



Meet Tyrone and Veronica

In the summer of 2018 Tyrone was truly a lost soul, addicted to alcohol and drugs.

When he got to Arcata from Fort Bragg with the hope of starting a new life, he found a job at motel 6 and worked as a maintenance worker fixing and painting rooms. His sobriety didn't last long and Tyrone started getting high on the banks of the river in Arcata which resulted in his missing work and losing his job. Tyrone said, "I was homeless, so one evening as it was getting dark, I got lost going around the trails in Arcata so I began to pray, I said, Lord if you can get me out of this I will go to the Eureka Rescue Mission and give my life for your service, I have had enough." The very next day Tyrone found his way out of the forest and made his way to Eureka. He walked to the Humboldt Bay pier and put his full bottle of alcohol and pipe on the pier post and never looked back. Tyrone joined the Men's Discipleship program on 7/10/2018 and graduated on 7/10/2019. Through the year in the program Tyrone's relationship with Jesus got closer and closer. One of his job positions while in the program was weekend cook and the Lord revealed to him the ministry of cooking, feeding the sheep! Tyrone said that his greatest joy was to read the word and share it with everyone who would listen, as well as cook good food. Tyrone's wife, Veronica, entered into our Women's New Life Program in November of 2019 and graduated on 11/11/2020. Veronica and Tyrone had been separated but now are back together and making things work. They both just recently moved out of the shelters into their own apartment and Tyrone found a full time job as a deli worker at the Eureka Co Op. He and his wife are the first couple to have graduated the program at the Mission. Tyrone said, "The Lord put us into a home together. Jesus told me to stay on this path and stay connected with the Mission and church. Jesus loves us all! Thank you to all of the supporters of the Mission, God uses you to help struggling people get their lives back on track."

Back at the Track

For the past four years our New Life Program members have been donating their time at the Samoa Dragstrip. Our members work the staging lanes, water boxes, computer tower, announcing and ticket booths. This year we took advantage of the opportunity to incorporate some of the ladies in our Women's New Life Program at the track. They are having the time of their lives! It's a great family environment and also a great opportunity for program members to meet business owners in our community for future jobs after they graduate. We are greatly appreciated out at the track and couldn't have asked for a better group of people to work for and with. Track management has also allowed us to do the daily prayer and national anthem at the track! Colossians 3:17 says, "And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him." It certainly is a privilege to be able to bring the good news of the gospel of Jesus Christ to the track and demonstrate the goodness of the Lord by our actions.



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Baptisms

Our Men's Shelter Director was blessed by being able to baptize two of our program members at Eureka's Faith Center Church. At the Mission, he has the privilege of working with our program men on a daily basis, ministering and counseling them from the scriptures, as well as identifying with them through his personal life experiences. The following articles are testimonies from our guys who were baptized.



Daniel Gregoire:

My life before God and the Eureka Rescue Mission was a life of criminal activities, habitual drug use, and a life spent away from my loved ones behind bars, constantly on the run from my problems and from the law. I wasted many years of my life with the help of an evil substance called meth. As I sat in jail, preparing myself for a 9 year 8 month prison term, God had other plans for me and the Eureka Rescue Mission reached out to me by committing to the task of repairing a broken man. As of now, I have been blessed with friend and family relationships in the process of being repaired. The courts and my probation officer are praising the complete turn around in my life and I have to give all of the glory to God for bringing me to the Eureka Rescue Mission so I can finally get my life back. Daniel graduated the New Life Program on 5/26/2021 and now works full time as a service technician at Lithia Dodge in Eureka.



Shawn Olson:

I came to the mission as a drug and alcohol addict, from shooting up, getting drunk, and stealing from family members and friends to get my drugs. I was raised around drugs and alcohol my whole life and now that I have the Lord back in my life I know that I am going to Heaven! Most importantly the Lord has reconnected me with my family and my son. My favorite chapter in the Bible is Proverbs 24:16, for a righteous man may fall seven times and rise again, but the wicked shall fall by calamity. I am so happy to be baptized and I love my church and the Mission.

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Happenings at the Women's Shelter

Jaquelyn Menard

Growing up, I always had to be the responsible one in the family. I have been working, and helping to support the household, since I was 10 years old. I have always been a hard working and dedicated employee, as well as a good person. I was laid off work in 2017. Life quickly became unmanageable. It was then I began to fall behind on all of my bills. Through the next year, it was a year of struggling. Struggling to find work, I was falling behind more and more. Even though I owned my mobile home, I was still responsible paying lot space rental fees and my other bills. By Christmas 2019, I was beginning to feel completely defeated. Then, I finally found a great job, as the Event Coordinator for Solano County Fairgrounds. To my dismay, we shut down a week later due to COVID19. Tired of struggling and lost, I decided it would be best to sell my house, pack up, and figure it out. There was nothing holding me to Vallejo anymore, since all members of my family had moved away. My house finally closed in September 2020. I was lost, with a little bit of money, and so I embark on my journey.

I traveled thru Oregon for 3 weeks, thinking on what I wanted for my life. Where was I going...? What was I doing...? I think I was in the same place, as a many Americans on alert, due to COVID. I figured out two things. I wanted to be near my son, here in Eureka, and I could not do this alone, without Jesus. Being in Humboldt, without a place to stay, I checked in to the Quality Inn, however, after 6 weeks and unable to find a job or a place, I had to leave the hotel because my money had run out.

