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

THE MINISTRIES OF  
HARVEST EVANGELISM

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*Be careful to be hospitable to strangers, for by doing so,  
some have entertained angels without even knowing it.  
Hebrews 13:2*

I came across the following poem in a stack of old papers in my office. I vaguely recall copying it from a book even more vague in my mind, years ago. Nonetheless, its message speaks to the world we live in even now. The world our Lord Jesus Christ died to save, and ever lives that we might make a difference in His Name. He's called us to do *something*, being *indifferent* is out of the question in serving Him.

**Indifference**

*When Jesus came to Golgotha, they hanged Him on a tree  
They drove great nails through hands and feet, and made a Calvary;  
They crowned Him with a crown of thorns, red were His wounds, and deep;  
For those were crude and cruel days, and human flesh was cheap.*

*When Jesus came to Birmingham, they simply passed Him by,  
They never hurt a hair on Him, they only let Him die;  
For men had grown more tender; and would not give Him pain,  
They only just passed down the street, and left Him in the rain.*

*Still Jesus cried, "Forgive them, for they know not what they do."  
And still it rained, the wintery rain, that drenched Him through and through.*

*The crowds went home and left the streets, without a soul to see,  
And Jesus crouched against a wall, and cried for Calvary.*

**G.A. Studdart-Kennedy**

The quote below, I also found recently, copied years ago into the "maps" section of my Bible. Under the current conditions of the world we live in, I found it more than appropriate...perhaps even prophetic.

*"Our supreme need from God, therefore, is not the education of our conscience, nor the absolution of our sin, nor even our reconciliation alone, but our redemption; not help, but rescue; not a stimulus, but a change; not tonics, but life!"*

**P.T. Forsythe**

Our entire ministry here at Harvest Evangelism is very varied in that we house the homeless; feed the hungry; have a Christ-centered recovery ministry for men at His Place and women at Hosanna Home. We have a free medical clinic at Hope's Inn. Our mission teams go to Mexico where we've built an orphanage and 87 homes. Pastor Rick preaches all over the world. Miss Kim does ladies' ministry. Our shelter for ladies and children in need, Hope's Inn is the nicest facility of it's kind in our state. Nineteen babies have been born to ladies living at Hope's Inn. Babies that otherwise would've been born in prison or to drug addicted mothers, or who wouldn't have been born at all. We do a lot of different types of ministry at Harvest Evangelism.

But we do it all by His strength, according to His Word and for His Glory. We are a ministry, not a charity. We are not a government agency and as such receive no government funding for our programs. Let me remind you, we are a ministry, not a charity. And as a ministry everything we do is possible only as our friends support us.

Thanks for all of you who help us. It really means a lot to us and everyone we minister to.

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## HIS PLACE

I am delighted to spotlight one of the recent graduates of HIS PLACE. He is 24 year-old Jacob "Daniel" Fowler of LaGrange, Georgia. Daniel has been a model resident. He has a big heart for the Lord and his family. He is a hard worker. I am excited about his future! Please continue to pray for him as he begins this new chapter in his life. He gives the following testimony.

*"The three years before I came to His Place I was a severe alcoholic. I would drink in excess of a half gallon of whiskey every day not counting what I would drink just to stay asleep at night. I would wake up every couple of hours during the night going through withdrawal and would have to drink a pint of whiskey for it to stop. The last year before coming to His Place I was so addicted I felt I had drink this way just to stay alive.*

*I lost my home and two nice vehicles. But worst of all, I lost my beautiful fiancé and my two precious sons that I love so very much. Alcohol absolutely ruined my life. Little did I know at the time that it would take losing everything for me to find the most valuable thing in my life now – JESUS. I have always known "about" the Lord, but never thought much about Him. When I arrived at His Place, I quickly found out that He was there the whole time with me through everything! He had been knocking at the door of my heart the whole time – I just was not listening.*

