



HARVEST TIME

HARVESTING FOR JUSTICE - THAT ALL MAY HAVE ENOUGH

Ministry Highlights

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DEAR FRIENDS OF HARVEST TIME

It's the middle of the night again. A lot has been happening around me. Working at Harvest Time never gets routine. Life as a mother of two young boys is full of adventure. Sometimes, the only time I can think clearly is at night.

That is what is happening now as I finish this update and get it ready to send to you. The details are done. The reports are in. I was just about to hit 'send' when I realized something was missing. The "something" was gratitude.

At night, when things are quiet, when the dishes are done and lunches made, when the lists are less demanding, I sometimes find myself sitting in the rocking chair listening. That's what I was doing a little while ago. Sitting. Listening. Reflecting on Harvest Time – when I was overwhelmed with the awareness of what a profound privilege it is to be doing this work.

When people ask me about my job, I often say, "I get to watch miracles happen." This past year, I watched many. There was, for instance, the farm in Mississippi offered in the service of healing for the earth and the communities that live there. There was the call – out of the blue – from someone wanting to make a major gift for Haiti. There was the table in the Italian restaurant surrounded by people talking numbers (financial portfolio numbers, that is) – at first meeting. There was the couple with a newborn being offered a bigger, better job stopping and asking, "Is this really what we want?"

These things should not happen. Not if we are following the rules of our culture. Not if we are doing what we should – keeping money private, holding our cards close to our chest, making decisions on our own, moving up and making more. But they are happening all over this network. Christians of wealth are bring-



Harvest Time Co-Directors Bryan Sirchio and Rosemary Feerick with Haiti Partnership Coordinator John Engle..

ing their financial realities, their deep longings, their struggles and their courage into the light of Christ in community so that we can all have enough – love, food, time, Sabbath, education, friendship, security, health, support, passion – life.

What a privilege it is to witness the miracles that happen when we break the rules of our culture and say yes to Christ.

What follows is an update about what is happening at Harvest Time. It became our practice to send out this kind of report a few years ago when we made the decision to separate fundraising for operational expenses from fundraising for distributions to Haiti and Washington, DC. At that time, we invited several people to partner with us by underwriting up to a month of operational and program expenses. We thought they would want to have this kind of "big picture" look at what was happening at Harvest Time as they discerned whether or not supporting this ministry was part of their call. Over time, we decided to send out this report to a wider circle of friends who care about Harvest Time.

GENERAL OVERVIEW

My task now is to tell you how the ministry is doing. As I begin, I am aware that there are different ways of assessing that. Some organizations evaluate success based on what is happening programmatically and how many people are being affected by the ministry. Others consider how much money is being raised and distributed. At Harvest Time, we value those criteria, but our self-reflection begins someplace else.

For us, the core question is not ultimately a question of success, but of faithfulness. That is to say, the question that guides this update is “How faithful are we to the particular piece of Good News that we believe has been given to us to share?” We trust that when we are being faithful to God and to our unfolding understanding of our call, the work and the money moves as they are meant to.

This report follows that way of looking. In telling you how we’re doing, we will begin by sharing a general overview which includes a reflection on the past year. After that, we will share what is happening programmatically and some developments in our organizational structure. Finally, we’ll give a report on how we are doing financially and tell you a bit about where we hope to go in the year ahead. What is not here is an in-depth update about Harvest Time’s partnerships in Haiti. That will be the focus of our next newsletter.

At the outset, I want to tell you that there is a lot of good news to report. The Spirit continues to deepen our understanding of what sets us free and to give us the courage to step into that. Our programs and relationships are blossoming. And we have been blessed with some new wise and playful staff and board members. That is all very good news. At the same time, we are feeling humbled, once again, by our awareness that we still struggle to embody our core values.

Here now is more information about all of that. I share it in a spirit of gratitude for all of you who have said yes to Jesus and who are allowing God to work miracles through you.

With appreciation,

Rose



During the past year, a lot of our time and energy has gone into trying to “clean our own house.” That is the metaphor that we used to help us focus on creating an organization that embodies our deepest wisdom. We made that commitment a year ago as we became increasingly aware of our tendency both personally and organizationally to be about one thing in the world and to do something quite different “at home.” Our desire, of course, was to do our best to walk the walk when it came to embodying the kind of economic structure that we would like to see in the world.

