

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

Each graduate has successfully completed 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 one of these men have over one year of sobriety, **that is new life !!**

## Recent Graduate of NLDP



Lane Tomlinson

Lane Tomlinson graduated from the program on August 12, 2009. While on the program Lane exhibited an incredible work ethic and willingly contributed his time to helping the less fortunate of our community by preparing meals and helping with cleaning the facility. Immediately after his graduation from the program Lane was hired at the Eureka Rescue Mission Thrift Store.

*“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.” — 2 Corinthians 5:17*

## New Staff at the Women & Children's Shelter

Here at the Women and Children's Shelter we have two new staff additions to introduce to you. Kaci, who came to us from our Thrift Store in July, is very enthusiastic about working here and is finding her place. She does both the day shift and swing shift. Kaci is a hard worker and a great addition to the Shelter. She has a heart of compassion for our women & children, and they blossom with her love for them. Lisa also started working here at the Shelter in July. She has found a love for the ladies who come here for refuge. She enjoys interacting with them and giving them the spiritual advice that each one of the ladies need. Both of these ladies are a great help as we start preparing for the busy winter season. They have been working on hygiene kits and organizing the Boutique (where ladies can come and get clean clothes for themselves and their children, along with diapers and other supplies). We have also been able to clean, reorganize and have the rooms painted as women and children have transitioned to other housing. We are looking forward to their opportunity of serving God through His ministry here at the Mission.



New staff additions — Kaci & Lisa

## Upcoming Holiday Needs

- Prayer
- Turkeys
- Coffee
- Canned Foods
- Instant Potatoes
- Hams
- Holiday Finances
- Socks
- Hooded Sweatshirts

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

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# Eureka Rescue Mission Changed Lives

Fall 2009

## Unusual Ministry and Services



Bob has made an incredible comeback from two shattered legs while rehabilitating at the Mission

Most people are aware of the day to day services the Mission provides, such as emergency shelter, showers, clean clothes, and food. But we do so much more. The following are some examples of services we provide that you may not be aware of.

The Men's Shelter and Family Shelter will receive calls from local hospitals with someone in need of additional care, convalescent or bed rest, but they have no home to go to and no one to help. Once their condition stabilizes they must be discharged from the hospital and find a place to go to rehabilitate. The Mission provides them that place to stay and provides care for them until they are able to care for themselves. Also, people who have lost everything and have been diagnosed as terminal find their way to the Mission doors. We bring them in and care for them over the last course of their lives. We are compelled to show them the love of Christ, that we may perhaps make a difference in the remaining months, weeks or days of their lives. They pass away cared for and loved by the people of the Mission. Men who utilize the daily services offered at the Mission are en-

couraged to help themselves by using the Mission as a springboard to get back on their feet again. The Mission offers them a full 60 days to save their money and to find a place of their own. There is grace and mercy for an individual who is making an honest effort to get on his feet and the 60 days can be extended at



Women & Children's Shelter staff prepare hygiene packs to be given to those in need this winter season.

the discretion of Mission leadership. After staying 60 days at the Mission, a man is required to find other arrangements for 30 days before he can stay at the Mission again. This is referred to as a "60 in 30 out policy". We enforce this policy to encourage those with financial means to be responsible with their funds and learn to care for themselves and enable them to get out there and succeed. The following is another situation where we have provided opportunity: a gentleman from out of the area

was coming into town to interview for a job with the State of California. He called ahead of time to check to see if we could provide him a place to stay while he was in Eureka to interview for his job. Of course we could. The gentleman was hired for the job and continued to stay at the Mission until he received his first check and moved into a place of his own! During the winter holidays we also help provide care packages. These consist of hygiene items (such as shampoo, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, etc) and warm clothing in preparation for the upcoming cold and rainy season, which includes hats, gloves, hooded sweatshirts, coats

and rain jackets. With winter right around the corner, we have already started to prepare for this seasons needs. The Family Shelter's staff has been busy putting together the hygiene kits and as clothing donations are coming in we are sorting the winter items. We are also starting to prepare for our holiday meals as this is always a large undertaking. Please check out our list of "Upcoming Holiday Needs" on the back page to see current needs.

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



# Homelessness Facts



- ◆ Homelessness affects all races, all genders, all income levels... homelessness touches everyone.
- ◆ It's estimated that between 1.3 to 2 million people are homeless each year.
- ◆ Homeless families comprise roughly 34% of the total homeless population.
- ◆ As many as 32 million Americans now live below the poverty line.
- ◆ The majority of homeless are not chronically homeless but are episodically homeless.
- ◆ Over a five-year period, about 2-3 percent of the U.S. population (5-8 million people) will experience at least one night of homelessness.
- ◆ 9% of homeless are from rural America
- ◆ Among industrialized nations, the U.S. has the largest number of homeless women and children
- ◆ Approximately 1.35 million children will experience homelessness over the course of a year

"For I was hungry, and you gave me meat: I was thirsty, and you gave me drink: I was a stranger, and you took me in, Naked, and you clothed me: I was sick, and you visited me: I was in prison, and you came unto me."  
 — Matthew 25:35-36

## Where are they now?

— Past graduates of the Men's New Life Discipleship Program



Shane Kilpatrick

Shane Kilpatrick graduated from the Men's New Life Discipleship Program on May 31, 2006. While on the program, Shane exhibited leadership qualities, and a heart for the lost. Immediately after graduation, Shane went to work for the Men's Shelter as a House Manager. Shane proved to be a valuable member of the Mission ministry team. Shane moved up to Washington for a short period of time to be around his family, but has since moved back to Eureka where he is now gainfully employed at the Mission Thrift Store.

