

Easter MEAL

Easter is the time of year that we focus on the hope that we have as a result of the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. One way for us to celebrate is continuing with the tradition of feeding the less fortunate of our community. A line of hungry people greeted us at the Eureka Rescue Mission Saturday afternoon for our annual Easter Meal. The Mission's New Life Discipleship men, along with volunteers from Humboldt Skate Lab, prepared and served close to 150 men, women and children a hot holiday meal. This year we served ham along with mashed potatoes, yams, mixed veggies, hot rolls and pie. Our guests truly enjoyed the food and time of fellowship. None of this would be possible if it weren't for our unsparing partners. We want to express to our partners and community a huge THANK YOU for your generosity!



From the Desk of the Director

In Eureka we are seeing a growing need for what we're doing at the Mission. The numbers of overnight guests has increased. The ability to take care of the basic needs of the people we serve is one of the most important issues that we encounter when they first arrive at our facilities. When people come to us, many are addicted, unhealthy, estranged from their families, unemployed, and in many cases, unemployable. Our desire and goal is to love with the love of Christ, empower and equip people who come to us to start a new life, break the cycle of poverty that brought them so they can go out and live full, abundant, productive lives, and in turn, possibly make a difference in someone else's life. Some people consider the Mission as primarily a homeless shelter, but it's more than that, we provide a place that we can concentrate on a person's relationship with God, as a source of real change. With the numbers of homeless men, women and children on the rise we have been extremely busy trying to minister to each person that we possibly can. Oftentimes, it seems that we are in too deep, but that is when we continually come to the realization that God owns this ministry, it belongs to Him, He equips us. He is the One who ministers to the hearts of the people and He is the one who brings the change. Man can change his habits but only God can change his nature. In the Gospel of John Chapter 8:36 Jesus says, **"Therefore if the Son makes you free, you shall be free indeed."** Following our Savior's message of love, the staff of the Eureka Rescue Mission experience the transformation and deliverance this love brings in our guest's lives. By sharing the love of Jesus we believe that some of our guests will find **"the Way and the Truth and the Life"** and through this knowledge and experience, the truth will make them free, John 8:32 **"And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."** I want to thank all of you who sacrificially give of your resources and prayers for the Eureka Rescue Mission. You help make the difference in the lives of the people we serve. Thank you again!



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The Men's Shelter Renovation Has Begun!



The new facility at the Mission has been completed, moved into, and operating now at full steam. We now have a huge cafeteria, kitchen, pantry, office spaces and day area for our guests. The new facility has shown to be a huge asset in the operations of better helping the people who come through our doors. Now, we have begun phase 1 of 3 of the renovation of our over 100 year old Men's Shelter. In the photos you can see progress in the front of the shelter consisting of a new staircase and our former upstairs dormitory being transformed into individual rooms. Also, included in this phase will be new flooring, drywall, structural support in the basement and the beginning of a fire sprinkler system that will eventually run throughout the whole facility. Currently, we are fundraising to finance the remodel for each phase. Once phase 1 is completed we will be fundraising for phase 2 and then 3. Progress into the next phases will be contingent on fundraising. We have broken up the project into 3 phases which will enable us to keep our doors open for emergency services throughout the project. We would like to thank all of our partners in this great ministry for your generous support. Our desire is to see this renovation, all 3 phases, completed as soon as possible. If you would like to give above and beyond toward the renovation please send check or money order to the Eureka Rescue Mission, PO Box 76, Eureka, CA, 95502, or you may give online at eurekarescuemission.org, donate page. Thank you again and please consider sharing this news with your friends. God bless!



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STORIES OF CHANGE



God Provides

“And my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.” -Philippians 4:19

“God’s work, done in God’s way will never lack God’s supply.” -James Hudson Taylor.

Along with purchasing groceries, the Mission receives supplemental food donations from local businesses through the week.

Staff was informed by our pantry worker that we were running low on eggs, milk, cereal and pastries. During morning announcements and prayer time our Men’s Director said to the program men, *“Well, let’s pray for it.”* They immediately went to God in prayer. Less than an hour later, one of the men came to the office to report a shipment of eggs had come in. An hour later a shipment of milk arrived. By the end of the day the shelves were stocked with pastries and the breakfast tubs were filled with both cold and hot cereal. It is now a regular thing that when there is a need of any kind the men simply add it to the morning’s prayer requests. They bring the need to God and trust Him for the provision. Men come to the New Life Discipleship Program in various levels on their spiritual journeys. Some are believers who have backslidden, while others aren’t even sure God exists. They begin to see how God can meet even the simplest need, so He is capable of helping them recover from whatever it is that brought them through the doors. Guys who are still contemplating faith see God at work day in and day out. *“To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.”* Philippians 4:20