A year ago, we set several priorities to help us get our own house in order. They included:

1. Working sustainably.
2. Inviting Core Harvest Time friends to step into this ministry more deeply.
3. Getting our finances lined up with what we believe about money.
4. Growing slowly.
5. Inviting community into what we used to think was “private” discernment.

During the past year, Harvest Time has taken steps in all of these areas. Perhaps the most significant shift of the past year was the extent to which we moved into an organizational model that is supported by the wisdom of community. This is embodied in our board which used to serve in an advisory capacity to one that is deeply involved in discernment and helping Harvest Time sharpen its integrity and prophetic edge. It is also embodied in some of the experiments happening in Harvest Time circles (described later in this report). And it is embodied in the way that we are now inviting communal wisdom around issues connected to our relationships, our financial realities, and even details such as scheduling.

We have also done quite a bit of work to get our finances as an organization lined up with what we are learning about money. Last summer our staff did with each other what we invite people to do at our gatherings – we shared the full realities of our financial lives – as part of our process of determining what each of us should be paid. We also moved our banking to a local credit union and set up our pensions

with community investments, thanks to the help of Susan Taylor of Just Money Advisors.

In terms of our growth, we took steps to expand our network, hosting first time gatherings in Atlanta and Michigan and engaging in some experiments designed to eventually nurture a group in the Bay Area.

When it came to working sustainably, we struggled some. As a reminder, we made this commitment after recognizing how unhealthy our culture's pace is – especially when striving to foster a way of life that balances action and contemplation. Because we desire to do the work that flows from the heart of God, we knew that we needed to create an organization that honored the time and energy needed to be with God and our own inner lives.

While we have taken steps in this direction, the truth is we are still learning how to work sustainably. In February and March, for instance, we inadvertently scheduled several retreats in a row (including two retreats in two weeks on opposite coasts!) which – given the depth that we go to on retreat – was too much. The good news is that our desire to work at a sustainable pace is now a part of our organizational commitment, meaning that we are now in a place of helping each other to live into that, instead of living with a default assumption that more is better.

We do that knowing that it is a luxury to have the time to ponder and discern call without the stress of knowing where our next meal will come from. As individuals and as an organization, we live in the tension of being committed to use our talents, contacts and skills to respond to the urgent needs of our friends in this country and abroad in a way that is firmly grounded in the abundance of God and the humility that flows from honoring Sabbath. Living in this tension challenges us at the deepest level.



Beloved Community gathering - March 2006.

ONGOING PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS

In addition to calling together and nurturing small circles of disciples, Harvest Time board and staff are in conversation with many people on an individual basis. Most of these conversations take place over the phone or through e-mail. Having spiritual companions that we can call or e-mail to talk about the specifics of our faith journeys and how that connects to our decisions about money – and hear how others are working with similar issues in their own lives – is one of the most liberating aspects of what Harvest Time offers.

If you are not engaged in a relationship of spiritual companionship around issues of faith and money and would like to be, please let us know.

UPDATE ON OUR GATHERINGS

A large piece of Harvest Time's work revolves around nurturing and calling into being small circles of wealthy disciples. Part of what we learned early on is that most of us need community around issues of wealth and faith in order to discern the call of Jesus when it comes to money and to find the courage to act on it. At present, we are connected to four groups of disciples. Each is embodying the journey in its own way.

The Beloved Community

The Beloved Community is a group of 14 people that has been meeting on the West Coast biannually since May 2001. During that time, this group has developed a level of love and trust with each other that has resulted in a willingness to engage in radical experiments together. During the past year, members of this community released private ownership over decision making around money (as well as other matters) and surrendered more deeply to the wisdom that flows from community.

