

– From the Men's Shelter

Here at the Mission we are called to provide shelter, showers, food and most importantly, the sharing of the good news of the word of God which leads to relationship with Jesus. Discipleship is crucial to living our lives in Christ. Many of our frequent guests have made the yearlong commitment to the New Life Discipleship Program and are now growing in Christ, hence the Eureka Rescue Mission slogan, "Rebuilding Broken Lives One Life at a Time." This ministry is so rewarding because we see broken and empty men come in to the program, and after a short period of time we get to see a new life full of hope, joy and purpose. During the year the men on the program attend sound Bible teaching four hours per day, five days per week. Upon graduating the program, each man will have completed approximately 600 hours of Bible study, have an understanding of a sound belief system, develop an organized system of thought according to the scriptures, and hopefully will have learned to yield himself to God so that he may become a true man of God. We are witnessing men being changed as they see what God has purposed for their lives. One of many principles that we instill in the men is to be available servants for those around them. Opportunities for service arise continually, one of which is volunteer com-



Cleanup during Main Street Fourth of July event— God Squad

munity service here in Old Town Eureka. Eureka Main Street Executive Director Charlotte McDonald has provided opportunities for the program men throughout the year. One is the 4th of July festivities here in Old Town. Several of the men wearing their "God's Squad" shirts started early on the morning of the 4th setting up barricades in order to detour daily traffic so that local entrepreneurs may promote their businesses. Activities for the men included trash pick up and monitoring city garbage cans to see if they needed emptying. After the festivities were concluded the men disassembled barricades and looked for any trash that may have been overlooked along the way. Our program men have been available and eager to help whenever possible. Eureka Main Street is extremely pleased with the men and has many great things to say about the Mission due to the conduct and availability of the New Life Program men. By supporting the Eureka Rescue Mission you not only provide for the homeless, you are sowing into the lives of the New Life Discipleship Program men who are future productive members of society.

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Cleaning up Old Town Eureka—God Squad



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RESCUE MISSION MINISTRY: THRIFT STORE?



In order to give you, our supporters and friends, a better perspective of the ministry of the Mission, we plan to bring you articles about the various segments of the ministry and the support system that empowers what the Mission accomplishes. The different but connected aspects of our ministry can be likened to the 4 legs of an animal or the piers supporting a building. The four main aspects or legs of the Mission are the Women and Children's Shelter, The Men's Shelter, The Mission Thrift Store and the Executive Office. Support structure and direction come from the Mission Auxiliary and the Board of Directors.

The first area we would like to cast light on is the Thrift Store! Yes, the Thrift Store is an integral part of our ministry! There is a minimum of six impor-

tant contributions the ministry at the Thrift Store provides. First, The Thrift Store is our primary source for almost all the bedding, clothing, furniture, appliances, dishes, utensils, towels, linens and the list could go on and on. This source allows us to provide these items to our guests and program members.

The Thrift Store provides a multifaceted set of opportunities for work experience and jobs. Work experience and a resume are provided for program members and volunteers from our shelters. Entry level employment is provided for graduates who transition from the live-in program to permanent outside housing, and employment is also available to members of our community.

Lastly, any profit from sales at the Thrift Store goes into the Mission's general fund to provide additional income for

our ministry to those in need and the less fortunate. As you can



see, without the Thrift Store it would be nearly impossible to provide the services we compassionately desire to carry out. In the next issue we will discuss another essential segment of the Eureka Rescue Mission.



Women and Children's Shelter - Homeless Guest Services
New Life Discipleship Program - Thrift Store
Rebuilding broken lives ... One life at a time

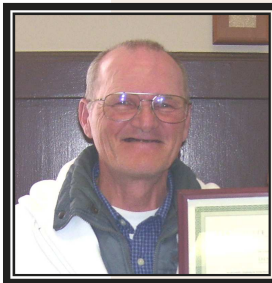
Newest Graduates of the Men's New Life Discipleship Program



Jimmie Joe Chamberlain graduated from the program on June 18, 2008. Since his graduation Jimmie Joe has moved back with his family to be a father to his children and a husband to his wife.



Bryan Lee Hall Jr. graduated from the program on June 25, 2008. While on the program Bryan learned foundational Christian principles that have been able to sustain him through some very trying times in his life. Thanks to God for His faithfulness. Bryan is now employed in Fortuna.



Dennis Eby graduated from the program on July 2, 2008. While on the program Dennis exhibited an eye for detail and leadership qualities and has been training as a Mission House Manager since his graduation.



Robert Keys graduated from the program on July 9, 2008. Since his graduation Rob has been diligently seeking employment, and has recently moved from a job as night deskman for the Mission to employment at the Bayshore Mall.

The New Life Discipleship Program is a year long residential, faith-based, Christian discipleship program. The goal of the Program is to guide each man who is open to change, into a relationship with God so that the rebuilding of his life can begin. Each graduate has exhibited a desire, willingness, and courage to move in a direction other than the way he was going.

*"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are become new."
— 2 Corinthians 5:17*

Graduates successfully complete over 600 hours of sound biblical teaching. They have a firm understanding of the essentials of Christianity. They have exhibited their understanding of an organized system of thought during their stay with us, and they have exhibited ethical work habits. Each of these three men has over one year of sobriety under his belt. **That is new life!!**



New Life Program members on recreation at Woodley Island

— From the Women's Shelter

What do we do at the Women's Shelter? This is a question I'm asked often about our shelter. A better question is what is God doing here on the women's side of our Mission? God is moving, blessing and providing for us, as we continue to offer a safe, stable refuge for single women and women with children, and it's exciting! What happens when ladies stay with us? They learn to save their money, pay their bills, connect with services, find employment, and acquire skills they need to continue on in support of themselves and their families. We are able to provide so much more than just a roof here; we create an atmosphere where these women can learn how to be accountable, responsible, think through issues and how to better relate to other people.



The key aspect, the most important and meaningful part of this ministry for our guests, is solid and consistent exposure to the gospel of Jesus Christ. During our chapel service these women are given the choice and gift of learning about what Christ has done for us, and who He really is; they are given a chance to really live! This month we have had four families staying with us, with ages ranging from 8 months to 16 years old. Our playground has been abuzz with the sounds of children playing, and the mothers have found their place among the other ladies for support and companionship. God is amazing!

And for those who have been following along, an update on our resident baby. Cora Mae, the child who has been at the Mission all eight months of her life, is growing and thriving; she is now learning to crawl, and still captures the hearts of all the ladies staying here. She is a hefty 22 pounds and all smiles, one of the many children who spent a season here in God's house, our Women and Children's Shelter.



So far this year:

- 18 women have transitioned into permanent housing from the Women's Shelter.
- 3 families, including 8 children, transitioned into permanent housing from the Women's Shelter.
- The Rescue Mission "Free Store" gave needy families 29,895 items of clothing, 6,610 diapers, and 2,102 hygiene items.



Current Needs

- Prayer
- Turkeys
- Coffee
- Volunteers for Holiday Meals
- Canned Goods
- Financial Support

Please bring donations to 110 2nd St. or call to arrange for pick-up of your much needed donation 707 445-3787.