

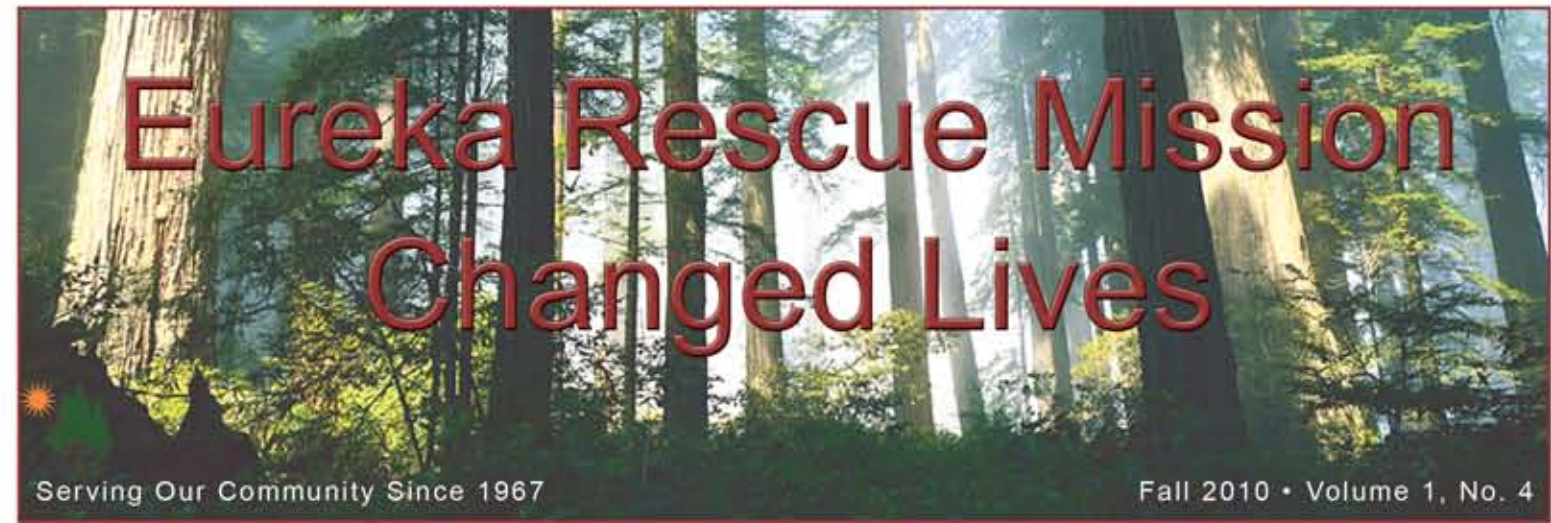
REPAIRS AT THE MISSION - *QUAKE DAMAGE*

On January 9th, 2010, a magnitude 6.5 earthquake rocked Eureka and the surrounding area, snapping power lines, toppling chimneys, knocking down traffic signals, shattering windows and prompting the evacuation of at least one apartment building. The quake was felt as far north as Oregon, as far south as Santa Cruz and as far east as Reno.

By the grace of God, the Mission buildings did not suffer any serious structural damage. However, there is significant surface damage in many places throughout the men and women's shelters as a result of the quake. Our pantry was full of broken jars of jelly and peanut butter, and the inside of the Mission suffered cracks and crumbling of sheetrock and split seams throughout the facility. There are crumbled brick from existing chimneys, and also damage to the roofing of both shelters.

On the day of the quake, we lost all power at our shelters. Fortunately, we had emergency procedures and equipment in place, and within a short amount of time we had our people and our building secure, along with two emergency backup generators in use which allowed us to continue operations at both shelters.

Today, we are still patching wallboard and filling in the broken seams at the Mission. All of the cosmetic damage has forced us to repaint several of our walls. Our maintenance worker, Ririe Fleming, has been hard at work maintaining the facility's minor break downs as well as tackling the damage caused by the earthquake. When the quake hit, Ririe immediately shut off the gas and water lines to prevent any further catastrophes. Ririe is a graduate of the Eureka Rescue Mission Men's New Life Discipleship Program and was hired as a part-time maintenance worker on January 7th, just two days before the quake rocked the Northcoast.



PG&E Employees Put On BBQ At The Mission

On October 2nd, PG&E employees once again brought several pounds of the finest tri-tip for their annual, complimentary barbeque to the Mission. Nine employees and three family members made their way to the alley behind the Mission to set up two standing barbeque pits mounded with charcoal briquettes. The meal consisted of a healthy portion of perfectly cooked tri-tip, baked potato, green beans with bacon and onions, salad, and an ice cold soda to wash it all down with. One of our program members, Benny Broyles baked pineapple upside-down cake, Heath Bar brownies and two devil's food cakes with cream cheese frosting and sprinkles. Among those enjoying this feast were all of the men of the New Life Discipleship Program along with guests and staff members.

As soon as all of the guests were seated, the plates began being filled and delivered to each person seated. It was a complete blessing. When the community becomes involved here at the Mission, there is such an atmosphere of friendship, kindness and compassion in action. The men, women and children are greatly encouraged as the community reaches out to them.