For instance, several members of the group entered into an experiment in collective security by pooling 10%, or other significant expressions of their individual "storehouses," in order to purchase a "hospitality" condo in Portland. The statement of intention in the guestbook for this condo reads:

This is a place, a home, that offers a place for hospitality and hospice. A place to rest and play, for visiting and silence, for Sabbath and celebration... hospitality at its fullest. It is also a place for hospice, for

holding the transition from life into death into new life. This could be a place where community gathers for care in the tender time before someone's physical death, to offer the support so needed for such a profound transition. It is offered as a place where we know that we will not be alone and uncared for at the time of our greatest need. In addition it is a place offered for witnessing or midwifing the many deaths that take place throughout all of our lives.

Since the funds gathered have come to more than the cost of the condo, the money raised in excess of the purchase price is collectively being given away. This experiment is an attempt to begin to step out of private "safety net" security into mutual interdependence.

In addition, two members of this group donated their farm in Mississippi to the group and asked the community to find an appropriate recipient for this gift. This gift was made after the owners became aware that their own emotional attachments to the "family farm" were preventing them from taking the steps they had discerned were right to take. Rather than continue to delay its release, they decided to ask their friends to give it away. At present, a small group of Beloved Community members is engaged in a discernment process with several organizations and one individual. These possible recipients are all working in a variety of ways to transform racism and injustice.

Others in this community are "deprivatizing the personal" in other ways in order to tap into communal wisdom. This is no small thing for those of us who not too long ago were afraid that stepping into community would rob us of our freedom. What we are learning is that the reality is exactly the opposite. Most of us are not able to respond to Jesus joyfully, wholeheartedly, and with our entire lives without the support of community.

Boston Circle

A group of nine has been meeting biannually in the Boston area since February 2005. In many ways, those of us in the group are still getting to know and learning to trust each other. During the last year, we took some big steps into community when we "broke the privacy rules" around money and shared the specifics of our financial portfolios and the accompanying family and emotional realities. We also realized at our fall gathering the importance of place in terms of helping us feel connected to God and so decided to shift our meeting place to a monastery near Boston.

At our February 2007 gathering, we began to explore who we want to be together. The primary question on the table was "are we a support group or are we church?" Being church, we determined, would involve outward mission together whereas being a support group would mean our work together would focus on supporting each other as individuals. Though we do not know the answer yet, we do know that the depth of Spirit in our midst keeps drawing us back together. At our next gathering, we intend to share the specifics around our giving as part of our process of trying to get more free personally and of discerning whether to engage in experiments in communal giving.



Atlanta Group Gathering - November 2006.

Atlanta Circle

Last November, a small group met outside of Atlanta for a first time gathering. This group was facilitated by Bryan Sirchio, Sharon Pavelda and Randall Mullins. Sharon and Randall, two of our new board members, have begun to share their wisdom and talents with Harvest Time by helping to facilitate some of our gatherings. There was a great spirit of joy at this retreat and deep conversation about justice – which became a focal point of our last newsletter. This group along with some newcomers will meet again in May. It seems on its way to becoming another Harvest Time community.

Michigan to Philadelphia

A small group of us met in Michigan last November for an initial gathering. One of the more poignant moments of the weekend came when we realized that

many of us had money because someone we loved had died. We spent quite a bit of time welcoming our grief, trusting God's ability to transform grief into gift. One of the highlights of this retreat took place on Saturday evening when we did a "Levi's Table" at a local Italian Restaurant. Levi's Table is a playful ritual that we sometimes use at Harvest Time gather-

Sharon and Randall hosted a small, playful dinner party at the home of one of our friends to give those gathered an experience of the spirit and conversations that happen at Harvest Time gatherings. We hope to host more of these dinners.

NEW STAFF

We are thrilled to be able to announce that as of July 1, 2006, John Engle has been serving as Harvest Time's Haiti Partnerships Coordinator. John is employed part-time by Harvest Time and part-time by Beyond Borders (another wonderful ministry in Haiti, which grew out of Tony Campolo's organization and which John co-founded in 1993).

John has lived among the Haitian people for the better part of 16 years. He married a Haitian woman (Merline Engle, who along with John became a Harvest Time board member in July 2006) and moved back to the U.S. in 2004. John and Merline and their son Daniel live in Hershey, PA but will move to Florida next month to be closer to Haiti.

