



Harvest Happenings

Harvest of Talents for World Hunger Ministry

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“The whole is greater than the sum of its parts.”

Soup. That is one of my very first thoughts when it comes to The Harvest of Talents. That may sound crazy, but stay with me here... I love to eat. I love just about any kind of food I've ever met. But I'm talking about real food, not the gourmet-three-asparagus-on-a-fancy-plate-with-half-a-lemon food. Not food-like substances either; processed, modified, artificially flavored red #40. I mean food to fill your eyes with color, your nose with desire, mouth with variety, and your belly with love. Harvest Soup is just that. Several aspects make this the best of The Harvest for me. So here's my two point mini-sermon!

1. Together, the Impossible becomes Delicious. It is unbelievably impossible for me to recreate that soup. I do not own a caldron, I never have that many vegetables on hand at one time to use for one dish, and I would never be able to afford that much. However, I can bring a bag of carrots and some onions. Even some homegrown garlic! What will you bring? Celery? Tomatoes? When we each bring a sacrifice, something amazing starts to happen. Flavors blend and become richer. Everything about Harvest of Talents is in this idea "the whole is greater than the sum of its parts" Our individual offerings come together to make a beautifully varied and desirable event for our church and community that spreads around the world. A global reach like that would be impossible on my own.

2. An Ironic Reminder. This idea is easy to word, but much harder to swallow. Every year I look forward to savoring that steaming bowl of soup, but every bite is a reminder that people are dying daily from starvation. People are dying without having heard of Jesus. I know the money we raise will not be enough to end world hunger nor save every soul. It will save some. It will tell some of God's love. *Sheralyn Bolton*

Editor's Note: This is the final Harvest testimony for the 2011 Harvest. I am grateful to Sheralyn and the other writers for putting into words their thoughts and emotions regarding the Harvest of Talents for World Hunger. If you have not found a place of service in this ministry I would urge you to do so. You will discover new purpose and meaning in your life and you will be blessed. ♥

A. MUSICAL OFFERING FOR WORLD HUNGER

**Sunday, October 9, 2011 ~ 2:30 p.m.
Lincoln Christian Church Sanctuary**



***Concert will feature music from the Masters to Broadway.
Public is invited to attend.***

A FREE-WILL OFFERING WILL BE RECEIVED.

All proceeds given to the Harvest of Talents for World Hunger.

A number of very talented musicians will perform. Come and be delighted by this potpourri of beautiful music. You will go home with a song in your heart.

FROM THE SNYDERS

The Can Man is a happy man. You just keep bringing your cans and aluminum scraps each week. We still make a trip every week to cash in on what has been received. He never stops collecting aluminum even though Harvest Day comes. We still keep taking your recycled aluminum all year long. Let's get everything cleaned up before winter comes. Thanks so much for being true CAN WARRIORS. (Dollars raised from recycling this year will feed many hungry people.)

Thank you so much for sharing your extra vegetables and fruit with the Harvest this year. We have canned cucumbers, beets, tomatoes, apples, blackberries, red raspberries, black raspberries, peaches, rhubarb, choke cherries and cherries. Many, many jars have been returned for us to refill. We have had lots of bags of sugar donated to help us. Our job is to use everything that is given to us for Harvest. Over 1,500 jars have been filled this year. We do appreciate what you have given to us to help raise funds to feed the hungry people of the world.

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HARVEST OF TALENTS

Harvest of Talents is in late October, getting near
It will help those poor, unfortunate people oh so dear
The Christian Church and others have items to sell
This will make a difference in their lives we can tell
An auctioneer, free of charge will do the bidding I'm told
All this money we receive will be like a pot of gold
A lot of jelly, relishes, making a table and other things
Everyone busy working for the Lord and alms we bring
As we bid we hold up our hands
Competition starts and they bid as high as they can
Some will bid over \$2000.00 for a quilt that was made
This certainly will help hungry mouths in time to be fed
The Lord is willing and the people will fill a cup
God has done His part, so let us fill it up
I am proud of this church for what they do
Get to work all the time, that means me and you
What love, what matchless grace
What love, He took my place
For a world so full of sin, He died on Calvary
Paid the price of blood for me, and now we are free
God gives us all things above, and full support
The best thing that we can do is give our hearts
Give a good report. *In Christ, Ken Mayes*

(Thank you Ken for submitting this lovely poem.)

Receptacles will be available on Harvest Day to receive your contributions of non-perishable food items to be donated to the Lincoln Logan Food Pantry.

NEW BOOTHS AT HARVEST

Greetings fellow friends of the Harvest! We are very pleased to announce two BRAND NEW booths in our Craft Market area. James Carter will offer Origami creations to our shoppers this year. Many pieces will be pre-folded for quick sale or you may choose your paper and design and he will fold it right before your eyes!

"Gifts to Go" will house a variety of our high quality craft items in gift baskets, boxes or bowls. Many items will be wrapped in clear cellophane and ribbon and include a handmade gift card. Are you looking for that perfect, unique baby shower, birthday, hostess or wedding gift? Come to *Gifts to Go!*

HARVEST RUN

Brochures are available at the church office. on the YMCA website and the YMCA office for the Harvest Run to be held on Harvest morning. Call 217-735-3915 or 800-282-3520 for more information.

OUTSIDE THE HARVEST

Yes, curly fry lovers, we will be cooking them up this year! The I.D.E.S. staff will again be serving Walking Tacos (Indiana style) and Lincolnberry Café will be offering Alan Carder's tasty brisket sandwiches and also Coney dogs (first time) ~ together with the usual flavored coffees, hot cider, hot chocolate, scones, fresh apple cake, and a variety of snack mixes..

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Small garden flags (12 x18) in Harvest/Fall designs w/wrought iron holders are requested for outside decorations. If you have any we might borrow for Harvest Day call Pat Snyder at 732-6645. We could also use some pumpkins and gourds.



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Harvest of Talents for World Hunger gives 100% of the funds raised to alleviate spiritual and physical hunger in Jesus' name. This Christian ministry utilizes every person's God-given talents and relies upon God's blessings to multiply those efforts to raise funds. A variety of events and fundraisers are held throughout the year, culminating in Harvest Day on the fourth Saturday in October, which features sales of food and hand-crafted items.

Since its inception in 1983, Harvest of Talents has raised over \$1,544,504.00 to feed the hungry around the world through International Disaster Emergency Service.

You are invited to participate in the Harvest and use your God given talents to feed the hungry, both physically and spiritually. Please contact the Harvest Ministry Team for more information.

Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." I Peter 4:10