

Meet Lee Fuchser



Hello, my name is Lee Fuchser and I am 33 years old. I received Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior in a jail cell where I was so lost from addiction I just wanted to die but God had other plans. The Lord intervened in such a very personal intimate way that I heard Him tell me, "Everything is going to be alright, I have you in My arms." Not long after, when I went to court, the judge actually decided to give me another chance and allowed me to go to rehab. I recognized this as the Lord being in my favor!

In February of 2020 I entered into the Eureka Rescue Mission New Life Discipleship Program and I worked hard to grow in my new relationship with Jesus but unfortunately I had a serious anger problem and had to leave the program. I recognized that I needed to resolve this serious issue so I entered Humboldt Recovery Center and worked through my anger issues and applied biblical principals to a secular workbook. This helped me so very much and I graduated HRC successfully and went directly to work at Taco Bell in Eureka. Things in my life seemed great but I could hardly get a good night sleep because God kept waking me up with scriptures. Ecclesiastes 1:2 says, "Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher; vanity of vanities, all is vanity." I felt that God was telling me that all I was pursuing was emptiness, it was unfulfilling and not what the Lord had wanted me to do. Also, Philippians 1:6 was a verse that kept entering into my mind and it says, "Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ." Finally I figured out what He was saying to me, He was directing me back to the New Life Program at the Mission to finish what I had started. This time I dug in deep without having to deal with an anger issue and I felt that He was calling me to His ministry in some capacity, I just didn't know where. I graduated the New Life Program and shortly after went back to work at Taco Bell. I received a promotion and they started training me for a management position but I still felt that God had a calling on my life so I just surrendered to Him and trusted Him to lead me.

The scriptures in John 21:15-17 kept coming into my mind and it says, "So when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me more than these?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Feed My lambs." He said to him again a second time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" He said to Him, "Yes, Lord; You know that I love You." He said to him, "Tend My sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of Jonah, do you love Me?" Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, "Do you love Me?" And he said to Him, "Lord, You know all things; You know that I love You." Jesus said to him, "Feed My sheep." I knew that the Lord had a higher calling in my life and one day I was talking to our Executive Director about the ministry at the Mission and he told me that he was looking for a house manager. It's like the lights went on in my head, I asked him if he would consider me as a manager and he said absolutely yes! I filled out an application, signed paperwork for the background check and am now just waiting for everything to fall into place. I am so excited for this opportunity to be in ministry and to love on the guests and program members. I can hardly wait!



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From the Desk of the Director



Bryan Hall, Sr.
Executive Director

Up and coming, Women and Children's Shelter Remodel

Well, we are on the road to our much needed Women and Children's Shelter remodel. It has been a long road but we are finally at the final stretch, we have completed all of the necessary steps of architectural plans, submitting those plans to the City and in the process of securing the necessary permits. Currently our maximum capacity at our shelter is right around 34 women and children but after the renovation we will be able to house, according to the plans, 86 women and children. We are hoping to start construction this winter. With so much uncertainty in our world today the last thing that people need to worry about is a safe and secure place to lay their head at night, especially precious women and children.

Our existing facility is, to say the least, worn out! As you can see from the photos, the interior is literally falling apart, the plumbing is ancient and we are constantly spending finances on maintenance needs. We are doing our best with what we have but now it's time to completely renovate and restructure the interior. We will be creating new rooms for our families, dormitory for our singles, kitchen area, lobby, storage area, reception area, upstairs and downstairs laundry facilities, nursery, TV room, upstairs and downstairs ADA compliant restrooms and showers, boutique, office space, multipurpose room, four bed medical recovery room, covered bicycle storage and patio, outdoor restroom, play yard area, new modern roof, and a covered walkway connected to our main facility cafeteria. There will be two stairways, one at the front of the building and one at the rear.

We are so grateful for all of our supporters who sacrificially give to this ministry, without you we could not continue rescuing precious women and children from the ever increasing harsh and dangerous streets. Blessings to you all and we covet your prayers and continual financial support for this awesome ministry.

Bryan Hall Sr.



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News from our Women and Children's Shelter

From Darkness to Light

Jessica White is a past guest of the Women and Children's Shelter and has been in permanent housing since May 5, 2020. She has been a blessing to the Mission since the day that she came and has continued to come and volunteer almost daily since she has moved out into the community on her own. Jessica feels that it is her honor and duty to give back to the community that was so supportive of her in her darkest moments. Jess stated, "I have been so blessed by the community support, I love to come and volunteer around the facility and share my story and love with the current guests in the shelter." Since moving, Jessica has recently been able to purchase a reliable vehicle to get her back and forth throughout the day and finally in the evening back to her home which is a place of peace, safety and comfort. This is the first time in her life that she has ever had a place that she is able to call her own. Jessica has started her journey of healing from past trauma, having a very important major surgery and had a stable place called home to recover. Jessica said, "Without the community members who help support the Mission, and the staff that loves on us so sweetly, I would still be a mess. I remember walking around Fortuna, screaming at the top of my lungs because I felt trapped in darkness. I cried out for help in the midst of my despair. God brought me to the Women's Shelter at the Eureka Rescue Mission. They taught me about Jesus, and showed me love I had never seen before. I am truly blessed and thankful, so thank you to the staff and supporters. You have helped me change my life in a major way."



A little note from our Executive Director, Bryan Hall Sr.

Greetings friends, I am amazed at how our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, has absolutely transformed Jessica's life. I can confirm Jessica's comment when she mentioned walking around Fortuna, screaming at the top of her lungs, having felt trapped in darkness. A few years ago I lived on Main Street in Fortuna and on a daily basis we could hear Jessica screaming at the top of her lungs while she walked by our home. I can remember praying for the Lord to get hold of her and deliver her from her struggles. As time went by and I didn't see or hear her, I became concerned that something had happened to her. One day, while I was at our Women's Shelter, meeting with Kristen, I was standing at the top of the stairs and guess who I saw coming out of the kitchen? Jessica! I almost didn't recognize her! She did, however, recognize me and immediately started crying because she was so happy and thankful. She absolutely made my day, our God is so powerful!

