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Harvest Evangelism Is Excited To Announce The Opening Of Harvest Thrift *Super* Center America's Largest Thrift Store



We've moved our Harvest Thrift Store to the old Walmart Building at 2510 Pepperrell Parkway in Opelika (located in Pepperrell Corners, behind Hardee's). We've also expanded from a 45,000 square foot building to a HUGE 100,000 square feet building, the largest thrift store in America (according to our research) and maybe in the WORLD!!

This new location will be much more convenient for our shoppers and friends who donate items for us to sell. We are now only 1 mile East of the new Opelika Walmart, 3 miles East of the Mall, 4 miles North of Tiger Town and 1 mile West of the East Alabama Medical Center. In other words, we're much easier to find and get to.

Obviously, with 100,000 square feet, we're going to have to have more to offer our shoppers, LOTS MORE! We plan to put 2,000-3,000 new items out for sale EVERYDAY (pray for our production team).

With 2,000-3,000 new items being put on the floor daily, and 100,000 square feet of store to fill, WE'RE GOING TO NEED A LOT OF STUFF TO SELL. We're counting on you, our friends and partners to help us with your donations as never before. We need folks to drop off your donations at the new Harvest Thrift Super Center or call us at 334/705-8858 and we'll come pick it up.

We need churches, schools, civic clubs, and businesses to do "Donation Drives" more than ever before. Just this week alone we have huge loads coming in from Idlewild Baptist Church in Tampa, FL, and Bethel Pentecostal Church in Patterson, La. We have a load scheduled from Times Square Church in New York later this fall. This is the perfect easy way for your church to help support the ministries of Harvest Evangelism; His Place, Hosanna Home, and Hope's Inn (and you don't even have to go before 10 committees to get it on your budget). Just get your stuff together and we'll come get it. Call us (334/750-8858) to schedule a pick-up at your church, school, civic club or business.

Folks, we serve an awesome God! He's the one who's made this possible. TO Him alone goes ALL the praise, honor and glory. It's to Him, His ministry, to His broken, needy, hurting creation that ALL profits from Harvest Thrift Super Center will go.

If you have a heart for the homeless, hungry, hurting, the unwed mothers, drug addicts, alcoholics, bikers, gangsters, widows, orphans...all God's favorite people (AKA... sinners), then I hope you'll have a heart for Harvest Thrift Super Center and support us.

We promise this store will always be run by God's standards, for His glory and to support His work.

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HIS PLACE

Testimony of AUBREY DALE PIKE (His Place Graduate-2008)

I was born in Opp, Alabama, in 1973 and had a very good childhood. We were not rich by any means, but we didn't do without either. I was an all-star ball player and fairly popular in school. When I was 13 years old, I started smoking pot and drinking. After a while, that wasn't enough for me so I tried a little cocaine and acid. I even ate some mushrooms. I was only 15 years old the first time I was introduced to meth. At 16, I ended up quitting school and went to work at the cotton mill where I worked until I was 18. I married during this time (I was way too young and immature). But things were still okay - I was married, working, and still functional.

Then a friend of mine and my brother came over one night while my wife was at work and asked me if I had ever done any crank (methamphetamine). Things quickly deteriorated. Drugs took over my life. Not just using drugs, but I began to deal drugs occasionally. As a result things got bad at home and my wife and I separated. After we split up, I got real bad living the dope dealer's life. Not long after our divorce, I got busted. After bonding out and setting a court date, I moved to North Alabama with my dad. I did well for a long time until my brother got killed. I started going home more often. I started seeing my ex-wife again. Even though she didn't know it, I started using drugs again. She became pregnant with my wonderful daughter Megan. I'm ashamed to say that I was high the day she was born. The devil once again ruled my life through my addiction to drugs.

Finally, I went to court. I appeared in court in my work uniform with my wife and baby and the judge had compassion on me and gave me probation. But what he didn't know was that I was high on drugs even then. Once again, my wife left me and I sunk deep into an addictive lifestyle. My mind was clouded, and I never thought that I would go to jail. I got a job with my brother-in-law that basically allowed me to ride around in a company truck and sell dope. During this time I met Tammy and eventually married her. When Tammy realized I was strung out on drugs, she tried the dope without me knowing it so she would fit in and could be with me more.

