“THANK YOU” to All Those Who Support Harvest Evangelism

As I reflect back over the last few months, words cannot describe how grateful I am about how faithful God has been. I am in awe of how much the Lord truly cares about every Intricate detail of our lives and the ministry that He has called us to. We often talk about trusting the Lord and we pray to have faith to continue to walk that out, but, sometimes I begin to falter and wonder just how many projects are going to get done with so little resources. When I came back to Harvest Evangelism 7 months ago, there were a number of unfinished projects that were all at a standstill because of a lack of resources and funds.

Of course, as soon as I began to feel overwhelmed by how I was going to get any of these projects done, the Lord rebuked me because “I” is never a good place to start when trying to figure out what seems to be impossible. So, we began to pray and ask the Lord for help. Almost as if the Lord were waiting for us to simply look to him in faith, He began to send people out of nowhere that had a passion to help us get some projects finished. I want to acknowledge Miss Deborah Wright-Harris for her generous donation to purchase an air conditioning unit (as well as many other supplies) for our homeless rooms that we have now finished at our downtown His Place location. I also want to thank Mark Young for donating countless hours of his time and money, not only to install 3 air conditioning units; but also to run plumbing and electricity to both our classroom and our nurse, Melanie’s, trailers at the farm. Also, a big thank you to the ladies of First Baptist Opelika for coming out on several occasions to paint the homeless rooms and then to put the finishing touches on them by purchasing bedding and pictures and coming out to turn those rooms into comfortable, cozy rooms that one could forget that they are homeless in. I also want to thank D.T. for donating the much needed ice machine as well as a television for the classroom trailer and a number of other important, much needed items.

Obviously, there are many more who donate and give of their time to this ministry throughout the year and I want to thank and all of you as well. We could not continue to minister to all of the men, women and children that the Lord sends our way without your love and faithfulness to our wonderful Savior. May the Lord continue encourage and comfort each one of you. We thank you so sincerely for all of your prayers and support.

Jimmy Lynch
Director, His Place
Hosanna Home Testimony

My name is Shelley Bassett. I am 41 yrs old from Valley AL, and have been clean one year and one month now. I came from a wonderful Christian family, and grew up in church, but I never really knew God for myself. I stopped going to church during my high school years and went my own way. I met my husband during my senior year. After I graduated I found out I was pregnant with our oldest son. At this point in my life I had only used marijuana and drank alcohol occasionally.

At 23 I was introduced to meth, and my whole world changed. I became immediately addicted and had had to have it everyday. The next thing I knew my husband, and several of our friends were manufacturing meth. This went on for about 4 months and then one night the Drug Task Force busted in my front and back doors. It was seriously like something out of a movie. I will never forget that night. We were all arrested and taken to jail. I spent two nights in jail, and then was released to my parents. When they picked me up, my son who was four at the time, was standing at the gate waiting for me to get out of jail. I will never forget that moment. By the Grace of God I was sentenced to 5 yrs probation and didn’t receive prison time. My husband received 6 yrs in federal prison. While he was serving his time, I managed to stayed clean. I also found out right when I was released from jail that I was pregnant with another child. Later, when my husband, Shane, was released from prison we got back together and we both managed to stayed clean.

After a few years, I started taking pain pills and that started another addiction. I got to where I couldn’t function without them. Seventeen years later we were doing the same things we knew we shouldn’t have been doing. We started using meth again and soon after started manufacturing it. Once you are addicted it is extremely hard to stop doing meth. The DTF came to my door once again. My entire world fell apart again! We were arrested and went to jail. This time though, my son Kevin went with us because he was there in the house when the DTF came in and he was considered to be an adult. Thankfully, he only had to stay for one week. I was in jail 4 1/2 months, and my husband 8 months. During my time in jail I heard about Hosanna Home and what wonderful things they did for women and children.

By the grace of God, my judge sentenced me to do 1 year in Hosanna Home. I’ve been here for 8 1/2 months, and clean for over a year now. To me, that is absolutely amazing. I haven’t been able to say that in over a decade. God has shown me a better way. I was chosen to go to Louisiana in March to help the flood victims. I’ve never done anything like that before, and it was one of the best experiences of my life. To go and help people, and to be clean and sober was absolutely amazing. I met some wonderful people, and hope to do more mission work in the future.

I recently started working, which is awesome. God is teaching me that if I continue to follow Him I can live a clean, sober, happy life. And be a better mother to my children.

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Hosanna Home-His Place Dreaming

Recently the men of His Place and the Hosanna Home ladies have been able to be a part of several large outdoor festivals. Our men and women have helped other ministries cooking and serving food to large crowds. Having heard stories from Pastor Rick of how he used to minister a festivals; giving out gospel tracts, witnessing one on one, even preaching at those non-religious venues…our men and women have been stirred to dream about festival ministry.

Specifically, what we’re dreaming of is getting our own food truck or trailer. We would be able to use a food truck not only at festivals, but also in the ongoing neighborhood ministries we do around town. A food-truck/trailer would even be a huge, daily blessing around His Place as we do not have a commercial kitchen downtown or at our farm. Think about cooking 100-200 meals a day, in a regular size kitchen, like the one in your house. That’s what we have to do every day at His Place. Thus a food-truck/or trailer would be a “game changer”, or as we say around the ministry, a “LIFE CHANGER!”

If you have a food-truck or trailer you would like to donate, please contact us. Since, obviously, most of you don’t have a food-truck to donate, we want you to know you can still help. You can make a designated donation towards the project. You can give online at harvestevangelism.org/donate or mail your gift to us. We’re opening a special account for this project. Every cent given towards a food-truck will translate into food for hungry people. Isn’t that what Jesus asked us all to do?