Moving On Up

This is a beautiful follow-up story on a family that has come a long way since completing the homeless to housed program at the Women's Shelter. Jade stayed with us during her pregnancy, and moved shortly after their son Malikai was born. Jade, Jason and Malikai, have been so blessed since moving into permanent housing almost two years ago. They started out in a tiny two-bedroom apartment and it was an excellent starter home. It helped them to build up a solid rental history, as well as to be together and bond with their newborn son. While living in the tiny two bedroom apartment, they were able to reach many seemingly unattainable goals. Jade is an amazing woman and mother and does this daily while being deaf, having overcome her fear of failing as a mother due to her disability. Throughout her pregnancy she had a lot of support and reassurance from staff members and guests, being encouraged that she was going to make a wonderful momma. Jade is a true inspiration to all of us showing that even through difficulties she is an excellent Proverbs 31 mother, wife, and friend. She and Jason have been working hard and have secured two reliable vehicles, one for work, and one for the family. They have recently moved into a huge two-bedroom apartment, and both are staying plugged in with the Mission on a regular basis. They do this by donating baby items and clothes, some household items, as well as keeping a solid relationship with our staff members. Both Jade and Jason are coming up on 3 years of sobriety, and both stated that they are thankful for the Eureka Rescue Mission and its supporters. They are grateful that they were able to have a fresh start in life during one of the hardest times either had ever experienced. They are thankful that it started in a Christ centered facility which helped them to become stronger in their faith, and identify who they are in Christ. They both expressed that they would not be "Living the good life," without their new beginnings and fresh starts here at the Eureka Rescue Mission.



Meet Megean

Megean Murphy was a guest at the Women and Children's Shelter when her daughter was only 5 months old. Now, her daughter Aryanna is almost 4 years old! While staying with us there were many obstacles to overcome as she worked toward regaining custody of her baby girl, hoping to establish a stable and secure future together. Megean worked hard at achieving her goals and was successful in meeting all of them. She was able to secure housing through another local program at the time, due to no availability in the family section of our facility. She was successful in that program and obtained housing in Chico, CA. Throughout her journey, Megean stayed in close contact with us and finally reached a point that she lacked family and community support in Chico. This led Megean to reach out to us for help once again. We gladly opened the doors for her and her beautiful daughter Aryanna, to return to their Humboldt family here at the Mission. With a sigh of relief, she was delighted to be here in the presence of the positive and supportive family that God provided her through her stay a few years ago. She says she is thankful for the relationships God has helped her build and now Megean and Aryanna are stable and transitioning into permanent housing. As of today, she has been approved to rent a unit here in Eureka, with the best part of it being that she was reunited with her Mission family. We are all so excited for her and she is extremely thankful for the daily chapel services, the loving staff, and the safe environment that the Mission provides. Megean said, "Without the Mission, "So many precious souls would still be lost and wandering. I am so grateful beyond words and after I have moved out and get settled in, I am going to continue to come and volunteer my time at the shelter to give back and to offer hope to the ones who are still in need. Thank you all so very much, my life is finally whole again."



Meet Dawn

Hello, my name is Dawn Donnelly. I would like to start by thanking God first. For without Him, I am not sure I would be alive today to share this part of my testimony. Almost 10 years ago, while still active in my addiction, my husband and I were having many complications in our marriage. He had become very ill. In my efforts to take care of him, and his disabilities, I somehow lost myself, and control over my own well-being. My circumstances brought me to a very dark and lonely place. His prescriptions and my addiction were not a safe mixture. After five long years of struggling, I had to make one of the hardest decisions of my life, in order to continue living. For those five long years, my life was in jeopardy, by some of my own choices, and by the actions of my neighbors who were involved with a very dangerous organization. One day, I knew it was in my best interest and I left everything I owned and knew, with just the clothes on my back. I came to Eureka seeking shelter at the Women and Children's Shelter, it was very hard to swallow my pride and ask for help. The first person I needed to seek was Jesus, and almost instantly, He provided me with an opportunity to follow Him. Shortly after entering the Women's Shelter, I met another guest, who had just transitioned out of a local faith based rehabilitation facility. We got to talking and she helped facilitate getting me accepted into the one-year inpatient program. It took me 16 months to graduate, due to my own hang-ups, but the Lord saw me through and I received my graduation certificate. I knew that I was still in need of structure and guidance, as well as stability, in order to continue walking down the path the Lord had set before me. The day after I graduated, I returned to the Women's Shelter. I still had a strong desire to keep digging into who I am in Christ. It took me more than 16 months to destroy my life, so I knew I needed more so I spoke with Kristen, the Women's Shelter Director, and she told me about their Women's New Life Discipleship Program that had begun while I was in the other program. The Lord still had some work to do within me, and I knew this with my complete inner being. I entered the WNLDP with a positive attitude and ready to learn and grow even more than I already had. Throughout the year, I dug in deep to discover even more about who I am in Christ Jesus. I was able to take care of all medical and dental needs, restoring my health daily and all of my needs and wants have been supplied. Staff has been a huge part of my newly found happiness and joy, the love that radiates out of them is definitely from Christ Himself. I am beyond blessed and feel highly favored that God loves me and pulled me out of the darkness. Thank you to the community that believes in, and supports this Ministry. Without you, and the support you provide, I would not be who and where I am today. God bless you always, and I am forever thankful.

With sincere gratitude,
-Dawn