

## FEBRUARY 2025

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

THE MINISTRIES OF HARVEST EVANGELISM INCLUDE:

\* His Place \*Hosanna Home \*Harvest Thrift Store \*Missions & Outreach

\*Hagans' Pulpit & Teaching

### Don and Yvonne Sledge Multi-Purpose Building

We have quietly been about raising money to build a multi-purpose building at our His Place Farm. It will

include a fully equipped commercial kitchen; dining room for 75 (our normal high occupancy for His Place); banquet dining for 200 (for special events); seating room for 350+ (for graduations, revivals, etc...);day to day classrooms for 50-75 men; living room area for our men; recreation room and media room, office/counseling room;storage closets; 4 restrooms and showers; and everything we can think of that a men's home of 50-75 will need.

We've worked with 2 wonderful architects, civil engineers, 2 contractors and numerous builders. We've now come up with a 5k-6k sq. ft. building to meet our needs. The kitchen



is fully designed and to scale. The remaining part of the building is being revised (and revised) to save money.

We know about what it will look like;  $100\text{ft} \times 60\text{ft}$ , 6,000 square foot steel and cement block building. We know "roughly" what it will cost; \$700k-\$800k. That's a lot of money. But it's well below the going rate for a commercial building in our area.

Here's the good thing. The absolutely great thing. The mirace! We already have \$360,000 designated and set aside for this project. We're close to being half-way there! And we haven't even done any type of fund-raiser, up until now.

Now, we need your help to make this needed building a realized building. If you'd like to help us build this multi-purpose building you can give a designated offering; online at harvestevangelism.org, mail it to Harvest Evangelism, PO Box 2888 Opelika AL 36803, or come by and see us. Thank you!

## **Harvest Evangelism Newsletter Now Available Online**

You can now receive your Harvest Evangelism Newsletter online each month. All you need to do is send us your email address. You can send it to dpridgeon@harvestevangelism.org and it will get put on our list.

You can also go to our website, harvestevangelism.org and see it there. Click on our "Newsletter" tab and you can choose from several past and also the most recent newsletter.

You'll get our newsletter sooner along with up to the minute updates, services, testimonials and upcoming events.



#### **Harvest Contact Info:**

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Follow us on Facebook: Pastor Rick Hagans; Rick Hagans; Hosanna Home Christian Recovery, His Place; Harvest Evangelism; Harvest Thrift Super Center

## **Slavic Missionary Bible School**

Rick was recently honored to be invited to preach at the Slavic Missionary Bible School in Jacksonville, Florida. If you know Rick you know he loves sharing (and rambling) with young men and women preparing to preach and minister. The students had a wee-bit of trouble understanding Rick's "Society Hill" accent (don't we all, haha). But it was a wonderful success. The students seemed touched. Several of them will be coming to do an internship at His Place and Hosanna Home this May-June.

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Rick has been led to help the Slavic Missionary Bible School by getting books for their library. You know how Rick is about books. He was concerned that

a Bible School for missionaries knew little of our missionary heroes of the past. Rick was taught and practices to this day the axiom, "If you want to be a great man or woman of God you need to read the biographies of great men and women of God."

We would like to provide the Slavic Missionary Bible School with the biographies of 100 famous/influential/Godly preachers and missionaries. This list is in no ways all inclusive.

If you would like to help us get these books (or other "good" ones), here's how you can help:

\*If you have a good copy of any of these books, you can mail it to the Slavic Missionary
Bible School c/o 2016 Anniston Road Jacksonville,FL 32246

\*You can order a copy (or copies) of any of these books and have them sent directly to the school or to Rick (2049 Richland Road Auburn, AL 36832). He's headed back to Jacksonville in April.

\*You can choose a specific book(s) and we'll get them, and get them to the Slavic school. It's been our experience that a hardback book (best for a library) is around \$40 and a new paperback runs \$20-\$30.

Used books, in good shape are fine. Old books in good shape are treasures!

Thanks for helping a generation(s) of future ministers become better ministers, great ministers, by reading the lives of great men and women of God.

It might do you good to read some of these books yourself.

#### 50 Pretty Important Preachers/Missionaries All Christians Should Know

John Knox Amy Charmichael Lottie Moon Eric Liddell John Bunyan St. Patrick Billy Graham Charles Finney E.M. Bounds Martin Luther Henri Nouwen Mary Slessor

his wife, Sabina)

Brother Andrew (and his wife, Sabina) John G Patton

Phillip Keller
William Wilberforce
Keith Green

Sodhu Sundar Singh





William Carey Adoniram Judson David Wilkerson John Wesley D.L. Moody Gladys Aylward William J. Seymour William Booth Martin Lloyd James St. Francis George Mueller David Brainerd Bill Bright C.T. Studd Dr Martin Luther King Jr. John Calvin Leonard Ravenhill



**Hudson Taylor** C.H. Spurgeon Nicky Cruz Elizabeth Elliot Corrie Ten Boom Jonathon Edwards John Newton Fanny Crosby Jim Elliot Loren Cunningham Henry Martyn William Tyndall Dietrich Bonhoeffer George Whitfield Francis Asbury A.W. Tozer Billy Sunday



## Harvest Evangelism Banquet Coming Up

We just finished our annual Sand Mountain Banquet at Geraldine First Baptist Church. It was a wonderful time of food, faith, and fun with some fanatics!

I've heard it said that a "FANATIC" is anyone who loves Jesus more than you! At our Sand Mountain Banquet, everyone seemed to love Jesus, so we all had a FANTASTIC time!

