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## Harvest Evangelism's 29th Annual Banquet

This month's newsletter is a "paper copy of our annual banquet. We realize all our friends can't come to our banquet, so, as much as is possible, we've brought the banquet to you.

It is our prayer that all of you who will read this newsletter will respond even as our 400 friends responded at the actual event.

### Andy McClellan: His Place Graduate, School Teacher, Youth Group Director, Harvest Evangelism Board Member



I grew up in a good home with loving, caring parents. As a child I was taught good morals and the difference between right and wrong. However, as a teenager having fun with my friends, drinking and partying was more important than living a righteous life. My bad habits and choices continued through high school and into college where my drinking quickly escalated to much more serious and dangerous drugs. For four years I attended classes and carried on my destructive lifestyle. You name it, I put it into my body in some way, form or fashion. My family had no clue that I was in the shape I was in. A good friend of mine saw what was happening and made a phone call to my parents

to tell them how out of control I was. My father, being a loving parent came to my apartment and took me home. After being placed in several different rehabilitation programs, everyone thought there was no hope for me, that I'd always live a reckless lifestyle. What they did not yet know, however was that God was not through with me. My aunt, a very godly woman called me about a place she found. She told me about a place for alcoholics started by Jerry Falwell, Elim Home for Alcoholics. I was desperate for anything and I quickly packed my bags. At Elim Home, the director of the recovery program, Tim Whitehead led me to the Lord. It was there that I discovered no program could save my life that only a personal relationship with Jesus Christ would ever save me. My life has never been the same since. The word of God was opened to me in a whole new way. It was real! I had hope, but Satan was right around the corner waiting for the chance to help me fall. I have learned that just because you are a Christian, living a Godly lifestyle is not always easy. I slipped back into old habits, being even harder on myself than before because I knew the love of God. As a father loves his children so does the Lord love His. He was not willing to give up on me even after seven rehabs that were unsuccessful. My older brother decided to go back to school at Auburn University. After hearing Rick Hagans preach at a local church my brother knew that His Place was where I needed to be. He warned me that this home for men he had heard about from Rick was not like any other rehab I had been in. He told me a little bit about Rick Hagans and Harvest Evangelism. Being desperate and hungry for the Lord to have His way in my life I agreed to go. He was again making a way for me along the journey I had to travel. I agreed to go even though I knew the commitment was for a year. It was at His Place that God used Rick Hagans to show me how to live like no one else had. He and the staff spent time with me, discipling me, praying with and for me. God moved and worked in my life like He never had before. Through the discipline and love I received at His Place, I learned how to live my life as a Christian, but God was not done yet and the story does not end there. One Christmas after having been at His Place for almost a year, Rick piled us all up and we went to Mexico. If you have never been with Rick to Mexico, it is an experience you need to have. This particular Christmas God had a special present for me. Again using Rick Hagans and the ministries of Harvest Evangelism, my life was changed when I met my wife. This Christmas will mark ten years ago that Rick married us. We have three children with a fourth on the way.

The Lord also allowed me to finish college, a process I started at His Place. Not only do I teach 5th grade, I also am the youth minister at First Baptist Church of Greenville, AL. On top of all that He has done for me, I still get to be a part of Harvest Evangelism by being on the Board of Directors, a position I hold near and dear to my heart. I am a living testimony of the great and wonderful things God has done and can do through Harvest Evangelism.

**Psalms 86:10 says "For You are great and do wondrous things! You alone are God." I am alive today because of the wondrous things God has done and continues to do in my life.**

God bless you,  
Andy McClellan

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## HIS PLACE

What a difference nine months makes when you're living for the Lord!

My name is Mark Newstrom.

I must thank my Heavenly Father for showing me who I was – a man who opposed God and His works of righteousness in this world...a fugitive running from life and God...a man without character or integrity...a lost, broken, hopeless, loveless individual frightened by life and captured by strongholds of sin that dictated my every move.

My Heavenly Father showed me how sinful I was and how holy He is which caused me to cry out, "Oh wretched man that I am; what must I do to be saved?" Then God unveiled His glorious Gospel to my heart...how Jesus died for my sins, was buried, and rose again on the third day conquering death, hell, and the grave...sin, flesh, and the devil! And by God's grace, I repented of my sin and asked the Lord Jesus Christ to come into my heart and save me...and He did! God lifted me up from the depths of hell and destruction and breathed the Divine breath of life into me giving me eternal life.

The Spirit of Truth who the world cannot accept because it neither sees Him nor knows Him. But I know Him for He lives in me and will be with me! Thank you Father for bringing me to where I am today...to a man with a conscience, with convictions...a man that believes in and depends on the Lord Jesus Christ...a man running to You and seeking an intimate relationship with You.

