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# Urban Harvest Ministries

*Dr. Tom and Lidia Grassano, urban missionaries*



## ***God has done great things!***

"My mother died when I was 9-years-old," says Angie. "My father did his best to raise us eight kids by himself, but when I was a teenager, I moved to a group home. So you could say, I pretty much raised myself.

"I was searching for a place to connect, some place that was real. As I came to *The Harvest Center*, a lady met me at the door. There was such a gentleness about her as she told me about God and the changes He had made in her life. A sense of light was in her and in the church. People were searching for God; the Presence of God was so strong. *I knew this is the place I needed to be.*



Angie (in pink) and Lynn with one of their spiritual mothers, Yvette (middle)

"There is such a family atmosphere at *The Harvest Center*. A closeness. Sisters Lidia, Yvette, Stephanie, Elizabeth are like mothers to me. As I got connected to them and learned how to be connected to God, *something in me started growing*. I'm getting stronger. I know God wants me to get out there to share with others what He has done in my life — *and that's what I'm going to do!*"

In recent newsletters, you have read about many lives that have been changed. ***You are touching these lives.*** Through your ministry in prayer and partnership, Angie, Daron, Gina and many others have walked into new lives in Jesus Christ.

### ***Look what else God has done through your ministry in 2008:***

**Over 300** souls won to Christ.

**Over 100** pastors and leaders empowered and equipped in NYC and Detroit.

**Over 400** people equipped and ministering through short-term missions.

**Over 8,000** tracks, Bibles, and scripture portions distributed through **30** neighborhood outreaches, **15** prayer stations, prayerwalking and prayer evangelism.

**And many urban citizens** disciplined and empowered through children's and youth outreaches, Bible Studies, ladies' and men's fellowships, ESL classes, Adopt-a-Block ministry and more.

***In 2009, UHM will continue*** to equip churches in effective and contextual ministry to the urban poor, building up a vibrant and relevant urban Church. We will lead churches in city-wide efforts of prayer and strategic outreach, mobilizing people "to put their boots on the ground" and to *walk among the people as Jesus did*, building relationships that lead to salvation, discipleship, and ultimately, community transformation.

***But we have a great need:*** The economic downturn has had a great effect on our resources. We have had to release half of our staff and we are still in a significant deficit. But we are encouraged. *We know that God has prepared godly people like you to continue ministering in cities with UHM.*

Would you please consider an *End of the Year* gift in addition to your regular support? Or become a regular partner with us, if you're not one already? (For your convenience, you may donate online. Just click the donate button on the Newsletter page.)

In a recent meeting with many pastors in Detroit, I was humbled and greatly encouraged when one pastor spoke up and said, "A lot of people come to our city and talk. But the kingdom of God is not about words; it's about power. Urban Harvest doesn't just talk; you're out there doing it. You're making it happen. That's why I am partnering with you."

***With your help, Urban Harvest can continue to "make it happen" on the streets of our cities.***

*Thank you for your partnership changing lives in America's cities!*



**Many gather on the streets to pray.**

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