I had only met one person, besides my son, and that was not a viable option. Neither were good ideas. I felt I did not have a choice, as I had nowhere to go. The individual I had met, along the way, offered me a room. It was a place to stay. 3 weeks into my stay out in Humboldt Hill, he showed his true colors. Living a worldly life, and partaking in illegal activities. This was not a place for me to be. My son welcomed me into his home at this point.

Fast-forwarding a week, Jesus made provisions and I had a full time job starting Jan 4, 2021. Praise Jesus for His unending love and grace. Without Him, I would still be lost. By March, it was getting too stressful and complicated. There was too much arguing and fussing between my son and me so I packed my belongings, went to work, and called my Mom from the bathroom stall crying. When work was over, my plan was to drive to the ocean and just walk in to it. I was broken, hopeless and felt completely alone. I did not know what else to do, I was scared.

When I walked out of work, that day, Officer Swanson was there to meet me. He gave me hope and proceeded to put me in touch with Kristen Freeman at the Eureka Rescue Mission Women's Shelter. I was accepted and welcomed with open arms. Again, Jesus provided and gave me a place to stay. Here, I found a home; a shelter from my storm. I have help and support to get myself healthy. I am motivated to stay working, and my mental health is under control. I feel truly blessed and highly favored. With the structure, and love this shelter provides, next it will be on to my own place, as soon as the Lord sees fit. Thank you to the Staff and supporters. Many lives are changed and blessed through this ministry.



*"And the King will answer and say to them,
'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one
of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me'."*

Mathew 25:40



Ida Graves

Ms. Ida Graves moved to Humboldt County from Oklahoma when she was two years old and comes from a very large family of 8 brothers and 3 sisters. Ida articulated her childhood as being full of struggles being very poor, but learned how to be thankful at a very young age. Ida's dad was a Zinc miner and her mother picked cotton in the fields. Upon relocating to California, the family started off in Ft. Bragg and ended up settling in Trinidad, CA. Her dad began logging with two of his sons, her two oldest brothers. Her mother was able to start staying home and continued raising the family. Sadly, when she was 15 years old, Ida lost her dad to a drunk driver. Her mom passed away decades later to a battle with spinal cancer. Ida lost her husband of 42 years on exactly the same date she lost her dad, eight years ago this coming December. For the first time in her life, she felt alone and hopeless. Ida rented a small studio apartment that was attached to the house her daughter lived in and for the next 7 years this was her home.

Unfortunately, the wiring in the main house became a fire hazard and with no notice or warning, Ida found herself in a position of needing somewhere new to live. Her daughter did a lot of footwork in order to obtain her mom new housing. There was a brief lapse in between securing this housing so Ida came to the Women's and Children's Shelter for help. She remained a guest for 3 weeks until her new place was open for her and during these three short weeks, Ida said she was able to work on her personal relationship with Christ. She said, "The daily chapel services and the love of the shelter staff brought me hope and strength once again."

Ida has recently started settling in at her new home in Arcata! Through the connection made at the Women's Shelter, Ida has also been introduced to two young ladies, who are now her current care providers through IHSS. She said, "I know the Lord brought me to the Eureka Rescue Mission Women's Shelter to strengthen my relationship with Jesus, and to introduce me to the women who are now helping me to continue living independently. I will be forever grateful and blessed to have had the opportunity at the Eureka Rescue Mission Women's and Children's Shelter." Stories like this warm our hearts and cause us to appreciate God's provision. Our Executive Director, Bryan Hall Sr. said, "When you have a ministry that gives to people, God will always make sure that you have something to give. This is, and has been, evident throughout the years of this ministry and the Lord will continue His great work through His people."



Lisa Rimmer

Lisa was born in Pasadena, California and moved to Ruth Lake when she was 4 years old. Lisa was raised in the Trinity County area and her dad taught her all types of trades. She was also introduced to the Lord at a very young age and she holds onto her faith with much love for Jesus in her heart.



Lisa had a good childhood and was very loved by her family but as many kids do, she became rebellious in her teenage years. She became a mother at a young age raising her sons pretty much by herself, as the father wasn't interested in his obligations. She said she did her best to raise them up to be gentle and loving.

Lisa suffered a traumatic brain injury years ago as a result of a random attack which sent her into a coma. She awoke from her coma two months after the incident and had to re-learn everything that she ever knew. Sadly, the left side of her upper body is permanently paralyzed from the attack.

Lisa has suffered chronic homelessness for many years and has been a guest at the Women's Shelter intermittently throughout her time of homelessness. A year and a half ago she showed up, down and out, and said that she was tired of being tired and wanted something new. Lisa said she needed her relationship with Jesus back so we brought her in and met all of her needs. She started working with the Staff and saving her money, followed the rules and stayed "still" so God could work in her life. Lisa has successfully completed the Homeless-to-Housing Program and is now the proud owner of a 1999 Sunnybrook 5th wheel. She was able to use the tenure of her stay at the shelter as a rental history and was approved to keep her new mobile home in a local park on the outskirts of town. The mobile home park is in a perfect location for her to access public transportation and grocery shopping! God is good! She still has the support of her sisters and staff at the Mission and comes by every now and then to say hello, she loves spending time with her Mission family. Lisa said, "Without the support, structured environment and stability of the shelter, I don't know where I would be right now. I have been able to reconnect and strengthen my relationship with Jesus and I am so grateful for the people in this community and the supporters of the Mission that helped me. Thank you."