I went from opposing God's Word to proclaiming its truth. I have a testimony. I take the Great Commission seriously and have experienced the honor of sharing my testimony...telling other men what God has done for me and will do for them, winning others to Christ, and disciplining them.

Through Christ, I have achieved many victories. Strongholds have been torn apart, and I have experienced true freedom and direction for the first time. I now see God's hand in every aspect of my life past, present, and future. I am striving to be the man God intends me to be. I'm learning to love, to be a Godly husband, father, and friend.

My heart is full of thanksgiving. I'm thankful to God for my family and friends. I'm thankful to God for His Place, the opportunity for employment, the chance to be mentored by Godly men showing me how Christians live life to the fullest, and for the opportunity to mentor others. But mostly, I am thankful for your compassion and your contributions. My family and I are forever indebted for the role you have played in saving my life! God has shown me that I have a future...a future of hope that daily excites me and motivates me.

In closing, Oh, what a difference eternal life makes! I'm a nobody...telling everybody...about **SOMEBODY** that can save their life!



### **We wish you could've heard our His Place men and Hosanna Home ladies sing "Your Grace Is Enough" at our 2009 Harvest Evangelism Banquet;**

There are **40** men at His Place and **26** ladies at Hosanna Home, (plus **7** children). That makes quite a choir in their numbers alone. What really makes this choir unique is the anointing of God on their lives and in their testimonies. These men and women know about God's grace. Everyone in our choir was headed for Hell, and close to it within the past year. They came to His Place, Hosanna Home and Hope's Inn right out of jail and off the streets. We have former heroin addicts, alcoholics, pill heads (pharmaceutical junkies), cocaine addicts, meth-amphetamine addicts, crack heads and every other kind of addict you can imagine (and a lot you can't imagine and you don't even want to try). Our men and

women were formerly thieves, robbers, prescription forgers, cons, prostitutes, and a lot of other things, none of them good. They abused their families, abandoned their children, and were an overall menace to society. They were also hypocrites, most of our men and women came out of church. Many of them were children of church leaders, Godly parents raised them, but the devil stole their hearts, minds and bodies. They were lost, helpless and hopeless when they came to us, but something happened...they heard the real gospel and met the real Jesus and got **REALLY SAVED!!**

**\*\*\*** You can hear our His Place men and Hosanna Home/Hope's Inn ladies sing and share testimonies. All you need to do is get your pastor or leader to invite us to your church. We will come to any church, school or civic group that invites us. You can take my word for it or believe any of the 400+ people from our banquet, it'll be a program you'll never forget.

Call us at 334.742.0777 or email us at [contactus@harvestevangelism.org](mailto:contactus@harvestevangelism.org) to schedule a service.



## HOSANNA HOME/HOPE'S INN

The Lord, He is good and His mercies endure forever..., another year and our Lord, He is so faithful. We look at banquet time as an ending to one year and the beginning of another. This is a time when we reflect on the overall outcome of the previous year; a time when we see how God has brought us through so many situations, whether directly with the ladies, financially or even in our own personal issues. This is the time we see and declare He is the God who heals, delivers and saves, Praise His Holy Name. This year has proven to be no less, He has done it again and we have seen it day in and day out while working with our ladies.

Two of our ladies lives that have been so touched by God are Cindy Maddox and Felisha Powell. Both of these ladies are amazing, the obstacles they have had to overcome in order to push forward with God could have only been accomplished through trusting Him. We realize that all of you were not able to attend our banquet so we wanted to share Felisha and Cindy's testimony with you all.

My name is Felisha Powell and I am a 21 years old mother of four. I arrived at Hosanna Home on December 22, 2008 seven months pregnant. Prior to coming to Hosanna Home I knew nothing about the bible or Jesus' promises. I grew up in a broken home with divorced, abusive and alcoholic parents. No one in my family attended church, and Jesus was never mentioned. I had been arrested many times for drug charges and even though I had tried to quit using drugs many times before I was not successful until now but I always had the desire to want to stop. I realize now that what I needed was someone to guide me. That guidance is what I have found at Hosanna Home and they have guided me straight into the arms of Jesus. They have showed me how to understand His promises and how to be obedient to His word. Hosanna Home has also given me the opportunity to learn how to be a good mother as my first attempt seemed to have failed terribly because of my addictions. I can truly see how trusting Jesus with my life is the only way to succeed, because with Jesus Christ all things are possible.



