Preparing For The "Final Harvest"

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I don't think that you would get much of an argument from any true Christian that we are living in the last days. It seems that every day you can pick up a newspaper or turn on your television or computer and see another of God's Prophecies being fulfilled. As Christians, this should give us a sense of urgency to tell others about the good news of Jesus Christ. Music is a great tool to convey that message and there is a group from upstate New York that not only understands this but they have fully embraced it!

"God will send to His Church an unquenchable fire. The wind of the Holy Spirit will cause it to burn hotter than on the day of Pentecost, and spread rapidly. It will spread with fury and devour all that is not holy. Then He will send the latter rain, wash away the dross, refresh and make new. The Glory of the Lord will be seen by the entire world and manifested through His Church. There begins the end time harvest." This statement is taken from the website of the Southern Gospel Music Trio, Final Harvest. I recently had the honor of getting to meet and hear sing, Pamela Warren, Pamela Sandburg and Lacy Burdick, the three ladies who make up the group Final Harvest and to say that I was impressed would be a huge understatement.

To paraphrase a quote from a few years back, we should explore the past to understand the present and see what the future might hold. These three ladies began singing in 2006 and has made above statement from their website their focal point since that time. However, it was 2009 when the group officially formed and became "Final Harvest." The group makes their home in the Rochester, NY area and they are willing to sing wherever God calls them to do so.



Final Harvest In Concert!!!

They group's debut project is titled "Shelter Of Your Wing" and features the title song, along with nine others. More recently, the group released a recorded project titled "Never Alone." I was honored to review that project on this website (you can read that review here) and it does include ten exceptional songs. The group has also released two songs nationally to radio. "Shelter Of Your Wing," an original composition written by group member Pamela Warren and the old classic "Heaven's Jubilee" both were released nationally to radio and found some charting success. The group also recorded the Christmas classic "Silent Night" which was played on radio locally in Western New York State.

Final Harvest has an amazing sound. They have a tremendous ability to vocalize and that is

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the first thing that everyone notices about this talented group of ladies. We have looked at the past so now let's examine what is going on right now with Final Harvest! The present finds the group in the process of working on a new recording which is slated to be released in 2014. They are also planning a brand new radio single to be released in January of 2014. Final Harvest is quickly filling up their concert schedule for 2014 and beyond. There are a lot of exciting things going on in the Final Harvest ministry right now! Of course, the ladies of Final Harvest know that all of these things are simply a blessing of God.

Final Harvest has a special touch and blessing from God and it is the ladies of Final Harvest that make this group special! Pamela Warren is the founder of the group. She was born in Rochester, NY and was raised in a musical, Christian family. She plays the guitar, writes and composes music. She is also the person who arranges the intricate harmonies that you hear in Final Harvest recordings or when you hear them on stage. Pam is also currently writing a book titled "God's Last Call For His Final Harvest" and she is especially gifted at sharing through the spoken word. Pamela Sandberg was raised in Michigan in a Christian home where she sang with a couple of different Christian groups. In 1993 she moved to Rochester, NY and began singing with Pam Warren. It did not take long for the two of them to become best friends and prayer partners! Rounding out the group and adding a little youthful flair to the group is Pam Sandberg's daughter, Lacy Burdick. Lacy grew up in Rochester, NY and she sings a "fill in" part, singing whatever no one else is singing! All three of these ladies are seriously committed Christians and they are committed to the calling that God has placed on their life. There are two additional ladies that are a vital part of the Final Harvest Ministry. Marilyn Turpyn runs the sound for the group and Nancy Kizielewicz is the group's manager.



Final Harvest and Scott Evans (writer of this article) in Rochester, NY

With two projects completed, two national radio singles previously released, plans for a new project in the works and a new radio single on the way and three incredibly talented ladies leading the way, it would seem that the future is burning bright for Final Harvest. Having had the chance to meet these ladies and spend time with them and get to know them, it has been refreshing to me to meet a group so sold out to Christ for the cause that He has called them to. The group's main focus is not on getting a song on a chart or winning a competition or an award or getting recognized by a record label, their focus is on winning souls for Christ and encouraging the believers in their faith! That sounds like a very good recipe for success to me.

Coming from an area of the country where Southern Gospel artists are not exactly on every corner, Final Harvest represents New York State very well! The group has a wonderful ministry based here in New York and it is exciting to see great things happening in their ministry. I believe that the group is on the cusp of a lot of wonderful things being accomplished for Christ through their ministry. As I mentioned, the group is now currently booking concert events for

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2014. They are an exceptionally talented group and they would love to bring their wonderful harmonies, and more importantly, their life-changing message, to your concert event. While the group has a focus on winning souls for Christ they have not overlooked the fact that the Christians today also need encouragement in their walks with the Lord and they have many songs in their repertoire that will accomplish this.

One of the definitions of the word harvest is "the time or season for gathering crops that are ripened." Of course, no man knows the hour that Christ will come back but certainly all events point towards these being the last days. That would make this the time or season where we need a special emphasis on soul winning for Christ! I am thankful for artists that have that sense of urgency to win souls for the Lord. Artists like, Final Harvest!!!

Click below to listen to Final Harvest's debut radio single, "Shelter Of The Wing"

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For more information on Final Harvest, visit their website at www.finalharvest.us.