

# Meet "Butch"

Jerrel Henderson, also known as "Butch," was born and raised in Eureka, California. Sitting down with Butch to interview him was a complete blessing. He is a very sincere, loving and joyful man to be around.

In talking with Butch, he explained that when he was a child, he had what he called, a "Leave It To Beaver" childhood. It was a loving family with mom and dad and three brothers and three sisters. Normal sibling rivalries were not uncommon, but whose family doesn't rival once in awhile. With both parents as business owners, Butch and his siblings never had to go without. All of that changed when Butch turned 9 years old and his dad left. Butch went through what most children go through when a parent leaves the home, a sense of abandonment. This was the start of a void in his life. Butch started using marijuana and alcohol when he was 15 years old.

Butch landed a job at Eureka Fisheries in 1976 to help his mom out. While working, he stayed in school and completed high school at Zoe Barnum with a diploma in 1978. Butch worked at the Fisheries for a few years and then decided to move to Arizona and enroll in the Arizona Institute of Business Technology. After graduating AIBT, he became an auto parts counter man in Arizona. He then moved back to Eureka and landed a job at Pacific Choice Fisheries. Butch tried methamphetamines for the first time, thinking that this would help him work long hours and be more successful at his job at the fisheries. Butch said, "Then life got out of control." Spending all of his money on meth, he became homeless. Living on the dock of Pacific Choice, he ate and showered at the Eureka Rescue Mission. Realizing that he had a serious drug problem, Butch entered a local rehabilitation program for one year and did well. That didn't last long and he became homeless again. This time Butch lived in a tent for nearly a year behind the Bayshore Mall in what is commonly known as the "Devil's Playground." On October 27, 2014, Butch came to the Mission absolutely broken and asked if he could enter the New Life Program. We brought him into our program that day. When asked what made him decide to come to the program, Butch said, "I reached my bottom, hopeless and dopeless, I wanted and needed to change or I knew I was going to die."

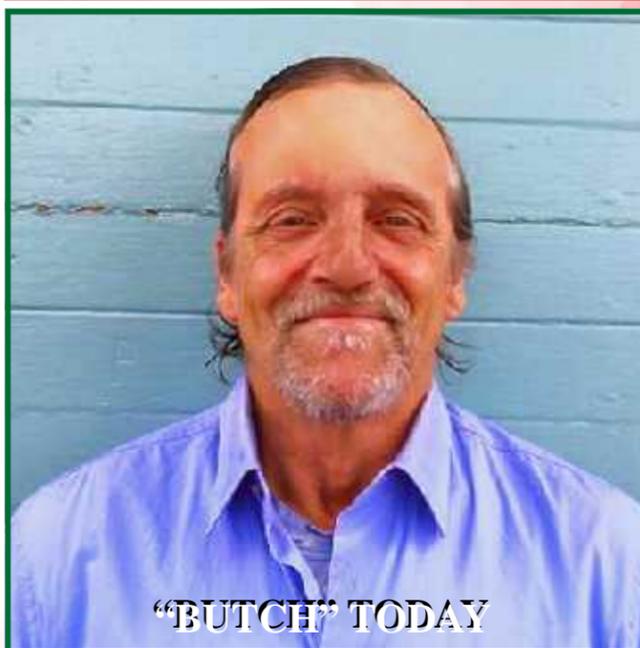
Seven months later Butch was asked, "How is the quality of your life right now as compared to your past?" Butch said, "Today I have hope, love, peace and the promise of a future with the will to truly live. I am excited to see my grandchildren grow up and they are excited to have me in their lives once again. I am finally healthy physically and spiritually, and I have given my life to Jesus Christ and am now a born again Christian. I never opened a Bible until I came to the Mission Program and now I can't close it. The Holy Spirit is not only around me now, He is in me."

Butch also was asked the question, "If you could say one thing to the supporters of the Eureka Rescue Mission, what would that one thing be?" He replied, "This place does 'Rebuild Broken Lives One Life at a Time.' Without the supporters of this ministry, I would more than likely be dead by now. Thank you for your support of this ministry, you helped build my new life in Christ."

At the Mission, we continue to see lives changed on a daily basis. It has been said, "Man can change his habits but only God can change his nature." When God changes a person's nature, everything changes. He becomes a brand new creation in Christ. "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new." 2 Corinthians 5:17 NKJV



THE DAY "BUTCH" CAME IN



"BUTCH" TODAY

# A Day in the Program

Program members come from all walks of life. Some came from loving families, some have been to jail, some have been in gangs, but all struggle with life and sin. We would like to share with you a typical day in the New Life Discipleship Program, which currently has 23 members. Several men start their day as early as 4:30am and finish as late as 9pm. They sweep, mop and buff the floors on a daily basis, cook and serve food, unload deliveries, and help the volunteers when they come into the Mission. They welcome the guests seven days a week with love as they come in from the harshness of the streets. Greeted with hugs and smiles, the guests are enveloped with genuine love and compassion from our program men. In the evening, after dinner, the program men wipe down tables, sweep and mop the chapel to prepare it as sleeping quarters for the guests. The men help the elderly and physically disabled guests make their beds. They make sure the guests are comfortable, safe and warm. Program men facilitate the clothing room and shower area, exchanging clothing and distributing towels, shampoo, razors and soap for more than 60 guests at times. By 9:30 pm, all in the house are under the covers as the lights go out. These are daily tasks that are conducted by program men at the Shelter. Our men are also very active through out the week and on weekends in Old Town cleaning up the streets and parking lots. On top of all of this, our program men are in Bible studies from morning until afternoon, 4 days per week. Learning the Bible leads the men into an intimate relationship with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ which prepares them for life and also equips them to genuinely love those who come through our doors for emergency shelter. It's not easy to be in the program, but the men who complete it have developed a strong work ethic and a sound system of belief. We have seen, and continue to see, graduates of the program go on to be successful members of our community. Thank you to all of our donors; it is because of you that the Mission can make a difference in the lives of our guests and program men.



