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Ripe Harvest Fields

The urban harvest fields of New York and Detroit are ripe unto harvest! More than ever, we saw God's hand at work, touching lives and restoring people. Following are accounts of just a few of the many instances in which we saw God at work in the lives of people this summer.

Detroit — As we prayed with a woman on her front porch, a car pulled up, then sped away. Later a woman came to the church asking for the pastor.

"I saw you praying for my mother on the porch," she said. "I was too dirty, so I went home and cleaned up. Now I'm here to talk with you. I need Jesus!" She received Christ as her Lord and Savior that day.



New York —

A man who came to *The Harvest Center* "looking for peace," confessed that unless God intervened he would do something that would send him back to jail permanently. He said, "Some people are destined to be millionaires, some are destined to be homeless, some are destined to be in jail—that's just the way it is." We told him the truth of what God says about his destiny. He's not back in jail. He's been in the men's fellowship ever since and is taking steps to recovery. Praise God for intervening!

Detroit — We prayed with a man on the street who had fallen away from the Lord. After the prayer, much to the chagrin of his "friends" on the corner, the man picked up the bottle of alcohol he had been drinking and poured it out on the street and said, "I'm through with this!" That night he was at the tent revival with a friend. "I almost didn't recognize him," one of the team members said. "He was cleaned up—but even more than that—his countenance had changed!"



Detroit — A desperate cry for help came from the Martin Luther King, Jr. housing projects to one of the local churches involved with Mission: Detroit. Young men who “had it all going for them” committed suicide one right after the other, leaving those left behind thinking, “If they can’t make it, how can I?” We joined with the church to lead a Bible Club for the kids, as one of their leaders led a Bible study for the adults. Many people were received Christ as Savior. What’s more is that the management of

the projects have asked the church to continue teaching God’s word and have given them full use of the grounds and community center because “the week you were there nothing bad happened throughout the entire projects.” Weekly Bible classes started this week!

New York — During a two week prayer vigil at *The Harvest Center*, a dear homeless woman came into the church and poured out her heart to the Lord and to us. “I want to die!” she exclaimed. After receiving prayer, the woman was greatly encouraged. We made arrangements for her to go a shelter for women with counseling and services to help get her back on her feet.

Detroit — During prayer for a man and his skeptical adult son, the son started getting excited. You see, he used a cane and during the prayer God touched his legs. By the end of the prayer he was dancing around saying, “Look! I wasn’t able to do this before!”



Detroit — We prayed for a young boy who hadn’t eaten for four days due to mysterious sores in his mouth. The next day his mother came back rejoicing saying that her son was completely healed and eating again.

New York — While we were prayerwalking we met a woman who was on her way to a job interview. She was free from drugs for a year and wanted to keep doing well, yet she had to find a new place to live that day. As we prayed for favor for a job and a home, she wept as she saw how much God cares for her.

Detroit — Upon seeing the Prayer Station in downtown Detroit, a woman slammed on her brakes and called out from her car, “I need prayer!” We prayed with her for her nephew who had been in a coma for several months with little hope of recovery. Two days later she came back with great joy, reporting that her nephew came out of the coma and was doing well!

New York — We talked and prayed with a young man who had been shot in the leg three days prior. He realized that God had saved his life and was grateful God had sent us so he would hear His message, make changes and live right.



Detroit — A woman who was a nurse for fourteen years was homeless and in despair. She kept on saying, “I want what you have!” That day she received not what, but *who* we have— Jesus!

Detroit — The churches are motivated and working together across racial and denominational lines; they are seeing the need and bringing in the harvest in their own neighborhoods.

The Spirit of God is at work, touching lives, transforming people, changing the inner city for His glory!

To all of you who support UHM, be encouraged that your investment is producing fruit for His glory and bringing transformation to the streets one person and one family at a time!



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