The PG&E employees paid for the barbeque out of their own pockets. The following is a list of all of the Humboldt Bay Power Plant employees who volunteered: Sybil Garrett, Larry Pulley, Mark Smith and his two sons Gordon and Connor, Bruce Stephens, Jerry Houff and his wife Lillian, Bob Kapus, Patrick Kapus, Kerry Rod and Laura Wolfsen, who coordinated the event this year. And it was a complete success!

All of our guests and staff here at the Mission are very grateful for the heart-felt kindness demonstrated by the PG&E staff and families and we say, Thank You!



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From the Desk of the Director

I was recently reading some management skills information from the Christian author John Frank. I was encouraged to find our attitudes and approaches dovetailing with his concepts. I would like to share our approach in carrying the message of hope to those we serve.

We are a ministry to the poor, hungry, homeless and addicted. These are people in difficult situations in difficult times. I have the privilege of leading and providing oversight for this multifaceted ministry. Thankfully, I am not alone. I am part of a staff of caring, compassionate, imperfect people (including myself) who come from diverse backgrounds, but we share a common goal: to serve with compassion. Just as our personal best comes from relationship with Jesus Christ, so also our success as a ministry comes from relationship with staff, board and supporters.

What I am saying is we are a team. You, our staff and the board of directors all play a vital part in serving our guests, those less fortunate, lost and struggling. We at the Mission are constantly re-evaluating and defining roles. How can we best serve our guests? How can we encourage you? We do this through building relationships. We do this by expressing expectations for attaining our Mission Statement which is: **To proclaim the gospel of salvation to those in need of spiritual rebirth. The Mission accomplishes this by holding chapel services each day, feeding the hungry, giving clothing and showers to those in need.**

All relationships and expectations must be based upon Biblical values, for in them we find integrity, honesty, strength and guidance. I feel this will produce excellence in what is accomplished. As we proceed each day, each month, each year to serve, with integrity, from God's strength, not our own, we will build trust and shared values with staff and with you, our partners. I want to share with you my commitment, the Mission's commitment to be good stewards, to build relationship to obtain a common goal of reaching the least and the lost with all the love and compassion, hope and truth which God provides us.

I hope this newsletter plays a vital part in our communicating to you, what you, as part of our team, have accomplished here in our community as we pursue our goal of rebuilding broken lives, one life at a time. Thank you from staff, board, guests and myself for your participation in this life changing ministry.

God Squad - Making a Difference (see photos above) Cleanup and Landscaping at the Eureka Police Department

Addiction does not simply affect the individual who is abusing drugs or alcohol, it affects children and families and ultimately impacts the entire community. The Eureka Rescue Mission provides a year-long men's residential christian discipleship program which resolves the plague of drug and alcohol abuse by leading men to a relationship with Jesus Christ. However, there are millions of people across the nation and hundreds right here in Humboldt County who continue living a life of addiction. We are determined to continue being part of the solution. A question that is often asked is, "how do we get people -- police, politicians, local businesses -- to respect what many of them would consider a bunch of convicts and junkies?" Man can change his habits but only God can change his nature. At the New Life Program we study the Bible daily in order to cleanse our minds of the past, which in turn gives us a new system of thought founded on the

Word of God. Washing our minds with the Word then helps us establish a sound system of belief based on the principles of scripture. *"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new"* (2Co 5:17). One way we begin to earn respect, to move from being unproductive to someone productive, is to do volunteer work to improve things in our community. We give back to that which we took from for so long. Currently, we have taken on the task of renewing the landscaping at the Eureka Police Department by pruning trees, weeding flowerbeds, trimming hedges, and preparing to beautify the grounds with decorative bark. We have been working closely with the City of Eureka Maintenance

Department in various locations throughout town due to recent budget cuts. Two full time positions have been eliminated which leaves only six full time maintenance positions to accomplish all of the essential tasks. This provides an excellent opportunity for our men to demonstrate their changed attitudes. A scripture comes to mind as I observe our men hard at work and it is found in the book of **James 1:22**, *"But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves."* The Bible also tells us to avoid complacency. *"He who deals with a lazy hand becomes poor; but the hand of the hard worker makes rich."* (Pro 10:4). I am proud of our men here in the program. The men work hard without compensation and do it with joy in their heart.

Blessings From the Women and Children's Shelter

Blessings come in many different ways here at the Women's Shelter. Responses like this do not come daily, so when they do come they are surely treasured. We want to share this one with all of you so you can feel the same encouragement as we do about serving the guests of the Eureka Rescue Mission Women and Children's Shelter. God Bless You.

"To the Mission Staff: I thank you guys from the bottom of my heart for everything. Lisa, Melanie, Kaci, Chris, and Kelli you hold a special place in our hearts. I thank God for you guys. You may not know it or understand how but you saved our lives. We will forever be grateful. I don't always understand why things in my life are the way they are. But I now know that I don't have to understand, God will always be beside me and guiding us. We will always have what we need as long as we trust our faith and look to the Lord. Thank you for giving us a chance to find God again. We are forever grateful. We will always have you in our prayers and ask for prayers in return. We love you guys more that you'll ever know. This is not good bye! BUT SEE YOU SOON! -- Love the Miller Family."

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