

God Has A Place for You!

Through the efforts of leaders, volunteers and supporters, the city of Jackson in the near future will stand in stark contrast to its present reality.

“Because Christ died - we live”
Romans 5:17-20

THE

Healing
PLACE

Where there was once darkness,
there will soon be light.
Where there was once despair,
there will soon be hope.

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The Charge

Because the charge was given to the church to be a place of refuge for those hurting souls it is our responsibility to heal the hurt!

Heal means to correct or put right; alleviate; to become sound or healthy again.

The ‘Hotel/Hospital’

The Healing Place is to be the foundation of what the city is lacking. It is the “*hospital*” for the tangible and spiritual needs of the community in which it is located. Amazingly the word *hospital* comes from the Latin word *hospes* (host) which is also the root for the English words hotel, hostel, and hospitality. The modern word hotel derives from the French word hostel, which featured a silent *s*, eventually removed from the word to leave a circumflex on modern French *hotel*. If we look at the meaning of the word *hospital* as it was used in the middle ages, one would see that a hospital served in many functions. Functions such as almshouses (charitable housing in the middle ages), hostel (hotels) for pilgrims and hospital schools (school operated in a hospital, generally providing instruction to all primary and secondary grade level children who were confined to hospital care). With the background knowledge of the word hospital and hotel one can conclude that the vision is perfectly in line when looked at from God’s view. The church is to be the place of complete healing. At current we are healing superficial wounds that are continuing to get re-infected from the inside and manifesting on the outside.

The Beginning

Out of the Deliverance Crusade 070707 the vision of a 24/7 location where people would have “access to God” at any hour and be able to receive help in impacting life’s issues of moral decay, substance abuse, hunger, health care, chronic homelessness and poverty in Jackson’s was conceived.

The Mission

To see hurting people come to know a new life through the efforts of volunteers and recently rehabilitated individuals whose lives have been dramatically changed is our mission. Providing hope by meeting both tangible and spiritual needs through new and creative methods that communicate the positive message of the love and grace of God through Jesus Christ to those who would otherwise not hear it.

This mission can only work if we, as many parts of one body, collaborate. Through the varied support of those who understand the great commission and the great task of helping meet the personal, physical and spiritual needs of Mississippi we can make an everlasting change.

The Need

Poverty and addictions have sent many to live on the streets. Each night in Jackson, over 1,500 people sleep on the streets, in abandoned buildings and houses, in wooded areas and more. Today in Jackson, one of six families is living below the poverty line and unable to receive assistance from the ‘system’ and many current outreaches.

The Effect

The ripples of the Healing Place’s will reach throughout the surrounding communities and then extending to the entire state. With active ministries reaching out at all times of the day and night, hurting people in Jackson now have a ray of hope. Volunteers will use their God given talents and abilities to reach people with the practical servanthood love of Christ daily. Pastors, Ministers, Evangelists, Counselors and everyday Christians volunteering on different shifts spanning the 24 hours in a day every day of the week will allow individuals access to ‘God’s House’ at all times. Because of the consistency of the ministry and partnering ministries, Christ centered relationships will blossom throughout the city. Whether outside a high school in Mississippi’s capital city at 3:00 p.m. or walking down Valley Street at 3:00 a.m., the opportunity to know Christ will be given and available.

The Future

Implementing the adopt-a-block mentality of servanthood during the first six months and a Mobile Food Truck in the first 2 years will allow The Healing Place an opportunity to meet some of life's essential needs. Now true relationships are being developed and mindsets changed and opened to accept of the gospel of Jesus Christ because it's the Word of God in action, not just spoken. Those serious about straightening out their lives and getting back on the right path will be given the opportunity to go through discipleship based rehabilitation programs both here and in other states as we collaborate with many ministries across the country. In addition, food, clothing, job training, healthcare, educational programs, parenting classes and after-school activities will all be provided within the first three years.

The problem seems enormous, but comes down to each one helping one at a time. Your ministry's time and financial support will allow us to reach the said unreachable.

The Healing Place will work closely with the world renowned "Dream Center" located in Los Angeles, CA and Baton Rouge, LA for guidance as we grow. The Dream Center (in CA & AZ) began as a vision of Pastor's Matthew & Tommy Barnett and is very similar vision given to Putalamus White for The Healing Place. By using proven strategic and ministry outreach tactics, The Healing Place will prove to be as effective in the Jackson area, then spanning abroad, as the Dream Centers have been in other cities across the USA.

The Analogy

How do you destroy an ant colony? Only by killing the queen, you can't kick over, wash away, nor poison the part that is seen on the surface of the land and expect it to be nonexistence because there are so many workers in place that once you take those on the surface out – here comes backup! Busy rebuilding the cover. The queen is located way below the surface of the problem, constantly producing more 'seeds' to carry out the work and continue the building of the kingdom.

It's the same in this spiritual battle we are fighting! Satan has workers (demonic spirits) he's assigned to operate in weak, confused, unsuspecting vessels building the kingdom of darkness. For this reason we are charged to be light in a dark world (Matthew 5:14). It is imperative that dynamic, life-changing outreaches spring up as a combat to today's negative situations. These outreaches must understand the unique needs of those who live in their cities.

The Site

The Healing Place's proposed site is located in the center of the drug trafficking and prostitution capitol. Because of its prime location, hurting individuals have easy access to the facility. When God is calling, we want to be there to help them understand what is happening - regardless of the time or day of the week

Being led by the scripture Romans 5:17-21, "For if by one man's offence death reigned by one; much more they which receive abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness shall reign in life by one, Jesus Christ.) 18 Therefore as by the offence of one *judgment came* upon all men to condemnation; even so by the righteousness of one *the free gift came* upon all men unto justification of life. 19 For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous. 20 Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound: 21 That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord", it is imperative that we continue to demonstrate, spread and teach the good news of salvation through Christ for the building of The Kingdom of God as the Lord God allows.

A new generation will arise to lift their families and neighborhoods from poverty to prosperity, from crime to caring, from brokenness to blessing, from sickness to soundness, from fear to freedom. This is a place to invest our money, our time, our talents and our support. Everyone who hears of the *Healing Place*. Place can do something. There are many ways to help. Let's do it TOGETHER. We can *heal* the hurts with love!