“For I was hungry, and you fed me.” Matthew 25:35
Hosanna Home Gives Thanks!!

We at Hosanna Home would like to take a moment to express our gratitude to those who have recently donated to our facility and in turn making it possible to continue to help broken women and children. About two months ago, our “pantry” began getting very low. We were in desperate need of cleaning supplies, paper products, soap, shampoo, deodorant, razors, feminine products, etc. We posted our needs on Facebook and so many throughout the community responded. We were very touched at the outpouring of support. We would also like to give a special thanks to the following contributors.

D.T. for the big screen tv to be used in our class room. Lafayette Nursing Home for your kindness and the laundry detergent drive your residents held for us. Lanett First Baptist for your regular contributions and the paper products and pantry items. Plant City Baptist for everything you recently donated for our pantry. West Point First Baptist for your regular contributions. Luanne McCarty for everything you donate to Hosanna Home on a regular basis. Angela Connell and Rock Solid Church for all of the pantry items you purchased for us. Kathy Farmer and First Baptist Fort Payne Christian women and Carmen Smith group and Jeanne Manning group, both of Wills Valley Church, Fort Payne for a van full of supplies. Carrie Floyd Henderson for all the Ibuprofen, Tylenol, Diapers, Wipes and the Walmart order you had delivered here to help restock our pantry. And, Mrs. Betty Lanier for the $350 order of paper products you had delivered to Hosanna Home, also to help restock our pantry. We recently made a new friend, Bradley, at the newly opened George’s Farmers Market on Highway 431 in Lafayette. Thank you so much for all of the produce you are currently donating to help feed our women and children! We would also like to thank Tony Jeck and the volunteers from QuadW Missional Internship. QuadW has students from all different schools and they serve in nine different communities across the U.S. Thanks also to Chef David Bancroft and ACRE, for your ongoing support. And last but certainly not least, Hosanna Home would like to thank Alison Yarbrough and friends from the Jr. Variety Club for teaching and certifying all of our residents and staff members in CPR. What a blessing you were to us! Without kind and generous people like ALL OF YOU, Hosanna Home could not do what we do on a daily basis. Please accept our heartfelt gratitude and know that every donation and second of time volunteered is very much appreciated! May God bless you all!!!

One Donated Vehicle Touches Three Lives…and more!

A precious friend of the ministry donated a jam-up 2010 Ford Explorer. We decided to give it to Miss Kim because she has been dreaming of a red car (to go with her red hair and fiery personality). Kim does a lot of ladies’ ministry for Harvest. Including a great deal of travel. The Ford Explorer was low mileage and well maintained, perfect for Miss Kim.

When we told Kim, at our tent revival she had a new car…you should’ve seen her. She burst into tears and a smile at the same time. Then, Pastor Rick told the tent meeting crowd that since Miss Kim had a new car, they’d like to donate her car, a nice 2006 Honda Pilot to Tad and Gretchen, our recent His Place and Hosanna Home graduate couple.

If Miss Kim teared up when she got her car, Gretchen bawled. It was beautiful, Godly giving always is.

Thank You, words are not enough. We hope these Pictures say it all!!
ITEMS NEEDED

1. **Bulldozer, Trackhoe, Frontend loader.** We have so much work we need to do at our His Place Farm. A good piece of heavy equipment would be a game changer…and in the work we do, a LIFE CHANGER.

2. **Vehicle(s)** We were blessed to get a great vehicle this month from some wonderful friends (Special Thanks to the L. Family). We desperately need 2-3 vehicles right now for His Place and Hosanna Home graduates trying to work. Again, this type of gift is a game changer for our men and women.

3. **Heavy Duty Printer-Copier-Fax Machine.**

4. **Fresh Vegetables and Fruit.** What we can’t feed our men, women and children (300 meals every day) we’re going to try to freeze, can, and dehydrate for those cold winter days when some good vegetables and fruit will go a long ways.

   **THANKS for ALL you do!!!**

   Harvest Evangelism depends on your gracious giving to meet all our needs. The summer months are not only our hottest, but also our hardest months financially. Like the “Items Needed” mentioned above, a FINANCIAL GIFT right now would be a game changer, and in the ministry we do, a “life changer.”

   **THANKS, for your love and support.**

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**Harvest Thrift Super Center**

On behalf of the staff of Harvest Evangelism and Harvest Thrift Super Center I would like to take this time to say THANK YOU to all of our customers and donators. There are so many ways that your donations and patronage have helped us help others with problems that have derailed their lives. Look at the picture above and see grown men with a new, clean, sober and restored life, all of which has been made possible by Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ through people who donate and shop….YOU !!!

Sometimes it may seem that in the hustle and bustle (we may have 10 or more pickups in one day) it may be hard to see what your donation does or goes toward but when you see the men, women and children that have been restored through Jesus Christ it becomes a reality. You help facilitate the restoration of families and even rescue from death people who otherwise have lost the handle and direction of their very lives.

So, Thank you thank you thank you and know that your gift is going to help us do Kingdom work on earth through Jesus Christ!!! Amen

Come by and see us at 2510 Pepperell Parkway in Opelika we would love to see you and share with you the good news of the Lord and Savior Jesus Christ…

“*The World’s Thriftiest Man*. Contact us at: 334-705-8858 or visit us at 2510 Pepperell Pkwy, Opelika, Al. 36801 and remember. “Stay Thrifty My Friends”.

(Our Thrift Store is located behind Hardee’s on Pepperell Parkway.)