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Join Us Saturday, July 2 For A His Place, Hosanna Home, Hope's Inn Reunion And Picnic

We want to invite all our friends to join us Saturday, July 2 (beginning at 4pm –dark thirty) for our annual His Place/Hosanna Home/Hope's Inn reunion and picnic.

We'll be out at Hope's Inn in Lafayette for an evening of fun, food, fellowship, fanatics and FIREWORKS (if we can get some rain so the Fire Department to let us shoot them).

We'll have softball games, horseshoes, volleyball, and other activities. Pastor Rick is planning some more of his redneck Olympics (it'll be worth it just to see what he comes up with).

We'll have a time of praise and worship. If you like to sing, come on and you can join us.

There'll be the big blow-up bouncy rides for the children. There'll be plenty of room for them to run and play.

Come on to Hope's Inn on July 2. Bring your ice cream church and fixings. We'll have everything else ready for a good old fashioned Fourth of July.

For directions to Hope's Inn call us (334.864.0890).

Hope to see you there.

Summertime and the Offerings "Aint' Easy"



Hosanna Home/Hope's Inn

His Place
Downtown



His Place
Farm

Summertime is the most difficult time for ministries like ours. A lot of people are on vacation or have seasonal jobs where they can't give. Offerings for us can drop 10%-20%, June-August.

At the same time, we don't turn people away. For us to turn people away can be a death sentence, literally. Both His Place and Hosanna Home will stay full all summer.

Staying full means 200-300 meals a day Running all four of our 15 passenger vans back and forth to church, at 10 miles per gallon, with gas \$3.80 per gallon. Between His Place downtown and the farm, and Hope's Inn's 30 bedrooms, we have over 50 bedrooms. Imagine the cost keeping 50 bedrooms cool in Alabama's 100' heat. It can easily cost over \$15,000 a month in power bills alone.

We need your help. If you've never given to help us, this summer would be a great time to start. If you've given before, we need you now more than ever. Please consider helping us be able to continue helping the men and women we serve.

Thanks!

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HOSANNA HOME/HOPE'S INN

It's been an exciting start to another summer here at Hope's Inn. The last week of May, we were blessed to have a mission team of 16 women from Times Square Church stay with us. One of my favorite moments while they were here was the first night we all shared testimonies. After shedding some tears, we got up and sang, "There's No One Like Jesus," an African song we learned when the team from A Time To Build was here in April. I looked around the room, (which I don't know how we fit almost 30 women in there), while we were singing and dancing and I couldn't help but think: "This is a glimpse of what Heaven will be like." Joy filled the room as Christ was lifted up—that's a moment I will always cherish. Before the group left, three ladies in the program gave their lives to Christ! God is so good. We are so grateful for our sisters and their willingness to live and love like Christ—we miss you everyday!

On June 1, we hosted our 6th Annual Hole In One For Hope golf tournament at Grand National. TR would like to thank all 13 teams who participated to help raise support for the ministry. It was a great day of fellowship with old and new friends, despite the heat! We appreciate all of the businesses and individuals who made this year's tournament successful. If you were unable to attend, we have large and extra-large monogrammed, navy blue polo shirts still available for \$20 each.

I'd like to personally thank each of you who prays and supports us continually. Our God is always faithful and true- as I see life change among the ladies at Hope's Inn, I am so humbled to think I have brothers and sisters fighting this battle with us in prayer and support. I praise God He is still and always will be in the business of changing lives!

Needs: Vehicles and Vacuum cleaners

Grace and peace,

Chelsie Stulz

HIS PLACE REPORT:

The men who come to His Place come broken and hurting. They come addicted to drugs, alcohol and other "life controlling problems." Many of our men come to us straight out of prison. Some of our men come into His Place instead of going to jail. There are judges (Praise The Lord!) who see something salvageable, redeemable in certain men who come before their bench and offer them His Place as an alternative to prison.

Some of the men who come to His Place have been living homeless, some for years. Imagine sleeping under a bridge one night and then being able to have a clean, cool, safe bed at His Place the next night. It happens like that around here all the time. It's beautiful everytime it does.