*It is really weird how I got to His Place. I had been arrested for several different things all related to my alcohol abuse. I had spent several months in jail. My mother and father were searching for rehab programs on the internet for me to go to in Georgia when for some reason His Place located in Opelika, Alabama, popped up! It truly was a divine appointment. I am so thankful that God put it on Pastor Rick's heart to start His Place because the Lord used it to save my life both now (physically) and in eternity (spiritually).*

*God is restoring my life. I had a back operation while at His Place that has helped me overcome a disabling problem and allowed me to work. I have been able to see my children every weekend, and the Lord has given me everything I need to support them and myself. The Lord has given me a vehicle. Glory be to God for all that I have received during this past year! The greatest blessing of all is everlasting life with my Father in Heaven! When I was at His Place, sometimes it felt like I could literally feel God's arms around me and taking all of my bad past away.*

*I thank God for His Place and all the lives that it has truly changed. Again, I thank Pastor Rick for starting His Place, and all of you who support it through your prayers, participation, and gifts. I thank God for the staff at His Place. I thank God for everything that you have done for me. And a special thanks to you Pastor Glen for all the times you were there for me – for coming to the jail in Troup County, Georgia, and for leading me to the Lord. You're a very special person in my life. You will never know how much I look up to you, and how much I appreciate all you've done for me and my family.*



### "Our Jerusalem" at His Place Farm, His Place Downtown and Hope's Inn

We recently had a large group of volunteers from our home church, First Baptist, come out and help at our His Place Farm (as in the photo to the left). We had other groups that same day helping at Hope's Inn and our His Place Downtown. Thanks First Baptist!!

Perhaps you have a group that would like to volunteer this summer? If so, call us and we'll be glad to arrange a time for you to come. We need volunteers and if the testimony of our own friends at First Baptist rings true, you'll be blessed by helping our men and women.

### STEVE DIAMOND REPORTS FROM NEW YORK AND TIMES SQUARE CHURCH:

WOW!! The sermons here turn from asking God for mercy to fire and brimstone, as Pastor Carter led out March the 29th with a sermon titled "FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD" from the book of John. This sermon reminded us all that "now is the time to give your life to GOD, don't wait. These are troubled times and the time is now, do not be left standing alone give your life to GOD!!" Then, Friday the 27th the youth did a skit of the 10 Virgins and as it unfolded you could feel the spirit of the LORD building His presence in the church. We could tell, long before the word was ever delivered that night GOD had touched hearts and called people to be saved. It looked like maybe 250+ youth made their way to the altar that night. I thank GOD for these two very powerful services back to back!

It has been a great blessing to get to see the beginning of the basement renovations for the food ministry and storage facilities here at Times Square Church. We had food come in by truck loads, the maintenance men unloading the trucks in just minutes and filling the shelves with food. We then filled over 200 bags with the food, and distributed them to single moms throughout the church. I am blessed to be a part of the team, just building the shelves is such blessing when you see the moms and little ones coming in with smiles of relief and excitement in their eyes just wondering, "What's in that bag?" To see little Amy, a worker here at Times Square Church, with tears of joy in her eyes with her heart overwhelmed for the troubled is enough to bring you to your knees!!

I am so thankful to get to be such a small, small part of the works of GOD that go on here at Times Square Church! Please continue to pray for the pastors of this church as GOD continues to show them burdens and they continue the battle for Him on the front lines here in NEW YORK!

I would like to give a great thanks to the RAVEN team for letting me be a part of that awesome team, They go out 5 or 6 days a week to shelters, parks and bridges to feed and minister to the homeless, addicted, the sick and the dying, Most of all to the lost!! Their hearts seem so hardened from the years of hurt and pain!! Please add them to your prayer list. I remember being the same way, and someone prayed for me all those years! I am so thankful to GOD for that!!