My name is Cindy Maddox and I am 43 years old, I am from Perry, Georgia and I have 3 beautiful boys, Pruitt, 15, Trevor, 11 and Cooper, 7. I came to Hosanna Home back in February 2008 after being court ordered for drug and alcohol rehabilitation. I accepted Christ into my heart a month after I came here but I thought I could still ride the fence, live partly in my world and partly in God's world and still do what I wanted to do. Needless to say, before long God exposed me and I had to choose which world I wanted to live in. For a while I continued to be stubborn and do things my way and wasn't allowing God to even be a part of my life, much less allow him to work in my life. However, Ms. T.R. and Mr. Phillip would not give up on me and they continued to lead me to the Lord until I finally gave up and totally surrendered everything to the Lord. I have been court ordered to stay at Hosanna Home for a second year and six months of that to be on house arrest and I thank God for this time here everyday because the Lord is working in my heart and my life every day and I have learned that God loves me just the way I am and He must come first!!



Thank you for all your continued support and join us in the rejoicing of what God continues to do at Hosanna Home and Hopes Inn.

God Bless,  
Phillip & TR

### **CHRISTMAS MISSION TRIP TO MEXICO-----NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS!!**

Harvest Evangelism's annual Christmas Mission Trip to Mexico is scheduled for December 16-23. We only have room for 60 participants and space is filling up quickly. Cost is \$425 (transportation to McAllen, Texas is NOT included). You will need a passport to cross the border (and get back).

If you're interested, please contact Pastor Rick (334.332.3932, rickhagans@harvestevangelism.org) or Blake Gilbreath (205.586.4844, missions@harvestevangelism.org).

We are also in need of toys, clothes, shoes and other assorted gifts. We have 65 little girls at our orphanage who need someone to sponsor them for Christmas (provide a toy, dress clothes, pj's, candies, etc... We also provide Christmas for 15-25 nuns at a Catholic Women's Home. The nuns have taken a vow of poverty, but they're still women...they LOVE presents (shoes, housecoat, toiletries, candies, Christian praise music and books...in SPANISH!)

Please let us know if you'd like to sponsor a girl or a nun.

**Please consider becoming a monthly supporter of the ministries of Harvest Evangelism;**

**\*His Place, \*Hosanna Home, \*Hope's Inn, \*Hope Clinic, \*Missions and Outreach,**

**\*Pastor Rick's Pulpit Ministry**

**We currently have 150-160 regular monthly supporters who provide all the resources to run this ministry. We are praying for 300(+), 10% of the 3,000(+) who receive our monthly newsletter. We need 150 new supporters! We desperately NEED YOU!!**

**Please take the enclosed PLEDGE CARD and fill it out as God leads you. No gift is too small to matter. No gift is too large not to be needed and appreciated.**

**If you'd like to talk with us about specific needs or potential gift PLEASE CALL US (Pastor Rick; 334.332.3932) or Don Sledge (334.742-0777).**

**Your help makes an ETERNAL DIFFERENCE.**

**May all we ever do be according to HIS WORD, be BY HIS STRENGTH, and ever to HIS GLORY!**

#### **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

You can see on the enclosed Pledge card a space to mark for any type of gift. We always need vehicles. Right now we have a special need for office equipment. We also could use a travel trailer(s) or modular home for our staff at the His Place Farm.

We can also use special donations that can be sold with the proceeds going toward our overall operating expenses at Harvest Evangelism. Stocks/bonds/real estate/annuities etc...can all become food, salaries, light bills and baby bottles, etc...What you're not using. What you don't need, may never need can become LIFE for our men and women. What "moths eat, thieves break in and steal and rust corrupt", Jesus promised would become "treasure in Heaven". When given in His Name.

Invest in saving someone's life and store up treasure for your eternal life.

#### **Social Services Department:**

Hello and Love to All,

I would like to share my heart with you. Just recently I have taken on the ministry as co-director of His Place. A ministry I shared with my husband years ago, and now do again. It is my calling. God has given me a heart to put my heart in to the raising up of Godly men. There seems to be a shortage of godly men for godly women to marry and God has called me to this ministry. I love what I do. As I said many years ago when God called me this calling fit me like a velvet glove. It still does. Mothers, I am talking about your sons that you held to your breast. Dads, I am talking about your boys that you taught how to play ball and cut grass. Moms and Dads I can't do this without your help. I not only need your help mentally, physically and spiritually but I need financial support. Everyone gives when children are involved but stop and think these children belong to my men. My men hurt for their children, long to go home, cry to go back to a wife they have lost due to their problem. They hurt and no one seems to care because they are men. I care. I need you to care. Please look in your heart and see if you can support my men at His Place by your financial contribution. I need books and other materials, and we need the light bills paid. We need beds. Do you know that 10-15 of our men sleep on the floor. A church promised to get beds for our men last year. We waited and waited, a year. Our men have never once complained about sleeping on the floor or questioned why a church would promise time and time again to help and never do a thing to keep their word. But you know we all enjoy a good night's sleep on a bed. Would you help our men get a bed? That's a pretty simple, totally honest request.

I truly love your sons you have sent to me. They are made in God's own image and they are worth saving.

Thank you for anything you invest in their lives.

God bless you all.

Yvonne Sledge

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