Richard Day graduated from the Men's New Life Discipleship Program on July 26, 2006. While on the program, Rich learned necessary skills to cope with life and developed a support system, which has helped him through some very difficult times. Rich is a hard worker and since his graduation he has landed two jobs. One job is at a local restaurant, and his second job is driving for the Eureka Rescue Mission. Rich is also a professional painter, and always makes time to take on much needed painting projects around the Mission.



Richard Day

## Testifying to the Greatness of God



Dennis Eby

My name is Dennis Eby. I live at the Eureka Rescue Mission, and I work at the Men's Shelter as a House Manager. I graduated from the Men's New Life Discipleship Program on July 2, 2008. I have known my Lord and Savior for most of my life, but I would backslide, return to God, and backslide again. I spent most of my life doing this. Then about twenty years ago I had gone too far in God's eyes. He put me in front of a judge who set me straight by saying to me "If I see you in my court room again, I will throw the book at you." This was the turning point in my life. You might say the Lord guided me to the Eureka Rescue Mission. It took three attempts to complete the Men's New Life Discipleship Program. God has truly blessed me. I have been on duty for more than a year and during that time I have seen firsthand the change God can make in men. I teach a candidate's class using Ed Cole teachings as a tool to prepare the candidates for more informative classes. The blessings received from teaching the candidates, having a one-on-one relationship with the guests, and on occasion doing chapel service have been enormous. I give God all the praise, for without Christ as my guide I would be nothing. Jesus said in the book of John 15:5 — "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing." I now live my life for God. When I entered the program the third time, I committed my life to doing God's will. Now I try to do what is right in God's eyes, not mine.

## Making a Difference — In and Out of the Mission



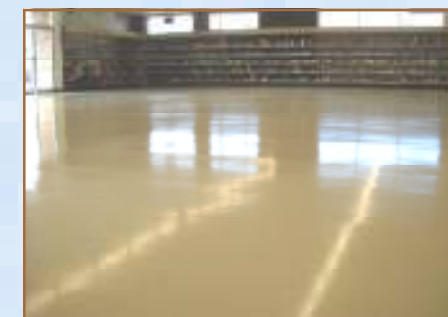
Applying wax to the floor at the Thrift Store

Men from our New Life Discipleship Program never run out of opportunities to serve inside the Mission and out in the community. Starting on Sept. 5<sup>th</sup> through the 7<sup>th</sup> the men worked from morning until night mov-

ing clothing racks and furniture from one side of the Eureka Rescue Mission Thrift Store to the other, making room to strip off the old wax in order to apply the new. This year we used a more durable wax which should keep a shine much longer than the former. It was a big job with a lot of hard work involved but the results are so rewarding. The Thrift Store staff has received many comments from customers on how great the floors look and how clean the store looks with the fresh wax on the floors, and indeed it does. Drop by and take a look.



Applying the finishing touches



Now that is one beautiful floor!

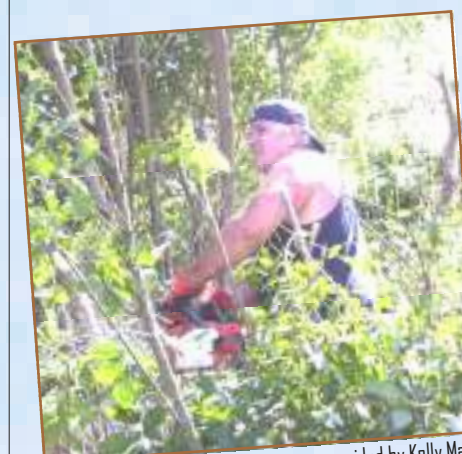
As for community service, God's Squad (Program members who volunteer in Old Town) is in full force and



A winning team — Ready to work

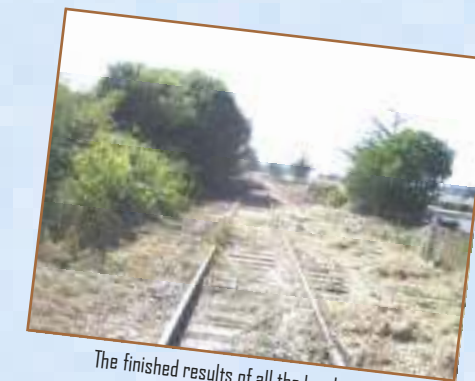
ers and safety gear to outfit our guys for the job. Kelly Martin provided two chain saws to cut small trees growing in the tracks. Several of our men are experienced with this equipment and were excited to give back to the com-

we started ramping up for another cleanup from the foot of "I" Street to the foot of "T" Street. We have been working closely with the City of Eureka to clean the railroad right of way. If you remember, earlier in the year we removed almost 40 yards of debris from this same area. Recently, Eureka Main Street received donations and purchased three weed eat-



Removing brush & trees with chainsaws provided by Kelly Martin

munity. On Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup>, at the foot of "I" Street we made a sweep; cleaning out all the rubbish and several of our men followed behind the cleanup effort cutting any willows/trees or branches that were too big for the City's flail mower. We worked Wednesdays and Saturdays clearing the tracks for the City's flail mower to follow up and mulch all of the brush. It has been hard work but the results speak for their self. Thank you Eureka Main Street and City of Eureka for the opportunity to give back to our community.



The finished results of all the hard work