*"But where can wisdom be found? Where does understanding dwell? Man does not know it's worth, and it is not found in the land of the living".* Job 28:13



## HOSANNA HOME/HOPE'S INN

For I know the plans I have for you declares The Lord ...Jeremiah 29:11. This scripture is our motto at Hopes Inn and Hosanna Home. Only The Lord can know the plans He has for any of us and He is the ONLY one who can bring those plans full circle and put them into active work in our lives. Our part is simply to surrender and let Him do the work.

However, so often that is the biggest struggle we face, letting go and letting God.

As I sit here I think of the many ladies that have walked through our doors and have chosen to seek out help in their time of desperate need and when they walked in they thought they were just surrendering their addictions but they soon realize that it is much more than that. The ladies learn here that they have to surrender everything not just the drugs and alcohol, but everything; relationships, attitudes, selfishness, mind sets, former friends and especially their plans. God will only be able to work out His perfect plan when we surrender ours totally to His.

Many times people make quick judgments by appearances only and often times they may be right but with the love of Christ we are able to look past the tattered look on her face and the tattoos on her body and see the tears on her cheek, then we see her through the eyes of our Savior the way He sees us.

There is no way we could express to all of you our true heart to reach out to these ladies and see God radically change their lives. On a daily basis we are here with them through their struggles, their tears and their laughter watching God gently bring them one step closer to the freedom they so desire. One of Gods plans for us all is to be free from the bondage of sin and the hold it has on our lives that is true freedom and sweet surrender.

Keep us in your prayers as we continue to love our ladies and help them to see how much God loves them.

God Bless,  
Phillip & TR

### Social Services Department:

Hello Again, What an awesome God we serve. Spring is here and the South is the most gorgeous place in the world this time of year. Lush green of all shades and all kinds of beautiful colors. I love it. Can you believe April is almost over? I know there are 24 hours in a day but somehow God has caused time to speed up and if you don't think it has, ask any kid how fast it goes and they will tell you the same thing. I know His coming is near. He wants us to be with Him. Doesn't that excite you? Wow! He wants us with Him. Let's tell everyone the Good News.

Now down to mundane things. With all the layoffs a greater number of people than ever before are in need. Let me ask you for all your gently used items for our thrift store. The more you give the more you will be blessed because the more I can give away. Needs are so great and thank all of you for caring and giving. If you would like to hear more about the ministry and what all we do give me a call and let me speak to your group. All the groups I have spoken to exclaim, "I didn't know you all did all that". My office number is 334/742-0777 or cell 706/518-3266. Pray for me as I respond to the needs of the communities that I will always respond with "WWJD."

Love Never Fails (1 Corinthians 13:8)

Yvonne

### SPECIAL PROJECTS ADMINISTRATION

Being the Special Projects Administrator gives me the opportunity to be involved in every aspect of the ministry. The best part of that is spending time with the men and ladies in the program. It is so rewarding to have a front row seat and watch lives change before your eyes. I thank God every day for allowing me to be in His ministry here at Harvest Evangelism.

Another great source of joy and satisfaction is the opportunities I have to speak to churches, church groups, other ministries, civic clubs and even impromptu groups about Harvest Evangelism. Yvonne and I often present programs together, and on some occasions we speak individually. Either way we welcome the opportunity to tell the Harvest Evangelism story. It really is a very interesting and uplifting story. After all it is the story of "Putting God's love in action...where the action's at."

Brother Don

### Mission Mexico On Schedule For The End Of July

Between reports of violence and now the swine flu, you can tell the devil doesn't like mission groups going to Mexico. We're going anyway, because the Lord does like mission groups going to Mexico. We've had several teams down within the past few months and have seen no signs of violence. We've had no problems at all. The current flu scare will be well over and done with by late July when we're scheduled to go.

So, come on and join us either July 18-25 or July 25-August 1. You can contact Pastor Rick at 334/332-3932 or [rickhagans@harvestevangelism.org](mailto:rickhagans@harvestevangelism.org) or Blake Gilbreath at [missions@harvestevangelism.org](mailto:missions@harvestevangelism.org) for more details. Make your summer matter---make it a MISSION!