It is significant how our men come to us. It is a man by man reminder of our own Lord's command, "Come unto Me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. (Matthew 11:28-30) Our men do come and they do learn of Jesus, and from Jesus. And they do find rest for their souls. It is significant how our men come in to us. It is even more significant how they leave: whole, healed, at peace, joyful...**SAVED!** Our goal has never been just to get men sober, our goal is to see them "**SAVED**".

We graduate 10-20 men each year. Over the years it's been encouraging to keep up with the graduates. One such man, Josh Hunter, graduated from His Place 8 years ago. Since then, he's gotten married, (to Ali, an awesome Christian lady) had a cool son, finished college and become a worship leader at our church. Josh and Ali are moving to Colorado Springs to attend a school for worship leaders. He's a great worship leader already. I can't imagine how good he'll be after a year of anointed, specialized training.

Sunday night was Josh's last service at our church. He shared all the Lord has done in his life, including how important his time at His Place has been in molding him into the man he is today. Sunday night's service included a couple of songs Josh and Ali have recently written. The songs were awesome and anointed. You'll hear them on the radio one day.

You can hear them on our website today. We have Josh's testimony and the songs he's written up online at www.harvestevangelism.org. Check Josh out. See what the Lord has done in his life. It'll help you have an idea what's going on at His Place everyday. You'll better understand what's at stake, the souls of men and the Glory of God. We normally get 25-30 hits on our website each day. Why don't you check Josh out on our site. Leave us a message, your thoughts, a word the Lord brings to mind. We would greatly appreciate your input. God bless Josh and Ali. God bless those of you who've supported His Place and made all this possible.



Harvest Thrift Super Center

We recently put in 5 new trailers at our His Place Farm. That included new septic tanks, a new well, setting up and tying down the trailers on top of purchasing the additional 4 acres of land they sit on. This all will allow us to have a new 1-12 bedrooms for the men we work with at The His Place Farm. It's awesome (and we're not even finished).

We want all our friends and supporters to know that the large majority of the money for this project came from our Harvest Thrift Super Center. Your donations to the store and shopping at the store provided us with \$30,000 we were able to invest in this project. Hallelujah! Thank God for the thrift store. We sure didn't have \$30,000 in any other account.

Harvest Thrift Super Center provides up to 10%-12% of our overall annual budget for Harvest Evangelism. The profits from Harvest Thrift Super Center help support the ministries at His Place, Hosanna Home, and Hope's Inn. There would be no profits, no thrift store without your support.

Please use this summer, our slowest season to help the work at harvest Thrift Super Center. You can bring your donations by the store (2510 Pepperrell Parkway in Opelika) or call us at 334.705.8858 and we'll pick your items up. All donations are tax deductible. You can also go to their website, www.harvestthriftsupercenter.com and check us out.

An easy, awesome way to help support Harvest Thrift Super Center is to co-ordinate a church-wide collection some Sunday this summer. If your church will announce the drive, we'll send our truck and some men from His Place to put everything in it. A truck load of items can easily bring several thousand dollars into the ministry. All without taking any money out of your budget. The items donated are usually things people aren't using anymore and are actually glad to get rid of. And like we say around Harvest Thrift Super Center, "Remember, one man's junk is another man's opportunity to hear the Gospel."

Winchester Hagans:

For me my whole life has had to do with some sort of ministry or another. Some I enjoyed and some not so much, but one I had always enjoyed, and now miss, is the coffee house that my father ran. One of the strongest memories of this is not the time spent there...but what was left by the people who had come by and been changed in some sort or another. They had all written their names on the back wall of what is now His Place. They wrote verses and things God had told them, I can't remember the words that were there. I just remember how many there were. And each one represented a story. But as time went on many of those stories came home for my dad, and when that added up to close to 20 men living in his trailer with my mom and older brother the ministry took it's first real metamorphosis. The His Place coffee house became the His Place men's home.

Since that day Harvest Evangelism has never ventured back into what my dad nicknamed Christian nightclubs. And I have spent a large amount of my prayers over that last too long asking God for the permission to change that. And after such a long time He has given me a dream, a vision and confirmation many times over to let me know it's time to venture back into the places that we as the church are losing people. And that is why I am writing this. But before I ask for your support, both in prayer and in dollars, I would like to share some of my dream. As I think would only be fitting.