Eventually, we got busted together and both went to prison - she served 18 months and I was in for three years. I had no communication with her during this time. My godly mother, sister, and daughter stood by me the whole time (even though I ran from them when I was high) and never gave up on me. My dad died while I was locked up.

When I got out of prison, I came home, got back with my wife, got a great job, then went right back to drugs again only with greater demonic influence. I quit my job, left my home and family, and got caught again! I sat in jail a year waiting for trial. It was here I had my first encounter with God. It came through a new jail administrator that was hired named Richard Moss (who was also a Baptist preacher and now my best friend). Captain Moss made me a trustee at the jail and between him, my wife, and my family they got me into HIS PLACE. It was miraculous since I was facing 20 years to life in two counties - but they both agreed to let me go to rehab at His Place! WOW! That was all God's work! My mom had always talked to me about God, but I would not listen. I spent the next 18 months at His Place.

Shortly after getting to His Place, I was reading my Bible one day and Psalms 46:10 jumped out at me, "Be still and know that I am God". I will be exalted among the heathen and in the earth. The Word came alive in my heart! All my life I made all these other things my god and the one true God of my life was with me and on my trail the whole time. I asked Jesus to come into my heart and save me, deliver me, and be the Lord (ruler) of my life - and He did! Man I get higher on God than I ever did with drugs and the amazing thing is as bad as I was he loved me and took the time to save me. I am like the one that left the flock and the Shepherd left the 99 and came and got me! My wife, Tammy (who besides God is the best thing that ever happened to me) and I were baptized in September of 2008 and are active in church. I have a beautiful life and family. God demonstrates His love to me daily and has blessed me through my wife, Momma, my sister, my daughters, sons and my two new beautiful grandchildren. Life now with my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ is wonderful! I did not quit drugs, no sir, he delivered me from my addiction there is a big difference! I want to say thanks to all the staff, my brothers and sisters at Harvest Evangelism for loving me and being there for me when I needed you. Love you and God Bless. AUBREY DALE PIKE (pictured here with his wife Tammy)



Testimony From A New York Volunteer; Tunji

"My trip to Alabama:

From the moment I got off the Greyhound bus and a 24 hour trip to Alabama, the fun and adventure began. I was asked to join a group of men to go to an elderly couple's house to swim and go fishing. It was also my first time ever holding a fishing rod and learning how to set ---- and throw the line.

After the day's activities, we gathered together and had a Bible study. Subsequently, we left and I stayed out at the His Place Farm with a roommate that taught me German. There was such warm fellowship with the men in the His Place farm house.

Most importantly was the fact that God began to speak to me clearly by the lives of the men there. I could see His correction and dealing in my life as I went through the same schedule and activities the men had to go through, We spent long hours moving furniture donated by people for the new Harvest Thrift Super Center. We ate together, prayed together and had a lot of fruitful Bible Studies that were both challenging and convicting because they dealt with topics or issues about who we were as men of God and our relationship with Him.

I learnt how to be a man in Alabama by living with the men and all the activities we had to do. It was very sobering for me because throughout the week I could see that God was finally challenging me to be the man that He created me to be. In short, I got a one week crash course on what it meant to be a man of God from this fine group of men.

I will forever cherish the experiences I had in Alabama because I learnt things about myself and my role as God's child in a week that I hadn't known in my lifetime. My trip to Alabama prepared me to be God's man and a responsible future husband."

We are always looking for volunteers at His Place and Hosanna Home/Hope's Inn. If you are interested in this experience call Glen Ward/Mr. Sledge 334/749-22130 or TR Amason 334/750-1361.



HOSANNA HOME/HOPE'S INN

Hello from Hosanna Home/Hope's Inn. We are back in our fall schedule which means everything from Bible studies and G.E.D. classes to speaking at churches. We have 26 ladies and four children, the children's ages run from 5 months to 2 years of age and they are beautiful.