John possesses exceptional organizational skills and has expertise in "open space technology," an inclusive method for meetings and conferences where participants create the agenda and join the small group discussions that interest them. He and his colleagues in Haiti, after years of experimenting and piloting, developed a 6-month training program called Circles of Change to address the problem of authoritarian leadership and rote teaching. Experientially, teachers and community and organizational leaders develop skills in critical thinking, listening and dialogue, creative problem solving, and participatory learning and leadership. Hundreds of Haitians are completing the Circles of Change training each year.



Michigan Circle Gathering - November 2006.

ings to welcome our inner "money sinners" (see "Sharing the Essence" of July 2006 for more on Levi's Table). This gathering was followed by a visit to a local Karaoke bar. The group was all set to sing the song "If I Had A Million Dollars" when one of us remembered that the retreat house doors were about to lock. We rushed back to avoid turning into pumpkins.

Because one of the couples present has a small child we decided to move this group closer to their home in Philadelphia to make it easier for them to be with us. Some of the members who were with us in Michigan will be at our next gathering in early August at Pendle Hill just outside Philadelphia, PA. This group is still welcoming newcomers.

San Francisco Bay Area: Some Experiments

During the past few months, Harvest Time has engaged in a few experiments in the Bay Area geared both toward exploring whether it is time to call into being a Harvest Time circle in the Bay Area, and whether it is time for us to offer our wisdom in other ways. Sharon Pavelda and Randall Mullins are helping us with these experiments. For instance, in February, Rose and Randall were invited by a new friend of Harvest Time to lead the opening two classes in a course on Business Skills for Ministry at the Graduate Theological Union in Berkeley. In March, Rose,



Merline, Daniel, and John Engle - March 2007

Harvest Time has been an active partner since this program's inception. For more information, see www.circlesofchange.com.

John travels to Haiti regularly and stays often for weeks at a time. He is fluent in Haitian Creole and proficient in French, co-owns a small home in a mountain village outside Port au Prince, and has an extensive network of Haitian leaders. Harvest Time Haiti partner organizations are already benefiting from John's contacts and experience. His joining us feels like an answer to years of prayer. Welcome John! We are so profoundly blessed to have you on staff with us.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Last July, the Harvest Time board of directors met for a retreat at Wellspring. This marked a shift in board meeting style for us – from a two-hour meeting around a conference table to a two day retreat. What a gift it was to find a group of people who have the time, energy, and desire to step into this model with us.

At our July 2006 meeting, we welcomed several new board members. They included John and Merline Engle, Nancy and Howard Thurston, and Juanita Mangan-Van Ham. Kayla McClurg, who had been a member of our previous board of directors, continued to serve as President of the Board as we transitioned from a board of Directors that consisted primarily of members of the Church of the Saviour to one that consisted primarily of people who were connected to Harvest Time circles and our work in Haiti.

We met again in February of this year at The Quaker Center in the Bay Area. At that time, Kayla resigned in order to focus her attention on her respon-



Randall Mullins & Sharon Pavelda - November 2006.



Harvest Time staff and board members - February 2007.

sibilities and commitments in the Church of the Saviour. We are so grateful to Kayla for her willingness to help us transition to the new board and for her years of support and service.

At our February meeting we also welcomed two new board members, Sharon Pavelda and Randall Mullins. Sharon has been connected to Harvest Time since its founding and has been a member of the Beloved Community for six years. She is the creator of the "Purple Tea Ceremony," an artist, and an improvisational performer gifted in transforming shadow into light with laughter and wisdom. Randall Mullins is Sharon's husband and an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ. He is also the former director of the Center of Contemplation and Nonviolence in Seattle. A gifted spiritual director and unorthodox preacher (known to give sermons in full body tie-dyes and overalls), Randall possesses great wisdom in the area of men's spirituality. Together, Randall and Sharon host "One Table" gatherings that combine table fellowship and sacred play. Harvest Time has been learning from and incorporating their combined wisdom for many years and is delighted to "officially" welcome both of them to our board of directors.