The New Life Discipleship Program Men

# 4th of July

The Rescue Mission once again celebrated the 4th of July with a free barbeque for the community. The weather was warm and the fellowship was awesome! The festivities occurred in our Family Shelter playground. Staff and residents of the New Life Program served over 350 hot dogs to all who were hungry. Sodas, chips and baked beans were also on the menu. Along with the food, music was provided by three local sisters. They were amazing! Our gates were open from 11 am to 2 pm for all who wanted to come. The playground equipment provided a time of enjoyment for the kids and overall it was a great day to remember our freedom in this country. The song selection by our trio also reminded us of the freedom that we share in the work that our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ provided by the sacrifice He made on Calvary's cross. It is through Him that we can truly experience the freedom that is eternal. We would like to thank all of you, our donors, for your financial support as well as prayers for this GREAT ministry of the Eureka Rescue Mission. Without you, none of this would be possible.



# Experience a Life Change

“But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.” 1 Peter 2:9 NKJV

We are excited to share some photos of our graduates and the contrast of their past and how they are doing presently.



**Wade Lawson**  
 Graduated 1/21/2007  
*Past:* Substance abuse  
*Present:* Works on street crew for City of Eureka



**Bryan Hall Jr.**  
 Graduated 6/25/2008  
*Past:* Substance abuse  
*Present:* Assistant Manager, Eureka Rescue Mission Thrift Store, considering Bible college



**Jim Dixon**  
 Graduated 11/4/2009  
*Past:* Homeless, substance abuse  
*Present:* Eureka Rescue Mission Thrift Store employee and delivery driver



**Dan Benlien**  
 Graduated 5/22/2013  
*Past:* Substance abuse  
*Present:* Full time Eureka Rescue Mission Thrift Store employee



**Jeff Lanum**  
 Graduated 8/7/2013  
*Past:* Homeless, substance abuse  
*Present:* Manager of a Christian sober living home.



**Jack Robinson**  
 Graduated 7/23/2014  
*Past:* Homeless, substance abuse  
*Present:* Full time Eureka Rescue Mission Thrift Store employee



**Phillip Owens**  
 Graduated 9/10/2014  
*Past:* Homeless, substance abuse  
*Present:* Full time Eureka Rescue Mission Thrift Store employee



**Shawnee Hofeldt**  
 Graduated 10/1/2014  
*Past:* Substance abuse  
*Present:* Construction worker



**Jonathan Nash**  
 Graduated 1/7/2015  
*Past:* Homeless, substance abuse  
*Present:* Full time cook at the Eureka Rescue Mission



**Nathan Schipper**  
 Graduated 1/14/2015  
*Past:* Substance abuse  
*Present:* Consultant, NPS productions.



**Daniel Caulder**  
 Graduated 2/11/2015  
*Past:* Homeless, substance abuse  
*Present:* Full time employee at Sun Valley Group Floral Farm



**Joey McKimney**  
 Graduated 3/4/2015  
*Past:* Homeless, substance abuse  
*Present:* Moved home to Nebraska and reunited with wife and child. Full time furniture store employee.

## Recent New Life Program Graduates!

The New Life Discipleship Program is a year long residential, faith based, Christian discipleship program that consists of education and Bible based life restoration classes. The Program is free of charge. If a man is interested in joining the program he may request an interview in person at the Men's Shelter or by contacting our main office and requesting an interview. The men's program currently works with up to 28 men at a time. For more information about the program please visit our website at [www.eurekarescuemission.org](http://www.eurekarescuemission.org) and click on 'Men's New Life Discipleship Program' under the 'Services' link.



Bryan Almond  
 May 20, 2015



Jessy Degraaff  
 July 15, 2015

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# Changed Lives

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Kristen came to our Shelter a single mom of three without her children. She expressed a desire to change her lifestyle of drugs and alcohol so she could be the mother that God wanted her to be. Her children had been placed in her families care for the last thirteen years. Kristen stated that she was amazed that a place like the Eureka Rescue Mission even existed, and had she known, she would have come sooner. We say "It's all in God's timing." The Shelter has provided Kristen a place to get on her feet and start rebuilding her life with her children. Her oldest daughter stays with her full time now at the Shelter and her other two daughters come for weekly visits. Kristen is now employed and is saving 75% of her earned income for her future home. She is growing daily in the Lord, which is evident by her actions and responses to our chapel services along with good counsel from staff. Kristen was working a job at a

wage that was not going to allow her to reach her goals of providing a home for her and her three children. We asked Kristen to sit down with a pen and paper to evaluate her current financial responsibilities, including what she thought it was going to cost to pay rent and run her home in the future. It was then that she could clearly see that her present job was not going to pay enough. At this point she did not get discouraged, but went right out and landed a different job that would provide her the hours of work and income she needed to meet her goals. Kristen received the wise counsel and this is the spiritual fruit we get to see in her life. It is a huge blessing to all of us on staff to watch her growth; with every step forward, she gives God all the glory. Her foundation was once on sinking sand but is now being built on solid ground as she continues to put the Lord first in her life. She often expresses her gratitude to God first then to the Eureka Rescue Mission and its staff. We love her and are so proud of her progress.



Kristen's Kids!