Recently several of our ladies have made a profession of faith in choosing Jesus Christ to be Lord of their lives; we rejoice in their new beginning. One thing God always does in my heart when we have ladies to get saved is remind me how longsuffering He is and how that needs to be a desire of my heart in working with them in their time of recovery. God is so faithful to be patient with us and we never deserve all that He does for us.

Please be in prayer for us as we continue to expand our program in order to better equip our ladies for the work force. We will be applying for grants to obtain funds to help establish a jobs skill training center on sight at Hope's Inn.

On a final note we would like to wish our own Sherry Moseley and her husband Phillip the very best. She has recently graduated our program on August 15th and God has been so faithful to restore her marriage and family. We give Him all the glory.

We continue to pray blessings over your homes as so many of you pray for ours.

God bless,

Phillip & TR Amason

David Porch's New York Report:

Greetings from Times Square Church!

When I apply myself to consider what I should try to convey in this brief article, a lot of things come to mind. My desire is to encourage you, and my thought is: "What would you want to know about my life in New York?" With that in mind let me first tell you all how thankful I (still) am to be here. I've had the great privilege to glean from Pastor David Wilkerson while he has been here. At the time that I am writing this, I have been here for one month and about two weeks. In that time I have painted a foyer and entrance area with a staircase, among other things, and I have almost finished painting what we here at Times Square Church affectionately call "The Tunnel." The tunnel is in the basement under this enormous church. It was dubbed as such because it is a series of long, narrow passage ways which lead to various rooms. I am telling you this, not because it is interesting, but because of what the Lord has been teaching me while I've been here, especially regarding my work. Since this is just a short article I will sum it up by what Paul says in Galatians 3:3, "Are you so foolish? After beginning by the Spirit, are you now trying to attain your goal by human effort?" To answer that question, YES, apparently I am that foolish, or I was, anyway. God has been teaching me and enabling me to rely on Him daily even for the strength to do my work. In that way it becomes worship and ministry to God, instead of trivial labor. Everything we do is either done in the flesh, by self-effort, or in the Spirit, by the dependence of faith in the Holy Spirit. There is no third option. The question is "will my work here count?" If it is going to count, if it is going to be more than wood, hay, or stubble, then I must do everything I do as unto the Lord; as a ministry to Him by His power, for He is our strength in our weakness. After all, apart from Jesus, we can do nothing. I've begun to take that very literally. Oh sure, we can do plenty in the flesh! The flesh can even pray, preach, and praise, you know? But such self-effort is why the Pharisees were disdained in the eyes of our Lord Jesus. As Pastor Carter Conlon (who is the senior pastor here) explained two weeks ago upon his return from vacation, "the key to spiritual power is service." God has been teaching me just what the Lord Jesus once said in Luke 22:24-30, which Pastor Carter confirmed in that particular message, and about which I have also detailed in my blog. But even our most devout service counts for nothing if we perform it in our own strength, or perhaps I should say our weakness. As Jesus explicitly declared to His disciples: "The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing."

Thanks and grace to you all,

David

Patio

You can listen to the messages from Times Square Church by logging in to their website at www.tscnyc.org. Times Square Church streams their services live (you can check with them for times and dates). You will be blessed by these messages. You'll also be excited to know our own Harvest Evangelism Ministries are supported by Times Square Church and encouraged to understand Pastor Rick, Miss Kim and our staff are mentored by such godly men as Pastor Carter Conlon and Pastor David Wilkerson (Rick's hero and mentor) and by such godly women as Teresa Conlon and Gwen Wilkerson.

Special Projects Report

Harvest Evangelism is a Para-church ministry. We are not a church, but a Christian ministry that works with and along side of churches, many churches. The home church of H.E. is First Baptist Church, Opelika. Yvonne and I, along with the rest of the staff of H.E. are members of FBCO. This is a great Church and the place we go to be spiritually fed. We are members of a great Sunday school class taught by our good friend John Norris. I thank God for our church and everyone there for their encouragement, prayers and support. Our ministry is a front line ministry. As everyone knows the front line is where the battle is the hottest. In those weeks when the arrows, darts and even bullets have been flying all around it is so good to run to home base, FBCO, and lean on Pastor Steve, Pastor Mike, Pastor Cade, John Norris and all the other staff and friends like Tim and Jennifer Braswell. I thank God for this home base.

