

Eureka Rescue Mission Changed Lives

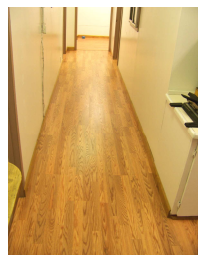
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New Floors Donated

Where once old thick dirty brown shag carpeting once lay now sits beautiful hardwood floors on the second floor of the Women and Children's Shelter. The flooring in the Women's Shelter was long over due for replacement but sometimes obvious needs get placed on the back burner due to financial considerations. Thanks to a very generous donation by the Eureka Rescue Mission Auxiliary new laminate hard wood flooring was purchased.

With some hard work from our handyman Ken Merriman and New Life Program member Mark H. the flooring went in quickly. There was enough material left over from the second floor of the Women and Children's Shelter to replace the guest intake area and the staff hallway of the Men's Shelter.

The Mission is very thankful to the Eureka Rescue Mission Auxiliary for their generous donation and also to Mark and Ken for installing the flooring. On a side note Mark's work on the floors impressed a local employer and he might have a job waiting for him when he graduates.



Saying Farewell

August found the Eureka Rescue Mission saying farewell to a faithful servant, Steve Lorenz. Steve served as the Mission's Chaplain for over 7 years. He is now helping his wife Linda to care for family members and Steve already has reports of God's timing and provision in this transition. On behalf of the Board of Directors, Executive Director Dan Ice and the rest of the staff; we would like to thank Steve Lorenz for his faithful service to the Ministry of the Eureka Rescue Mission. God used him to touch thousands of individuals and we know that God has great plans in store for Steve.



From the Desk of the Director



Headlines and news broadcasts are proclaiming the disheartening, discouraging stories: "MAC to Close By December", "Mental Health Closing Street Outreach Services", "The Economic Indicators Show a Slow Down Looming on the Horizon", "State Budget Cuts to Affect State, County, Local Government and Non-Government Agencies Providing Services to Homeless and Needy".

The fact of the matter is, due to the rising costs for everything from PG&E, water, garbage disposal, fuel, and wages, to name a few, everyone including the state and federal government has less resources. This creates more need for services to people who have lost their home, job, or ability to cope with life's struggles!

Here at The Mission we are experiencing the same situation. More needs to be met, less funds to accomplish God's desires. As you may know, we have been operating at maximum capacity ALL summer with all beds full at both the Men's and Family Shelter. This type of activity is normal for our cold, wet season but the need is here now and has been since May this year! This increase in ministry needs has created shortfalls for our funds, at the same time more people are giving! We are thankful for your support, and want to be good stewards with our funds.

Let me explain what has been done at my desk and then I'll explain what I will ask of you who have been a part of our ministry of help and care to those in need.

I have been doing serious cuts to our budget by reducing staff. Changes were made where remaining staff could multi-task and cover additional responsibilities. We have been doing more ministries with less staff. This includes every facet of our mission, from the executive office, thrift store and shelters. We are cooking more, have more men on our Discipleship Program, giving more showers, clothes and Godly counsel with fewer people. Men are visited in our jail, women and children are finding shelter from the streets in our facilities and the Gospel is going out to more and more people than ever. That is the blessing that creates the need. With all our actions and positive changes we are still in need of financial support, increased financial support. My faith comes from the Lord who says "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me, nevertheless, you have done well that shared in my distress" (Phil. 4:13-14). Here at The Mission we know where God is guiding He is providing. I am asking you to prayerfully consider increasing your support to help meet our increased demands to minister to those in desperate need of physical and spiritual restoration, and share our need with those you know.

Thank you for your support and participation in this most exciting endeavor, where we have the privilege of being used by God to "rebuild broken lives, one life at a time".

God's Blessings
Dan Ice

New Staff



We are introducing Mara Rizzo as the new director of the Women and Children's Shelter. Mara recently graduated from HSU and has been with the Mission for a little under a year now. Please pray that God blesses her time here as the Director and that the Ministry of the Women and Children's Shelter continues to grow.

Do you want to help?

Believe it or not the Holiday Season will soon be upon us. Here at the Eureka Rescue Mission that means a lot of different things but most importantly it means we need to start planning our Holiday Meals. We will again be serving both Thanksgiving and Christmas meals to whoever is in need and whoever will come. If you or a group would like to volunteer this year to help serve please call now, 445-3787. We are currently planning and organizing both meals so the sooner you call the better. Thank You.

Current Needs :
(which can be dropped off at
the Eureka Rescue Mission,
110 2nd Street)

1. Coffee
2. Paper Towels
3. Dish Soap
4. Socks
5. Turkeys
6. Cleaning Supplies