



# Eureka Rescue Mission

## Changed Lives

**Rebuilding broken lives ... One life at a time**

Fall 2006

Family Shelter - Homeless Guest Services - New Life Recovery Program - Thrift Store

### Mission Outreach in Arcata

“Annie and Mary” was a local railroad. In its heyday it carried freight-lumber, farm produce, and passengers. On good weather weekends, its cars were often filled with people, carrying picnic baskets, chock-full of home-cookin’, heading inland for Camp Bauer in Korbel.

Today these same tracks, four blocks from the Arcata Plaza, have become “home” to the homeless. They sleep in dirty bedding by and between the rails. They eat there but it’s no picnic. Sitting in the dirt, on the rails or on bundles of clothing, beggars parcel out meager rations. Unattended infants learn to crawl and walk in the dust, cinders, and the camps refuse (Use your imagination- fill in the blanks). A young mother, becoming a parent again, nurses her baby. One of the several children sips from the Grandma’s re-recycled paper cup. The children have no choice; they are with neither voice nor vote.

This summer, on three Saturday afternoons, Eureka Rescue Mission’s Director, Chaplain, two Executive Board members, and several men in the New



*Outreach Team: Men on the New Life Program and Board Member*

Life Program went on mercy missions to bless the homeless children and youth in Arcata. We loaded the van with clothing and blankets from our Free-store, peanut butter and jelly sandwiches from our pantry’s day-old bread supply, extra loaves of bread and half a box of Gideon Brother’s New Testaments. Our prayer filled hearts were all set on telling of God’s love through His Son Jesus Christ. We and our gifts were accepted with appreciation. But what about the spoken seeds of the Good News? Jesus was right. Some seeds fell on the path, some on stony ground, some in the sticker patch—and some fell on fertile, good soil. For that, God gets the glory. Please pray with us for an abundant crop. We returned to The Mission with an empty van and full hearts tempered by sadness. Men, women and children heard the invitation to check out the mission. The pregnant young mother and grandmother were interested in staying at our shelter, but the “father’s” emphatic, “No!” left him and his family with tickets to nowhere, on cold, hard, useless, empty tracks. What are they missing? It gets cramped in the Women’s and Children’s Shelter caring for as many as thirty guests; eight to ten of whom may be children. Do-



*Local family receiving food and clothing*

nors’ gracious gifts are invested in their lives and keep our doors open. With deep gratitude we continue to depend on God’s faithfully providing shelter, food, clothing, and physical and spiritual care, and generous gifts. Salvations and victorious changes are the fruit. Please continue to pray and rejoice with us as lost people come to our Risen Savior, one at a time.

...Jesus said, “...suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.” And he took them up in his arms, put his hands on them, and blessed them. (Mark 10:14b, 16)

“And whoever gives one of these little ones only a cup of cold water in the name of a disciple...he shall by no means lose his reward” (Mathew 10:42) -Suart Sundet, Board Member

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#### Because of Your Care in Action, We Provided:

	<u>Meals Served</u>	<u>Lodging</u>	<u>Showers</u>	<u>Clothing</u>	<u>Hygiene Kits</u>
Jul/Aug 06	10,531	4,537	4,857	2,828	3,883
Year to Date	42,540	17,829	19,569	12,045	15,460

## From the Women and Children's Shelter: One Woman's Testimony

Hello,

My name is Jessamie Grinnell and I have a beautiful son name Gage who is one year old. My son and I have been residents here since July of this year and I have just recently become a staff member at The Rescue Mission. I am truly grateful for this opportunity to be a part of The Rescue Mission where I can help people and apply the gifts that The Lord has given me.

Growing up, my faith in God was a huge part of my upbringing. My father was a preacher and my mother a Sunday school teacher. My father was and still is a powerful preacher and as a little girl I would look up to him and say, "He's my hero and I want to grow up to be just like him." At the age of 8 my parents divorced and my Grandparents took my brother, sister and I into their home. We went to private school and had lots of good friends and a huge family. Life was good. At the age of 12 my father decided he wanted to raise my brother and I on his own 600 miles away in Los Angeles. I missed my family and friends and when my father wasn't working he was preaching. I became withdrawn.

