



## THE HARVESTER

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Greetings and blessings, in the wonderful Name of Jesus, our Savior and Lord! SHALOM! I pray you and yours have had a great summer and are staying well.

I apologize for getting this newsletter out late, but lately it has been a busy time for me. I made an emergency trip to Des Moines, IA the first of the month for the funeral of my brother. Even though the circumstances weren't the best, it was wonderful to see many relatives I hadn't seen for years, and I didn't even recognize some of the nieces and nephews, whom I hadn't seen since they were children, and now they have children of their own! I also spent a day there with my granddaughter Savannah and baby granddaughter Olivia, who recently moved to Des Moines with husband Dave. The day after I returned, my daughter Terri and husband Roger, from Louisiana, visited. Even though it was a very short visit, we had such a great time, and packed in so many things in 2 ½ days! We even took our dogs to the local "doggy beach" twice, and I found out my Yorkie, Michelle, is a terrific swimmer. We shopped, we ate out, went swimming, pigged out at Yogurt Mountain, did lots of other fun things. It was good they could get away from cleaning up after Hurricane Isaac. I had successful cataract surgery (both eyes) in July, and found out whites are really white and colors much brighter, and reading is easier with the new glasses. My ankle/foot (torn tendon, 3 stress fractures) is healed, so, praise God, the soft cast and boot are gone, thankfully! And no more skin cancers, so that's good news, too, and I'm doing very well. I had decided not to visit the Midwest this summer, not knowing at the time that it would make it possible for me to attend the funeral in October. God always knows best! I'm excited that beginning January 1, Blue Cross/Blue Shield will pay for me to attend Silver Sneakers exercise classes, so I'll try to go 2 or 3 times a week, since the Y is just a few blocks from my home. I do try to get to Silver Sneakers at a gym in town once a week, Still going to a lot of meetings, keeping very busy, and still singing on the praise team at church.

It is necessary to emphasize the importance of your VOTE! I try to stay out of politics in the newsletters, but please remember that America was founded on Judeo-Christian principles, so it is important that our leader follows this example. We may not agree entirely with someone's faith as such, but look for the one who actually follows Biblical principles. What happened to Sodom and Gomorrah? Who is for, and who is against gay marriage? How does God feel about the present "holocaust" of killing babies (abortion), and which candidate wants taxpayers to pay for abortions, and who is against this? Which candidate still believes we are a Christian nation, and which candidate denies it? And has the promised "change" been one for the best? If you decide not to vote, remember, "The only thing necessary for evil to triumph is for good men to do nothing" (Edmund Burke). And if you don't vote, it means one more vote for the other side! We need to stand up for our rights, America! An excellent movie to see is "Last Ounce of Courage".

Harvest Time Ministries greatly appreciates the grants we have received (mentioned in the previous newsletter), enabling us to purchase 408 backpacks with all the school supplies needed. Some were also donated from my chiropractor's office, so we were able to deliver approximately 450 filled backpacks to the Migrant Education system for the neediest of children in 12-15 local schools. Again, we are told that HTM is the only organization that provides school supplies for the Migrant Ed. Children. But, since we received very few donations during the summer, this means now our funding is gone for purchasing food, toiletries, etc. for farm worker families as we visit the camps beginning in November. So, it is hoped that donations will increase and that some organizations or churches will have food drives to help. The Lord is always faithful, even though sometimes it requires patience in knowing that He will supply the needs.

I am once again without office help. Barbara helped me one or two afternoons weekly and was very much appreciated; we did a lot of cleaning and shredding. Due to family needs, she's unable to help now. Bill and Darlene (HTM treasurer/secretary) are retiring due to health reasons and, after 10 years of ever-faithful service, will be GREATLY missed! Bill has been in the hospital (heart). Please keep him in prayer.

*For I was hungry, and ye gave me food; I was thirsty and ye gave me drink; I was a stranger and ye took me in; Naked, and ye clothed me; I was sick, and ye visited me; I was in prison, and ye came unto me....Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto Me. (Matthew 25:35, 36, 40)*



Thanksgiving



November

"One Nation Under God" Month

## GOVERNMENT

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof"

From the first amendment to the Constitution of the United States ratified effective December 15, 1791.

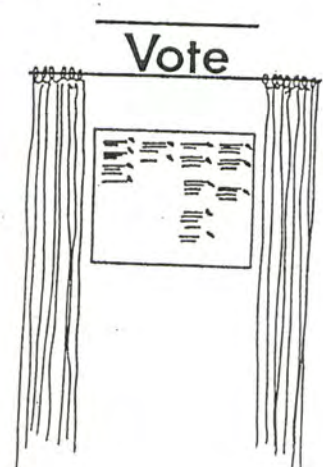
"If we are not 'One Nation Under God', then surely we will be but one more nation gone under."

