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where the action is at!*

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- \* His Place
- \* Hosanna Home
- \* Harvest Thrift Store
- \* Missions & Outreach
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**His Place/Hosanna Home  
Changing Lives:  
One Man and Woman at a Time**

God is doing wonderful things at His Place, and a lot of them!

With 50-60 men it takes a lot of hard work and miracles to keep going. Our men and staff (Kenny Young, Jeff Williams, Don Sledge, Fred Colwell and several interns) do the hard work. God does the miraculous, every day, in so many ways. Remember...We have 50+ men.

For example, just last week we had 17 men graduate His Place. That's the most we've ever had graduate at one time. To reach that milestone these men have been sober and drug free for 12 months (we test them). They've been to church over 150 times (Sunday mornings, Sunday nights and Wednesday Men's Church). Add Sunday School and revivals to that and each of our men has 200-250 hours of Bible teaching, prayer, praise and worship in the year they're with us.

And it's not just at church our men are taught scriptural truths. We have classes at our office/classroom Monday-Friday. That's another 700-800 hours of Christian Centered curriculum. At His Place, we don't apologize for being "Christ-centered and Bible based". We still believe Jesus is the only One worth living for.

While at His Place, our men also have GED classes or attend college. Thanks to Southern Union Community College, our men receive up to date, high tech job training in heavy equipment operation, fiber optics, CDL certification, hospitality and OSHA standards. When our men graduate, they're job ready.

We also have classes on money management and anger management. You have to be able to manage both to make it these days.

Our men at His Place do chores. It takes alot of work to keep up with a 56 acre farm. Our men do lots of work. We teach them that work was a blessing before it became part of the curse. Each man works 3 days a week at our thrift store and alternates that with 3 days on the farm. We train them to work, and work hard.

Our men spend hours, hundreds of hours living and praying together. Most nights you'll find them sitting around a bonfire praying for each other and singing praises to Jesus. We hope to begin building a brand new building for our guys to meet and eat in. Stay tuned for updates on that. We're \$360,000 in towards a \$700,000-\$800,000 project. This will be a game changer for His Place. That means a LIFE CHANGER for our men.

His Place is not a "program". His Place is a BIG dysfunctional family doing life and loving Jesus TOGETHER!

For 17 men graduating, and thousands of men we've served... His Place makes a difference, all the difference in the world...And the world to come.



We couldn't do what we do without friends like you ! If you'd like to be a part of a ministry that's changing men's lives you can support His Place online at [harvestevangelism.org](http://harvestevangelism.org); or by giving through Venmo at Harvest Evangelism His Place. To God be the glory,great things He has done



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His Place graduate May 2025- Dakota Smith:

From a very young age, I have been extremely shy and socially awkward. I have struggled with social anxiety and always felt out of place. After many years of addiction and being isolated from family and old friends, and the many negative experiences I had from interactions with people I was surrounded with who were also in addiction, I began to lose faith in the goodness of humanity more and more. We do live in a broken world, and it can often be difficult to find genuine people with a heart and passion for other people, even more so when you are looking in the wrong places. For two years, after many attempts at helping me on their own, my family had been reaching out His Place to see if they would take me in. However, I was stubborn and refused to go. I knew that it was going to mean facing my fears and coming out of my comfort zone. God had other plans for me, and as I know now there is no growth in comfort. Yesterday, I graduated the program at His Place and have now been sober for over a year. I have seen restoration in my relationship with people. I still have a ways to go, but I have been able on several different occasions to get up and speak in front of a crowded room for of people and share my story of how God has changed me and my life from the inside out. It may be hard to find at times, but there are still people in this world who love other people. Who want to see you become a better version of yourself and push you to get there. To laugh with you, and also to be there with you when things get tough.

Dakota Smith



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We are beyond blessed to have such wonderful people involved in these men and women's lives. Mrs. Kelly is an absolute hero. She has been so wonderful with the GED program for the men and women.

We are thankful for all who help support His Place and Hosanna Home.



Winchester's new church and parsonage in Toms River, New Jersey. He will be working alongside a wonderful Sr Pastor for a year before becoming the Sr Pastor himself. He'll be a servant no matter what the title.

I (Rick) drove 18 hours to come up with him. It was worth every mile (938 to be exact). I'm proud of my son and excited for him. But darn, 938 miles is a far piece. If you're in New Jersey or New York please visit him sometime. I gotta come up with a quicker way to get here.



Four of my Hosanna Home ladies helping me get some herds in their garden before the rain. We planted one bed full of turnip greens, mustard and kale, just like Preacher Huskey used to do it. And because these girls ain't exactly too keen on being patient we planted a whole bed with radishes. They'll be ready soonest. These ladies love getting their hands in the dirt and hearing Pastor Rick stories. I love spending time with them. We're planting chile peppers next week.

All the major food groups getting covered.

*We could use two more raised beds. If anyone would like to donate toward something "green" the ladies would really appreciate it.*

*There are a lot of lessons in dirt.*



## Beauty In Real Time-Look At Hosanna Home Life

It was a beautiful day to graduate 3 Hosanna Home ladies on May 3, 2025. Our Spring Graduation is usually outside, at The His Place Farm, under the Big Tent. We usually have the Graduation celebration, then a full day of activities culminating with a baptism of many of our men and ladies and a praise service.

This time, because of forecast severe weather, we took the service inside. And even with the last minute changes, it was a PACKED house!!! Praise God and Thank YOU!