BOOK ABOUT HARVEST TIME FOUNDER DON McCLANEN

The book about Don's life has taken a new turn. After much discernment and consultation, Harvest Time and Don terminated the contract with Andrea and Keith Miller, who had been commissioned to write Don's story, as it became clear that they were not going to be able to complete this project in a timely manner.

At our February meeting, the Board of Directors decided to end Harvest Time's participation in this project. This decision was a result of our awareness that continued Harvest Time involvement was no longer the best possible arrangement for either Harvest Time or for Don. When Don was on our staff, it made sense for Harvest Time to serve as the circle of support which would oversee the writing of this manuscript. But with Don living into a new ministry, Harvest Time's participation was no longer directly needed. Don very much understood this decision, and the book will now be held by the circle of folks who are helping him launch his new ministry which is called The Second Journey.

We learned recently that Don has chosen a seasoned author to undertake the project and is excited about how things are moving forward. We are pleased with this new direction and will be supporting Don with prayer and counsel.

We look forward to reading the book about Don's amazing life which has touched many of us deeply.



Harvest Time board meeting - February 2007.

HOW WE WORK WITH MONEY AS AN ORGANIZATION

We are committed to trying to embody what we are learning about money and the economy of grace. One of the ways that we do that is by asking first, "What is the work we are called to do?" and then "How much does it cost to do that work?" This commitment does not preclude the need to budget and steward resources well, but it does keep us focused on our deepest sense of call and is one way we are trying to keep first things first.

What follows is a brief explanation of how we work with the costs of doing the work of Harvest Time. That work includes two different dimensions: companioning people of wealth and partnering with organizations that are responding to the urgent needs of people who are poor. The cost of both of these dimensions is built into our budget in two different sections – operational expenses and distribution expenses.

Our operational expenses include staff salaries (with the exception of John Engle's compensation), benefits, administrative costs, as well as program expenses. Distribution expenses include the money that we are committed to try to raise for our partners in Haiti and Washington DC. We have these built into our budget as an expression of our desire to let the needs of our friends in Haiti and elsewhere make a claim on our organizational life. John Engle's salary and expenses are also listed in the distribution section of our budget, as his work is solely focused on coordinating and supporting our partnerships in Haiti. For the 2006-2007 fiscal year, we budgeted \$243,755.00 for operational expenses and \$347,200.00 for distribution expenses.

When it comes to receiving funds, Harvest Time receives four different kinds of gifts. We receive undesignated gifts, listed as **Unrestricted** – which are for use as Harvest Time determines. These generally support our operational expenses, but occasionally we make distributions from these funds. We also receive gifts that are specifically designated for operational expenses. These are listed as **Restricted, Operations**. Third, we receive gifts that support our partnerships in Haiti. These are listed as **Restricted, Haiti**. Finally, we receive gifts that are designated for other purposes, such as Church of the Saviour Ministries in Washington, DC or, in the past, Don's book. These are listed as **Restricted, Other**.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Our fiscal year runs from October 1st through September 30th. The figures below show our cash position on October 1, 2006, the start of our current fiscal year.

Total Cash on Hand - 10/01/2006: \$125,300.00
Unrestricted: \$19,600.00
Restricted, Operations: \$25,000.00
Restricted, Haiti: \$73,400.00
Restricted, Other: \$7,300.00

The figures below represent our income for the last six months - from October of 2006 through March 2007.

Total Income: \$265,000.00
Unrestricted: \$105,950.00
Restricted, Operations: \$56,000.00
Restricted, Haiti: \$90,750.00
Restricted, Other: \$12,300.00

The figures below show our cash position, as of May 1, 2007.

Total Cash on Hand - 5/01/2007: \$46,350.00
Unrestricted: \$46,200.00
Restricted, Operations: \$0.00
Restricted, Haiti: -\$6,750.00
Restricted, Other: \$6,900.00

As these figures indicate, on May 1 we had funds for approximately two months of operating expenses. Our Haiti account is currently running a deficit. But we are aware of a gift for Haiti that is expected to arrive shortly, which would provide almost two months of funds for distributions.