I began this by defining us as a Para-church ministry. That means we are a ministry associated with many churches. Over the next few months I will discuss this further.

Because He Lives,

Bro. Don

Pastor Rick and Chester are Walking Across 3 States even as you read this:

They hope to raise 4,000 pair of shoes for the poor and needy in Mexico and in Guatemala. Praise God, we already have 1,000 pair pledged for Chester to take to Guatemala (thanks to our friends at Soles for Souls).

You can read Pastor Rick's message in this newsletter and he shares a deeper reasoning for this pilgrimage. Simply put, Rick's walk is a means for putting his feet in Jesus' shoes and walking the path He walked...Rick's prayer is that when his 30 days, 3 states and 400 miles are finished he (and his son, Chester) will be more like Jesus than when they started. And maybe, just maybe someone else will join them on their journey...to Heaven.

We still need 3,000 pair of shoes to meet our goal (and we would LOVE to go over it!). You can help by gathering shoes or by sending a designated gift for shoes. We'll take them down to Mexico this Christmas. You can join us on that journey too (check out our missions on our website, www.harvestevangelism.org)

Pastor Rick and Chester still need approximately \$1,500-\$2,000 to cover the costs of this trip. They're walking the miles. Can you help share the burden? If you do help, I can promise you'll get the reward. Please send your support right away. Rick's already gone...already walking even as you read this. They have enough money to get up there, but probably not enough to get home. Your gift will make you a part of this glorious journey. And a part of the glorious things God will do on this journey.

Clunkers For Christ

Hosanna Home & Hope's Inn were blessed with this nice Ford pick-up last month. A wonderful friend sent it to us all the way from Indiana (Thanks Dr.Y).

We really need another pick-up or a van for the His Place Farm. The farm is a 6 month induction into His Place. Steve takes the men who come to us right off the street, out of prison, often from death's door. The first 6 months in any program are the most critical. If a man is going to leave, he'll probably leave during the first 6 months. If a man's going to be kicked out (for breaking major rules) it'll probably be in his first 6 months. On the bright side, we've found if a man is going to get saved, it'll most likely be while he is at the farm during his first 6 months.

Steve Diamond is in charge of the critical first 6 month phase of our program. He desperately needs a vehicle to get around in. Our farm is 20 miles out in the country, 3 miles down a one lane dirt road. A good, dependable vehicle is a must. A full size vehicle is another "must". We don't call him "Big Steve" for nothing, at 6'3", 300 lbs, he needs a full size vehicle.

If you have a pick-up or a van or even a full size car you'd like to see put into the ministry, here's your opportunity. The government has a program called "Clunkers for cash", we'll call our's, "Clunkers for Christ". You decide what's more important and give accordingly.

ITEMS NEEDED

1. Back to school clothes and supplies for children Pre K-12th grade. Bring your donations by His Place, Hope's Inn or at our new ministry offices located inside our NEW HARVEST THRIFT SUPER STORE (----address-----, in Opelika. The old Walmart Building behind the old Lowe's)
2. Trailer/Mobile home, single or double wide) for staff living at His Place Farm (Praise the Lord, we just received a nice 5th wheel trailer even as this was being written. We can still use more trailers. More trailers = more men in the program and more housing for staff to help them.)
3. Kim would like to have a secretary desk for the office she shares with Rick in our new offices located in the new Harvest Thrift Super Center



GIFTS TO HARVEST EVANGELISM GIVEN IN:

Memory of: Trish Martin by Rick and Kim Hagans

Honor of: Mitchell Bruce by Mary Kelley

Miss Daisy by Albert and Nancy Killian

Lee Gillian by Raley and Sandra Gillian