Gary Bauer  
in 'Focus On The Family' July 1990

Four score and seven years ago

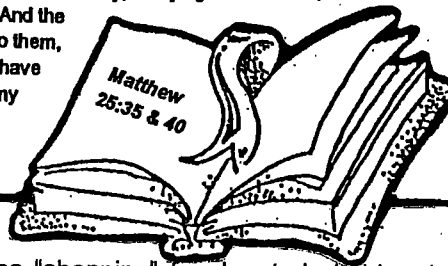
Lincoln's Gettysburg address Nov 19, 1863

	JANUARY 2009	NOW	CHANGE
Americans Out of Work	21.5 MILLION <sup>1</sup>	23.1 MILLION <sup>1</sup>	↑ 1.6 MILLION
Gas Prices	\$1.89 <sup>2</sup>	\$3.91 <sup>2</sup>	↑ 111%
National Debt	\$10.6 TRILLION <sup>3</sup>	\$16 TRILLION <sup>3</sup>	↑ 51%
Family Income	\$54,962 <sup>4</sup>	\$50,054 <sup>6</sup>	↓ \$4,908
Americans in Poverty	39.3 MILLION <sup>5</sup>	46.2 MILLION <sup>5</sup>	↑ 6.9 MILLION



1) Department of Labor Statistics: unemployed, underemployed, working part-time, discouraged; January 2009; August 2012 2) U.S. Energy Information Administration - 1/26/09; 9/10/12 3) Treasury Direct - 1/20/09; 9/14/12 4) Sentier Research, LLC - January 2009 5) U.S. Census Bureau - 2008; 2012 6) U.S. Census Bureau, accessed: 9/17/12

For I was hungry, and ye gave me food; I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink;  
I was a stranger, and ye took me in -- And the  
King (Jesus) shall answer and say unto them,  
Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have  
done it unto one of the least of these my  
brethren, ye have done it unto me.



Pictures on the following page show families "shopping" for donated clothing (on other side of fence), children waiting in line, families lined up to receive groceries, and excited children awaiting toy distribution. HTM will be making 10 or 11 trips to farm worker camps during "season" (November-April), distributing 125-150 full bags of food at each visit, plus toiletries, clothing, shoes, linens, Bibles & other necessities. HTM receives no government funding, depends on gifts "from the heart": Private donations & food drives.

**HANDY HOUSEHOLD HINTS:**

- Line your refrigerator's crisper drawer with bubble pack to prevent bruises to fruit and other produce. Cleanup will be easier, too--when the lining gets dirty, throw it out and replace it with fresh bubble pack.
- Picking up the large pieces of a broken glass or dish is usually easy enough, but getting up those tiny slivers can be a real pain. The easiest way to make sure you don't miss any is to press a slice of bread over the area. Just be careful not to prick yourself when you toss the bread in the garbage.

**DID YOU KNOW?** Alfred Fielding and Marc Chavannes had Bubble Wrap wallpaper in mind when they began to develop the product in Saddle Brook, NJ in the late 1950s. (Padded jail cells maybe?) They soon realized their invention had far greater potential as packing material. In 1960 they raised \$85,000 and founded the Sealed Air Corp. Today Sealed Air is a Fortune 500 company with \$3.5 billion in annual revenues. The company produces Bubble Wrap cushioning in a multitude of colors, sizes and properties, along with other protective packing materials such as Jiffy padded mailers.

LORD, Make me an instrument of your peace,  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
Where there is injury, pardon;  
Where there is doubt, faith;  
Where there is despair, hope;  
Where there is darkness, light;  
And where there is sadness, joy.  
Grant that I may not so much seek  
To be consoled as to console;  
To be understood as to understand;  
To be loved as to love;  
For it is in giving that we receive;  
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned;  
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.  
.....St. Francis of Assisi

*"My sheep hear My voice;  
I know them, and they follow  
Me. I give them eternal life,  
and they shall never perish.  
No one can take them  
out of My hand."*

~ John 10:27 & 28

**WHAT ARE HARVEST TIME NEEDS?**

- Nonperishable food, diapers, baby items
- Clothing, shoes, linens
- Volunteers for packing, sorting, delivering
- Volunteer office help
- Volunteer accountant/treasurer
- Financial donations to purchase needs
- Your prayers for the ministry

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Many thanks to our Newsletter sponsor!

*Without Jesus there is no journey.*

*Godspeed*



NAPLES

BONITA SPRINGS

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING! LOVE, BLESSINGS AND PRAYERS, ALWAYS, IN JESUS,**



*Gerry*

3 John 2