DISTRIBUTIONS OF FUNDS TO HAITI

It has been among our greatest blessings this past year to be able to continue monthly support of several ministries in Haiti which serve some of the poorest people in the Western Hemisphere. In the last six months, from October 2006 through March 2007, people in the Harvest Time network have been responsible for providing over \$135,500 to help fund the Haiti ministries serving among the poorest of the poor. We are so deeply grateful for the generous support of Harvest Time friends who make these distributions possible. Please visit our web site if you would like to read more about the ministries in Haiti which receive our financial support.

There is so much more to say about Haiti and the amazing people and events taking place there. Our next newsletter will go into much greater depth about the partnerships we're involved with in Haiti, and John Engle's role in coordinating those programs.

While most of our current focus is in helping the Haitian ministries, Harvest Time did contribute \$5000 to a specific program that continues to help with conflict resolution in Bosnia. More will be said in our next newsletter about Harvest Time distributions.



Bryan Sirchio and John Engle meeting with Haitian partners - August 2006.

CURRENT FUNDRAISING STRATEGY

In our fundraising, we resist the urge to ask for money in a spirit of urgency. Instead, we trust that when we are honest about our financial realities, grounded in God's abundance, and doing our work, we will be led to find people for whom supporting Harvest Time is good news. In practice, the way we typically do that is by placing our needs before God and by sending a letter to people in our network asking if they would like to have a conversation with us about supporting this ministry. Our hope in doing so is to make it as easy as possible for people who need to say no to do so, while creating a spirit of invitation for those who might want to say yes!

Another way we live out what we have learned about money is by keeping our fundraising for distributions separate from fundraising for operational expenses. Three years ago we made the decision to separate those two at the request of several supporters. At that time, we invited several close friends to partner with us by underwriting up to one month's operational expenses. We did that in the hopes of keeping our conversations with the people who come to our gatherings free of pressure. Our hope was to eventually find 12 individuals or foundations who were called to financially support the mission of Harvest Time.

At present, there are 6 persons who support us by underwriting one month's operational expenses which currently total \$21,500. There are also several others who support us by underwriting about half of that. We have also been extremely blessed to have a core of friends who support us with donations at other levels, including some on a monthly basis.

Thanks to the generosity of these friends, we are able to enter into relationship with people of wealth without “hidden agendas,” thereby facilitating our desire to listen freely for where the Spirit is moving.

Having a group of donors who are willing to support this work with such generosity also enables us to continue to host our gatherings. People often ask us why we do that. After all, why wouldn’t we “charge” for our programs, especially since most people who participate in them can afford to pay. Our practice of hosting gatherings emerges from our awareness that hospitality is a sacred practice in the Christian tradition. It is also an expression of our core belief that God’s economy is an economy of grace and abundance. One of the things that we have learned is that though most of us believe in the economy of grace, few of us know how to live from that reality. Inviting people who could afford to “pay their way” to receive first is one small way we are trying to shift some of our assumptions around money. This practice often functions as a sort of Zen koan and can help to short-circuit our tendency to over-value individualism and self-reliance so that we can lean into grace and community – which we know is an important part of slipping through the “eye of the needle.”

If you would like to hear more about how we work with money, please let us know. Our desire is to be transparent about this dimension of our organizational life. Also, if you would like to have a conversation to explore whether or not you are called to support this ministry financially, please be in touch with Rose.

HARVEST TIME CHANGES

As many of you know, we have been in the process of legally moving our central and financial office from Maryland to the state of Wisconsin. In January of this year, our application for conversion was approved and we are now officially and legally based in Wisconsin. Our status and identity as a non-profit foundation has not changed at all except for our legal address and an addendum to our name.

It seems there was a Harvest Time, Inc. already in existence in Wisconsin, so we could not use that name when filing for conversion. We are now legally known as **Harvest Time Ministries, Inc.**, but we have also requested to be doing business as (dba) Harvest Time. In matters of correspondence, or if there are questions about sending gifts, either Harvest Time Ministries or Harvest Time will be acceptable.

Please note that the Germantown, MD office is no longer staffed by Harvest Time, it is now being used by Don for his new ministry, Second Journey. Harvest Time correspondence can be sent to any of our staff members at their respective addresses. Financial questions or gifts can be directed to our bookkeeper and office support person, Greg Rasmussen. We have included a separate roster in this report to provide you with the updated information.