One night I walked into a church to attend an evening service and the moment I stepped through the door I began to cry uncontrollably. The Holy Spirit flowed through me like a river. After worship God spoke to me and said, "You are my daughter and I know you are in pain. I see your tears. Come to me and I will wipe them all away. I love you and I have a purpose for you. Like your father before you I will use you to touch many lives." The words I received changed my life. I wanted nothing more than his everlasting light.

Many years have passed since that night and even though I have strayed from his sight by falling into addiction and a bad relationship, I know that his love and purpose for me remains the same. God has me here at the mission for a reason and I have faith in him because he will always love me and keep me safe.

Jessamie



## President of the Board: Joe Leppek



It's hard to know where to begin, there are so many great things happening at the Eureka Rescue Mission. First and foremost, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all who donate your time and resources to the Eureka Rescue Mission. It is only through your generosity that we are able to minister to the needs of the homeless. In the New Testament of the Bible, Jesus was speaking in John 10:10 "I have come to give you life, and give it to you more abundantly". We have opportunities to help people to live their life "more abundantly". Our ministry to the homeless is more than just a meal and a bed. We provide a place of rest to the weary, as well as food for the spirit. Over the past year, we have witnessed many men make decisions for Christ. They are making positive choices, which are helping to propel them to a better life. Our one year Drug and Alcohol Rehab Program has seen many graduates this year. Additionally, we have begun a street ministry where the men on the program are going out into the community and distributing surplus clothing (socks, shoes and jackets), a meal, and a bible to the homeless. What a great gift it is to be able to give back!

The Women's shelter has undergone some changes. These changes are allowing us to minister to more women and children. This is exciting. We have big plans for the Women and Children's Shelter, which will require us to roll up our sleeves and get busy, as there is much to do. God is always at work all around us, it's great to be a part of it.

God Bless, Joe Leppek

## From the Desk of the Director:

Greetings to all of you who are actively participating in the ministry of the Mission! How exciting it is to be involved in God's work within our community, and how fulfilling it is to see God faithfully, lovingly orchestrate and direct our actions and work. Recently I attended a Kick-Off meeting of community leaders, government officials and private organizations (like us) to hear the Federal Government's



"Innovations in 10-Year Plan to End Chronic Homelessness in Our Community". The keynote speaker was the Executive Director of the U.S. Interagency Council on Homelessness, who was appointed by President Bush in

2004. It was quite a gathering! During the course of the day as information was handed out I was humbled, surprised, astonished, humbled again and then finally blessed to the depth of my heart. What was the source of all of these emotions? A list given to all gathered detailing the "Humboldt County Homeless Services Continuum of Care". That is how we say the existing services provided to the homeless. Under the heading Primary/Initial Contact Points, Eureka Rescue Mission was at the top of the list, along with County Mental Health and Department of Social Services. Under Services, The Mission was atop the list for; Emergency Shelter, Support Services, Alcohol and Drug Programs and Second in Transitional Housing!

What a blessing, what a responsibility, what an opportunity, what a frightful feeling! Those were my emotions, but thankfully I was reminded again of His faithfulness, His power, and His ability to lead and direct. He asks us to follow Him, to take His yoke upon us, to let Him lead us. Thank you for hearing His call and following His lead by supporting His work here at The Mission. People have been doing just that since 1967. We receive no government funding, but God calls people who bless others with their time, energy and funds. For this reminder I am truly blessed and pray that you are as well as you read this newsletter of what God is doing in our community through your participation.

God Bless You  
Dan Ice

### Please pray for:

The Mission staff  
The men in the New Life program  
The Women and Children's Shelter  
Director Dan Ice  
The Thrift Store and its staff  
The men and women in need of the Mission's services

### New Website Coming Soon

WWW.EurekaRescueMission.org will be up on NOV 1st with an online newsletter, program information, and online donating programs.

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