of the ministries of Harvest Evangelism.

Because He Lives.

Bro. Don

****Our new Harvest Evangelism website is up and running. You can check out a lot of information about His Place, Hosanna Home/Hope's Inn, Pastor Rick's walk and all the ministries of Harvest Evangelism by logging on.*

You can also send us your prayer requests and keep up with us personally. Using Pay-pal, you can even make a contribution to the ministry here.

Kim tries to update the website on a regular basis and will continue to improve it. She would love to hear from you. If you're one of our computer savvy friends here's your chance to keep up and get involved with Harvest Evangelism at

*www.harvestevangelism.org ****



Pastor Rick's Upcoming Schedule:


July 1-5	Houston to visit nephew with cancer)Please pray for Tyler, 20 years old)	Houston, TX
July 8-13	Cruise (with Kim) as the guest speaker for a group from Idlewild Baptist Church, Tampa	Florida/Mexico
July 18-25	Times Square Church Jr. High to Hosanna Home/Hope's Inn for mission trip	Lafayette, AL
July 21-Aug 2	Kim to India with Times Square Church/World Aid	Pune, India

Monthly Support

Our monthly supports continue to average about 150 which is well up from our first of the year 90, but still short of our goal for 300 (10% of everyone on our mailing list). Please consider becoming a monthly supporter. Any regular gift goes a long way towards helping us better budget our finances and meeting the needs of the people God sends to us.

Thank you to the faithful 150. Thank you (by faith) for the 150 yet to come.

ITEMS NEEDED

1. Vehicles, last month we received a truck that went to one of our young men and in turn, his family gave a vehicle for our Hosanna Home to use. (Thank you Dr. H )
2. Office equipment, especially bookcases, a credenza, filing cabinets, flat screen T.V./Monitor
3. House trailer(s) for additional dorm space at our His Place Farm

Pastor Rick's Annual Walk: Pilgrimage of a Promise

Pastor Rick is preparing for his 14th annual Pilgrimage of a Promise. This year he is set to walk across three states; Connecticut, Delaware and Maryland. The walk is set to begin August 17 and will take Rick across 3 states and over 400 miles. With 29 states and over 8,000 miles behind him, Rick says he feels confident about this year's journey since his middle son, Chester, has decided to join him. At 50 years old, he no doubt needs the extra drive and encouragement.

As always, the incentive behind Rick's walk is to raise shoes for needy people around the world. He hopes to raise 4,000 pair, or 10 pair for every mile he covers. Chester has recently surrendered to a call to go to Guatemala as a missionary. On a recent trip there he said the sight of people there with no shoes touched his heart to do something to help. No doubt the same type of call his dad heard 14 years ago from the little barefoot boy in Mexico. A call that has motivated him across a lot of miles.

You can help Pastor Rick and Chester make their miles matter by getting involved in this Pilgrimage of a Promise. Rick mentions these ways you can help:

1. *Donate shoes. Their goal is 5,000 pair of shoes; 4,000 for Rick and 1,000 for the beginning of Chester Hagens' career as a Guatemalan missionary. You can donate shoes (new or nearly new) or send a financial gift designated, "Shoes".*
2. *Sponsor the Pilgrimage. Rick and Chester will be sleeping in a travel trailer (donated by a wonderful friend, thanks Mr. Bruce F.) Walking 20-30 miles a day burns a lot of calories so you'd think they eat a lot, but Rick says they're usually too hot and too tired to eat much...but they do have to eat something. Their main expense will be fuel.*

They will have to drive all the way to Connecticut and then through Delaware and Maryland. All told, the entire trip will probably cost around \$3,000, which for 5,000 pair of shoes ain't bad (the shoes tend to average \$30-\$50 per pair).

This year our overall finances have been very low so we REALLY NEED YOU TO HELP STAND (or in this case, "walk") with Rick and Chester. Any gift you can send will help. Perhaps you can sponsor a mile (\$10) or even a day (\$100)...every dollar makes the miles matter. Just designate your gift "Pilgrimage of a Promise."

3. *Let your friends in Connecticut, Delaware and Maryland know Rick and Chester are coming. Anyone they can stay with on the road makes it more like home. Any church, school or civic club they can share at helps spread the message.*

4. **PRAY!!!**