LOOKING FORWARD

First, our desire is to continue to nourish relationships with and among people of wealth. Specifically, we hope to continue to nurture circles in Atlanta and Philadelphia and to continue to explore the possibility of a circle in San Francisco. In addition, we desire to deepen the relationships with people already connected to us and to continue to reach out to find the people who are looking for us.

Second, we desire to continue to create and nurture a healthy organization. Among other things, we are trying to embody health and wholeness in the ways we relate to each other as staff and board members. One of the things we have learned these past few years is that patterns of injustice are deeply entrenched in our unconscious habits. I am speaking here of our assumptions about class, gender, race, and power as well the ways that we silence our own wisdom. Nancy Thurston, one of our board members, has connected us with an organization, Be Present, Inc., that will be training some of our staff how to transform these destructive patterns. Our hope is to create an organization that not only speaks out against injustice, but that embodies justice and health in our relating with each other and with people connected to us.

Third, we desire to communicate more regularly. Specifically, we hope to tell the stories of radical experiments that are happening in our midst as well as keep people better informed about what is happening with Harvest Time and our partners in Haiti.

Finally, we hope to plan an “open gathering” for anyone connected to Harvest Time for the summer of 2008. This would be an opportunity for people connected to our circles to meet each other as well as for people who are connected to this ministry but who do not participate in an ongoing circle to connect with other people in the Harvest Time network. More details to follow!

In closing, let me say again how grateful we are for the many people who we are honored to know through this ministry. What a gift to be part of this network of committed Christians who are daring to ask themselves challenging questions about money, to love each other in the places where we get stuck, and who are boldly responding to the invitations of Christ with extravagant love. What a privilege to be among so many people of hope.

For additional information regarding Harvest Time programs, partnerships, or written articles, you can visit our web site at; www.HarvestTime.cc. Please feel free to contact us to comment or discuss any part of this report. Phone numbers and e-mail addresses are provided on the accompanying insert.

Human Interlude

for Terry Garvin

*She was standing against
the wall near
the Tevere Hotel holding
a plastic cup
as it began to rain.*

*I dug for a coin, walked
up to her
and dropped it in.
It fell to the bottom
of an orange drink.*

*I blushed, looked into her
ravaged eyes and skin
and hair prematurely
graying, and said
I was sorry, I'd thought
she needed some bread.
"I do," she said
and smiled, "I was
just having a little
drink."*

*And we stood there
laughing together
as we watched the raindrops fall
on the orange lake
above the drowning money.*

-Jack Hirschman

HARVEST TIME

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Creating Community Along The Narrow Path

August 3-5, 2007

Retreat Specifics

- **Date:** August 3-5, 2007. The retreat will begin with dinner at 6:00 pm on Friday and will conclude with lunch on Sunday.
- **Location:** Pendle Hill Retreat Center, Wallingford, PA (about a half hour from Philadelphia).
- **Accommodations:** Housing will be provided in single and double rooms at the Retreat Center. Dress is casual.
- **Cost:** Free. Please be our guest.
- **Facilitators:** Rosemary Feerick.
- **Preparation:** Harvest Time will supply a few brief readings before the gathering. Participants are also invited to write or update their money autobiography.
- **Group Size:** We expect this to be a gathering of 8-10 persons.



If you are interested in attending this gathering, please contact Rose Feerick at 650-560-9821 or e-mail her at rfeerick2002@yahoo.com

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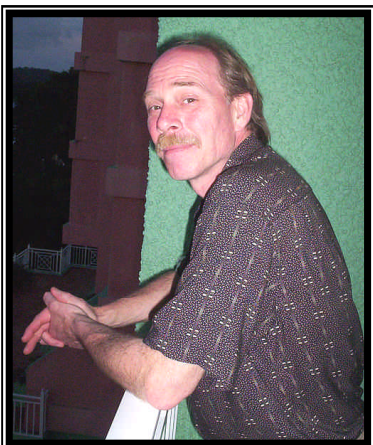


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