We will be having another Harvest Evangelism Banquet at First Baptist Church in Tanner, AL on Sunday, February 23 at 5pm. You can reserve your seats by contacting us: Rick 334-332-3932 or rickhagans@harvestevangelism.org or contactus@harvestevangelism.org



Our Harvest Evangelism banquets give us the opportunity to allow our friends in a certain area the chance to meet the men and women of His Place and Hosanna Home. We share testimonies, songs, and the heart of our homes, which is the heart of Jesus.

We've had banquets in Auburn, Opelika, Albertville, Boaz, Priceville, and Tanner Alabama. We've even had Harvest Banquets in Lindale, Texas and New York City. One thing for sure...we've never had a banquet where the Holy Spirit didn't move and Jesus wasn't glorified. They've all been fun too.

We'd love to come to your community and share the blessings that have always been a part of these events. And it won't cost you a penny (we do take up a freewill offering).

All you need to host a Harvest Evangelism Banquet is a church or community fellowship hall and a vision to help us reach the broken people we serve. One friend can be the seed to reach your community for the glory of God. YOU can be that one person!

Contact us if you'd be interested in hosting/helping us have a banquet in your community. Rick 334-332-3932 or rickhagans@harvestevangelism.org; Kim 334-740-1645 or kim@harvestevangelism.org or contactus@harvestevangelism.org.

#### **His Place Testimony**

Hello, my name is Dakota Smith. I had a very comfortable childhood and was admittedly sheltered from the world. I grew up attending church, and when I was 8 years old at Vacation Bible School I made the decision to begin a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. After I graduated high school, I completed an Associate's Degree from Northeast Community College and then transferred to the University of Alabama in Birmingham. I majored in Biology and planned on applying to medical school afterwards. During that time after I had moved to Birmingham, my parents were struggling with irreconcilable differences, and decided to get a divorce. Without going into too many details, it was a tragic time for our entire family. It felt as if there had been a death, and we all grieved the loss in our own way.Personally, it happened at a time in my life when otherwise I would have been focused on my studies and achieving my goals. I began drinking alcohol and smoking marijuana to cope with the feelings that I was struggling with, which quickly turned into an addiction.



To make a long story short, my addiction led me on a downward spiral to the point where I had dropped out of college, was homeless, unemployed, and on the verge of committing suicide. I didn't want to end my life, but at the same time I needed the pain and sadness to end. I had several stints in a psychiatric treatment facility, and was diagnosed by a Psychiatrist as having Bipolar Disorder. I was heavily medicated on Antipsychotics, Mood Stabilizers, Antidepressants, and Anti-anxiety medication.

In April of 2024, I was driving late at night and was pulled over by a police officer who searched my vehicle and found drugs in my glove compartment. I spent five days in jail, and after I was bonded out I was ready to surrender all the pain and burdens I had been carrying to the Lord. My father made a call to my cousin, Jeffery Williams, and asked him if they had a bed for me at His Place. I called Kenny Young and he asked me if I was willing to do whatever it takes, I said yes and arrived later that evening. I am now in my eighth month in the program. With the help from God, as well as the support from the staff and my brothers here I can now say that I am 9 months sober. I have been off of all the psychiatric medication completely. I am enrolled in classes at Southern Union Community College for the spring semester, and I will be applying to the Nursing Program through Auburn University for the Summer semester. I have witnessed an entire transformation in my life in the time that I have been here. I have seen God restore my relationships with my family in a way that I never would have dreamed was possible. I have witnessed him restore my health and my body. He has also restored my soul, and the way that I view myself and life. I have also formed life long friendships and a bond with my brothers here in the program. I have learned to trust other people again, and I now fully understand the sovereignty of God.

"But resurrection is not just consolation — it is restoration. We get it all back — the love, the loved ones, the goods, the beauties of this life — but in new, unimaginable degrees of glory and joy and strength."

#### ITEMS NEEDED

- 1. We have started putting an AMAZON WISH LIST up when things we need start running low. These past few weeks have been powerfully cold around here. Thus we've taken in a lot of homeless folk, and therefore... we started running out of toilet paper. Not a predicament of preferences. We mentioned our immediate need for toilet paper on our Amazon wish list, and almost immediately those needs were met. There is an Amazon wishlist up right now with right now needs. You can see what we need at His Place and Hosanna Home by checking out our Amazon wish list. Please share these needs and how to access them with your Sunday School, life groups, friends, and family. Look up gift registry on Amazon and search for Hosanna Home or for His Place. Each list should pop up. If you know of something we need you can also order it from Amazon.
- 2. VEHICLES: We especially need a good, dependable, 15 passenger van for His Place.
- 3. CLEANING SUPPLIES: Laundry soap, toiletries, anything to clean anything. "Cleanliness is not next to Godliness, but when you live in a group home with A LOT of roommates and residents; cleanliness sure doesn't hurt.

We appreciate those of you who give a special financial offering during this time of year. These are the most difficult months for ministries like ours.

It was freezing, under 32° 12 to 15 days in January. We had snow and ice. We had five days where it never got above freezing. It's been, brrr, cold!

We have nine buildings at His Place and five homes at Hosanna Home. Our main building at Hosanna Home houses our offices, kitchen, dining room, a prayer room, and 30 bedrooms. All in a 92 year old, 36,000 square-foot building. It takes A LOT to keep warm. We also have three transitional/sober living homes for our graduates in Opelika. That means we have 17 homes to keep warm, and this January it wasn't easy. Now it's February, time to pay for January's icy cold, and it won't be easy.

We need your financial support this time of the year, now more than ever ever. I think, I honestly believe we appreciate your support now, more than ever.

If you've given, "Thank you!" if you'd like to, feel led to, there are several ways you can give: through our website harvestevangelism .org; mail it to P.O.Box 2888, Opelika AL 36803; bring it to our office; scan our QR Code with your phone; or just call us and we will come get it.



Thank you, from the bottom of our warm hearts!