I live in the college town of Auburn, Alabama. And it has become common knowledge that 80% of high school kids who go to church fall away in college. And the ones who don't are often scared to debate and fight for the ones lost because even though they believe the truth they can't defend it. Auburn is full of frat boys who attend church every Sunday hung over and smelling of the nameless girl from the night before. Hippie kids stare at tree that breath with the same rhythm they do because of the drugs they do. Night after night girls walk into bars looking to be valued and stumble to be degraded once again by someone who's name they never quite caught. And all the while the church is safe behind bible studies and small group meetings.

Now there is nothing wrong with Bible Studies and small groups, I value them myself. But imagine a building open to fight for the church kids who become lost in the humdrum of college life. A place that stays up as late as the bars and fills their walls with the people who have been rejected by the church, or at least the legalistic church that parades around with a form of Godliness but with out any of the power.

This will not come easy, and unfortunately it will not come cheap. But when colleges are the places where the Church of Jesus, the churches of every denomination and color, are failing horribly...isn't this an idea worth the sacrifice it'll take. I am willing to offer my life, and I mean it. I am planning to move into this place if we get it open only so that it will never be closed to the broken and hurting of this world. All I am asking you for is to back me with your pocket book and prayer time.

All I have is a dream and a word from God, but as many of you have done for my father and others in the past, I am offering you to share in my dream.

If an of this interests you, call or email me. 334.750.4210 or wchagans@harvestevangelism.org.

God Bless,
Winchester Hagans.



FAVORITE DAVID WILKERSON SERMON AVAILABLE

We are still receiving comments and condolences regarding the passing of our friend and spiritual father, David Wilkerson. He was an extraordinary man, whose death has rekindled an interest in his work. The Lord accomplished so much through his like. He founded Teen Challenge, Times Square Church and World Challenge. He authored numerous books. Most of all, Brother Dave was a preacher, an awesome, anointed preacher. We want all our friends to be able to listen to some of Brother Dave's sermons. We have put Pastor Rick's favorite sermon from his mentor up online at www.harvestevangelism.org. Or you can write us and we'll send you a copy (Free).



We will post a new sermon each month. This month's sermon is a 30 year of David Wilkerson classic, "Jabbok". Check it out and be blessed.

ITEMS NEEDED

We have 4 new interns with us at Hope's Inn. These young ladies have come to us from the Mount Zion School of Ministry. They will be working with us for 8 months. We're excited to have such outstanding young ladies with us. We're also in need of a few things to make their stay more enjoyable and useful.

- #1. A good, dependable small car they can use to get around in.
- #2. Chifforobe or armoire. Something for our interns to hang their clothes in. Hope's Inn doesn't have closets. We don't want our interns to have wrinkled clothes. They're ladies.
- #3. Access to a lake house or cabin a few times during the summer for our interns to have a little 'get away'.
- #4. We are still in need of a backhoe and front end loader for our His Place Farm.

If you can help with any of these needs please let us know as soon as possible. You'll help these ladies have a great internship and help us make a great impression on our Mount Zion friends.

MEXICO MISSION: JULY 15-22, JULY 22-29

We're on schedule to return to Mexico July 15-22 and 22-29. This will be our Twentieth Year of Summer Missions in Mexico. It's going to be our best!

I know the #1 question all of you are asking: "Is it safe to go to Mexico?" I can honestly answer that we believe it is safe, as safe as the arms of Jesus can keep you.

We were just there in March, during Spring Break, with no problems. Our friends from Father's Love Ministry just returned from the same neighborhood we work in, again, with no problems. Roy Busby, who works with us, has been staying there, working with numerous groups all spring and summer, with absolutely no problems. We believe it's safe. I believe in it strongly enough to take my family with me.

We'd love to take you with us. We have a few more openings for either week, July 15-22 or July 22-29. You're welcome to stay for either or both weeks.

If you'd like to join us you need to register right away. Space is limited to 60. I believe we have most of those spaces filled. So register by mail (PO Box 2888, Opelika, AL 36803), online at www.harvestevangelism.org or call us (334.332.3932).

It's going to be an awesome experience.

If you can't come, but would like to help, we need sponsors for some of our His Place men and Hosanna Home ladies. The cost for the trip is \$450 per week. You can provide a full or partial scholarship by mailing your check or giving online. Our men and women will be mighty grateful, eternally grateful.