SUPPORT and LOVE

Meet Jennifer! Jennifer is 39 years old and was born in Indiana with loving parents and grandparents. Her father was a mailman and her mother was a stay at home mom. When she was young she dreamed of being an astronaut, firefighter, doctor or a marine biologist. Jennifer attended Christian school through her younger years and later attended Lake Michigan College studying environmental science. At age 20, she managed parking garages, was a massage therapist, worked for various fine dining restaurants and even created and sold jewelry. Jennifer has never suffered from drug addiction or alcoholism. Recently, she and her husband were camping in the Avenue of the Giants where they contracted an extreme case of poison oak. This actually landed them both in the hospital for treatment. Before being discharged, the hospital referred them to the Eureka Rescue Mission for emergency shelter. Since coming to the Women’s Shelter, Jennifer said that the quality of her life is so much more comfortable and a lot warmer than camping! She and her husband said that they both would like to become established here in Northern California to pursue both of their dreams of becoming organic farmers. We asked her what she liked most about the Women’s Shelter and she said, *“I feel a sense of support and love from all of the ladies and staff.”* Jennifer says to the supporters of the Mission, *“Thank you, thank you! Now I want to give back.”* Not all who come to the Eureka Rescue Mission struggle with substance abuse; some have only experienced unexpected life situations that require just a little help. We have been blessed having Jennifer with us for this time. She is a true blessing!



Brandon was born in Hickory North Carolina, had a very difficult childhood, and came from a seriously broken home life. Brandon’s parents divorced when he was young and he and his sister were shuffled back and forth from his dad to his mom. Brandon’s sister was taken into social services and he moved in with his mother which was not a good placement. Brandon eventually left home when he was 17 years old and moved in with friends. He felt like nobody cared about him. Like many kids, when he was young, Brandon desired to be a fireman or a police officer because he wanted to be able to help save lives. Brandon started using drugs when he was 15 years old trying to fit in with his friends and attempting to try and make the pain of his childhood go away. Brandon worked various jobs throughout his life and eventually became homeless in 2015, lived in a tent in North Carolina for about 6 months, traveled here to Eureka and was homeless for about 2 weeks. Brandon landed at the Eureka Rescue Mission, applied for the New Life Program and was accepted. We asked him how he likes the program and what he would like to say to the supporters of the Mission. He said, *“I love it here, I feel loved here. If I kept on the road I was going I know that I would have ended up dead. I want to thank y’all for everything you have done for the Mission and for me. This place has helped me so much that the words I want to say haven’t been invented yet. All of you supporters are helping so many people on a daily basis and I am so thankful to be able to be one of them being helped. Again, thank you!”*



Tony was born in Eureka and had a great childhood. He was raised by his grandmother and when he was a little boy he dreamed of being a log truck driver when he grew up. Tony has done various jobs throughout his life including working for a local roofing company. His dream of being a truck driver eventually came true and he drove truck for a local company hauling various types of materials. Tony started using marijuana, methamphetamines and alcohol at a young age. Ultimately, he set aside the drugs and used alcohol throughout his life which developed into a serious problem. Tony’s life started falling apart quickly, he lost his driving job due to alcohol and he entered into the New Life Program. A good friend of his brought him to the program several months ago and he has been here ever since. Tony’s wife said, *“You need to find God and receive Jesus before coming back home.”* Tony did just that and now his life is completely new. Tony said, *“Now I have hope, love and faith, I have received Jesus as my Savior and I am a new creation!”* We asked Tony what he would like to say to the supporters of the Eureka Rescue Mission. He said, *“Your contributions are going to a great cause and helping a lot of people. The Mission program is an excellent place for me to get my life back on the right track. A new life! Thank you so much. As a result of being here I have a relationship with Christ and a deeper relationship with my wife and kids. Your help made it possible for me to have a fresh start in life.”*

Tony was born in San Jose, Ca. During his younger years he experienced severe loneliness due to his mother working most of the time to make ends meet. Tony’s father left the home when he was two years old so he never had the privilege of having a dad at home. When he was young, Tony dreamed of being a fireman when he grew up. Unfortunately, Tony didn’t finish high school due to a developing habit of marijuana and methamphetamine use and his dream of being a fireman faded away. Through the years he worked in construction, primarily concrete work, but drug use ultimately took over his life and he became homeless on the streets of Eureka in 2004. Tony lived behind the Bayshore Mall for three years and then around Old Town near the Boardwalk for close to a year. When asked what it was that caused him to consider coming to the New Life Program Tony said, *“It was my good friend Butch who encouraged me to come into the program. My health was deteriorating and I had just had an extensive long run of using drugs intravenously which caused me to have a stroke.”* We asked Tony about the quality of his life now compared to before and what he would like to say to all who contribute their finances to the Mission. Tony said, *“Now I have a life, before I didn’t and now I have lots of brothers. I have a family of brothers who are trying to achieve the same goal as myself, developing a relationship with Jesus and being obedient to His word. Thank you so much to all who contribute to the Eureka Rescue Mission, it’s because of God using you that I now have a brand new life, God loves you all.”*