### ***JUNE 3--Hosanna Home's Hole In One For Hope Golf Tournament***

***Our annual golf tournament. If you would like a brochure sent to you for a team or to make a donation please contact TR at 334-864-0890 or e-mail her at [hosannahome@netzero.com](mailto:hosannahome@netzero.com) right away. Now more than ever we need an increase in donations to help underwrite our cost so that the proceeds can go directly to the care of the women and children at Hope's Inn. Another area of need with the golf tournament is door prizes. If this is where you would like to assist instead of putting a team in the tournament here are a few suggestions; dinner for 2 at a restaurant chain, Walmart or target cards, money that can be changed into golf certificates at the golf course etc...most anything your business provides, we can use as prizes. Please let me know if you can help in any of these ways or if you would like to make any suggestions. Call T.R. Amason at 334/864-0890 or 334/750-1361 for more information.***

**HARVEST THRIFT STORE (804 Columbus Parkway, Opelika, Alabama) IS THE ONLY THRIFT STORE THAT SUPPORTS THE MINISTRIES OF HARVEST EVANGELISM; THOSE BEING--HIS PLACE, HOSANNA HOME AND HOPE'S INN**

After 2 1/2 years in business we still find a lot of people don't know we have a Thrift Store or even if they do, they don't know where we're located.

We hear from people all the time who confuse us with other thrift stores in our community. So, we wanted to let you know, HARVEST THRIFT STORE is located at 804 Columbus Parkway, in Opelika, Alabama. We're in the same shopping center as Angel's Antiques, next to Glenn Smith Chevrolet and across the street from Ken Boggs Ford. We're at Exit #62 off Interstate 85.

Harvest Thrift Store is the only thrift store that helps support the ministries of His Place, Hosanna Home, and Hope's Inn. Mission Thrift Store in Auburn, (next to K-Mart) is in no way affiliated with our ministry. They are great folks and friends, with a neat store that supports a wonderful ministry (LifeSavers--Sidewalk Sunday School). The confusion has been that our two stores are affiliated, they are not.

If you want your donations to go towards supporting His Place, Hosanna Home, and Hope's Inn, you need to bring them, by Harvest Thrift Store or call us at 334/705-8858 and we'll come to you for a pick-up. You can also call us to arrange a pick-up Sunday for your church. Picking up items directly at church sites has proven a special blessing for us and the churches involved. Don't let your church miss out on the blessing. Call us!



**MIRACLE WITH A SMILE**

We are so excited that after our last months newsletter a friend in New York donated a nice truck that we're going to be able to use in the ministry here.

Another friend came up to me after I preached at Times Square Church and told me she noticed our need in last month's newsletter for a refrigerated box truck. The Lord had laid it on her heart to help us get one. The extra wonderful thing about God leading this particular lady to help with this specific need was how I stereotypically expected any truck we might get to come from a sweaty old truck driver with a mustache wearing Peterbilt overalls. And here was this lovely New York lady in a pretty Easter dress with this warm Holy Ghost smile saying "I want to help you get a truck."

Is our God unexpectedly terrific or what? Is His body unpredictably wonderful or what?! I'm just glad He's my Father and you're my brothers and sisters.

Oh, and by the way, we still have needs...Maybe you'll be this month's "Miracle with a smile."

**ITEMS NEEDED**

1. Vehicles
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

**NEED YARD WORK DONE? LET US HELP**

We have several of our His Place men looking for part-time yard work. My son, Chester is one of them. If you have any type of yard work, clean up, moving, etc...please give these guys a chance to "work heartily, as unto the Lord". You'll get a job well done and they'll have the chance to earn a living.

Please call John Jenkins, 334/750-0221 to schedule your job.



**GIFTS TO HARVEST EVANGELISM GIVEN IN:**

**Memory of: TJ Wright, given by William Taylor**

**Mrs. Hester Brogden Little, given by Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy DeVenny**

**Honor of: Lee Gillian, given by Raley & Sandra Gillian**