We were thrilled to have 9 of our previous graduates there with us Saturday and one of our former staff members. It was a beautiful day to share in the goodness of God and the steadfastness of His redemption.

What a joy and encouragement it was to all our ladies (and men) to see so many friends and family members show up to congratulate them on a certificate well worked for!

At Hosanna Home our ladies enjoy the fellowship of having 10-20 "sisters" to learn from, become family with, and some even form close bonds that will stay with them the rest of their lives.

At Hosanna Home we give them a safe place to "live life together". Safety is so precious and not taken for granted. It is so hard to feel safe when you've been living homeless, "couch surfing", begging for a bed with a friend or family for so long. It is hard to trust another person, much less 20 new "sisters" when you've never been able to trust anyone in your whole life. It's a struggle to allow yourself to honestly share feelings that you long ago learned to bottle up, and hide behind a wall for your own safety. It's hard! But they do it. And some make it the whole year. It takes courage and a strong commitment to yourself to complete the course.



The year they are with us is much like what you've already read about with His Place. They attend church and classes. They soak them up! We attend Lakeview Baptist Church and have a myriad of wonderful teachers. To watch them taking notes (they will fill up a 3" binder and more with the notes they take) and go back and re-read them is so beautiful! They volunteer at our thrift store and they learn that working is something that they can do with joy and pride. They learn to take instructions and follow through, even if they don't "want" to. It helps them learn the work ethic vital to holding down a job after they graduate. Something most of them have never desired to do before.

We have them go through GED classes, parenting classes, money management and others. They also have individual assessment classes available to them to allow them to take classes to earn various certificates. One of our graduates has her fork lift license. Another is looking into cosmetology.

They learn that they are worth the effort it takes to make their lives better, make themselves stronger and their families whole.

They find that it takes time: time to restore broken relationships; time to be reunited with children that were taken away or left because of the terrible life choices they made; time to be trusted again by friends, families and courts who had been conned and disappointed; and time to forgive themselves for their wrong choices, to learn to live in the New Life given to them when they choose to follow Christ. That is the key.

I told the ladies last week, "Our goal is not to get you sober. If you stay in Hosanna Home, you WILL get and stay sober!" and they laughed. "That's the secret we don't tell you when you come in. That's what has to happen for you to stay-you can't be here and be high or strung out. No, our goal for you is to show you who Jesus is. To show you how MUCH He loves you and has given for YOUR salvation. And then to invite you to love Him in return and find yourself living the life of freedom He so willingly died for."

This is what makes the difference. It's not "getting sober". It's choosing a different life. It's realizing that YOU are worth every single drop of blood that was spilt by our Savior. It's allowing that Savior to redeem you and take your sin away/ It is the CHOICE to depend upon His sacrifice and not your own way.

And let me tell you-no, let me INVITE you to see for yourself; when these ladies realize that they don't have to live the rest of their lives being an addict, or a drunk, or a whore, or homeless, or hopeless, or ashamed or guilty, not one day longer...IT IS BEAUTIFUL!!!

This is what we celebrate. New lives for old. Forgiveness has the most astounding effect on one who has lived ashamed. It causes you to see yourself differently, to act differently, to Be-becoming... different!

If you would like to see and hear the testimonies of these precious sisters in Christ, come to Hosanna Home. We would LOVE to come to your church, Sunday School, civic group or club to share. We would love to come to your home and let you invite your friends and neighbors over for Tea and Testimonies. Just call me, Kim Hagans, (334-740-1645) and we can make it happen!



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**ITEMS NEEDED:**

1. **15-PASSENGER VAN:** We have 51 men at His Place and 21 ladies ( with 5 babies) at Hosanna Home. It takes 6-7 vans to take our men and women (and children) to church. We don't have 6-7 road worthy vans. And we like to go to church! We sure could use a good dependable 15-passenger van,
2. **TOILETRIES:** Men's and women's. Any sizes (including for children). Any brands. Shampoo, soap, conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste, good razors, shaving cream, hair products, etc...
3. **LAUNDRY SOAP AND FABRIC SHEETS:** 50+ men, 20+ women and 6 children- we do A LOT of laundry!
4. **GARDEN TILLER:** We have a BIG garden at His Place. We have an awesome tractor. We need a tiller to get in between rows and in tight places.
5. **PUSH LAWN MOWER:** The ladies at Hosanna Home would like to cut their own grass. They always keep the lawns nice and neat. They spend a lot of time outside with the children, reading their Bibles and doing their Bible studies, and enjoying the beautiful weather. They need a good dependable push lawn mower.
- 6: **OUTDOOR TABLE UMBRELLAS:** Hosanna Home would love to have 2 outdoor table umbrellas. They have 2 metal tables and they just need some wide umbrellas so they can sit outside and be shaded.

**YOUR GIVING BLESSES SO MANY AND WE ARE GRATEFUL!**

His Place and Hosanna Home depend on the generous donations of our wonderful friends. We don't charge our men and women (or their families) to come in to our His Place and Hosanna Home programs. We don't receive any government money (Therefore the government cannot tell us how to do ministry). We trust God to meet our needs. And He always does!

You can donate online at [harvestevangelism.org](http://harvestevangelism.org). You can mail your donation to Harvest Evangelism, PO BOX 2888, Opelika, AL 36803. You can give through our NEW VENMO account or using our QR Code. Or drop your gift off at our office (1750 Opelika Road Suite C, Auburn, AL 36830).



God bless you for donating to a ministry that God is blessing.  
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