



Harvest America

Story by Tom Price

Praying for a nationwide spiritual awakening as we proclaim, via technology, Jesus' offer of salvation

Then He [Jesus] said to them, "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."

Luke 10:2

"This is the biggest endeavor we have ever attempted," confided Greg Laurie, senior pastor of Harvest Christian Fellowship in Riverside, CA, and founder of Harvest Crusades. "I am humbly asking for everyone's prayers." With hopes for a nationwide spiritual awakening and revival, Harvest America is seeking to realize that vision by utilizing today's technology to proclaim Jesus' offer of salvation through Him. The Harvest Crusade at Angel Stadium in Anaheim, CA, will connect to host sites elsewhere using live online streaming and satellite broadcast technology.

More than 1,200 fellowships have signed up to co-host the event at their facilities across the U.S. The one-night evangelical outreach will be held on Sunday, August 26, at 4 p.m. PDT. People in many other countries will participate as well. Since Harvest Crusades began in 1990, more than four million people have attended in Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and the U.S.

"Our country was founded on Christian principles," continued Greg. "But if we remove that foundation, we are left with a vacuum, and suddenly America begins to



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Harvest America will be held on August 26 at Angel Stadium in Anaheim, CA. The event will be broadcast to other locations via satellite and live online streaming.

collapse like a house of cards." Greg notes that this event's success is totally dependent on the Lord and prays God will move His people to participate. "We are praying that the Holy Spirit will encourage America to repent and turn to God."

While church participation is important, Harvest organizers are also encouraging Christians to host events in theaters, coffee houses, and even in their own homes to reach friends and relatives who might be reluctant to enter a church building. Greg concluded, "This is an opportunity to invite that special person who has resisted Christ to hear about the grace, mercy, and love afforded by a relationship with our Savior." ✚

"Do you not say, 'There are still four months and then comes the

harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look at the fields, for they are already white for harvest!"

John 4:35

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Musical performances will include appearances from Jeremy Camp, Third Day, David Crowder, MercyMe, and Gungor.

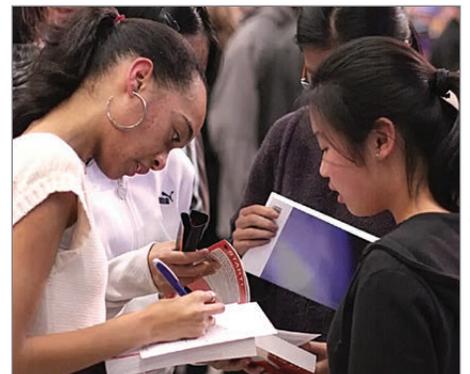


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Counselors will be ready at the stadium to minister to new believers and direct them to fellowships near their homes.

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