

## Recent New Life Program Graduates



Rodrick Rivas graduated June 27, 2012.

Rodrick possesses an outstanding work ethic, and has great social skills. The program has provided time for restoration with his family. He now has a great relationship with his children.



James Josey Jr. graduated August 8, 2012.

James continues to excel in many areas including his service with the City of Eureka, he takes part in beautification projects, landscaping, and is always happy to provide a helping hand.



Ron Idler graduated September 12, 2012.

Ron has been one of our biggest prayer warriors. We can see God is taking Ron to a new level in his walk and will continue to refine Ron into the praying man He wants him to be.

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!!

# Eureka Rescue Mission Changed Lives

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## 2012 Fall Descends On Eureka



## A Letter From Our Neighbor...Eureka Main Street

I have been trying to think of how I could put into words what the relationship between Eureka Main Street and the Eureka Rescue Mission is. It's hard to explain because of all the organizations, directors, and programs I work with the Eureka Rescue Mission is more than those. It is family.

When I first started with EMS in 1996 the Rescue Mission was going through changes, all for the best, and so was I. Matt and Mary Magill had taken over the leadership of the Mission and we began a partnership that has grown and flourished all these years.

The Mission is an important part of our community because it serves families and men struggling with life's problems. It provides a place where dignity, safety, and hope replace the desperation many have felt far too long.



Charlotte McDonald,  
Executive Director of  
Eureka Main Street

Working together with Dan Ice, Bryan Hall, and others, we are able to provide opportunities for the program members to work in the community and the community to see the benefit and value of these once lost souls.

When Eureka Main Street needs to get things done we know we can count on Rescue Mission program members to help us. They've done everything from streetscape work - weeding, planting trees, sweeping sidewalks, painting clocks, and hanging flowering baskets, to helping with the 4th of July festival, setting up for holiday open house, putting up posters, serving as the Old Town carriage footman, and so much more. The Mission has also become an important part of the City's Parks Dept. They work closely with Tom Coyle and Kurt Hufft to help keep tree wells, parking lots, medians, gutters, railway right of ways, and pocket parks around Downtown, Old Town, the Adorni Center, and Humboldt County Library cleaned up. They've also been picking up trash, clearing weeds, and other debris on the balloon tract. (Continued on page 2)

## Feedback From A Guest



We had a chance to sit down with many of our guests and get their thoughts as to how things are going here at the Eureka Rescue Mission. One of our guests, Mike, came forward and spoke to us. He has been staying with us here at the Mission for a month now and has said what a blessing it has been being here at the Eureka Rescue Mission. Mike has been looking for employment from

the 1st day he arrived in Eureka. Now, after much diligence in looking for a job, Mike is working fulltime at a local gas station. We are proud of Mike and proud of many of our guests who are endeavoring to change their circumstances through hard work and perseverance and are blessed to see the growth taking place in their lives. Mike is a positive inspiration to all of us here, proving that when it comes to the Lord, anything is possible. With Mike coming forward as he did, it has reminded all of us that the Mission is a place where lives are changed.

## Needs For The Season

Fervent, continual prayer for our volunteers, chapel providers, and staff.



Turkeys and hams are needed for the holiday season.

Canned items, like vegetables and fruit, will refresh our depleting supply.

Please consider donating your gently used items to our Thrift Store.

Your financial donation, of any amount, is an effective and welcome tool.

Together, you, and your Rescue Mission, are having a positive impact on those in need. Thank you for allowing us to be the bridge from despair to hope.

Donations of your gently used items for the **Thrift Store** can be taken to **1031 Broadway** or you can call **707 443-2523** to arrange for a pickup



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





(From Page 1) Mission program members have also helped out organizations like *Blues by the Bay*, *Ink People Center for the Arts*, *St. Joseph Health Fair*, *Keeping Eureka Beautiful*, just to name a few.

Working with the men as much as I do, I get to know who they are, whether they have families, where they called home before coming to Eureka. Listening to their stories, and how they're turning their lives around through Christ, has been a source of strength and inspiration for me. I am moved by their humility and their pure belief in God. One member once told me he had taken so much from society that it was his time to pay back. I am so glad we are the beneficiaries. My friendships continue with many of the graduates, and it is always exciting when they become gainfully employed, start dating, reconnect with children, and continue on a path back into mainstream society.

My life is better for knowing and working with the Eureka Rescue Mission. And the community is better for the work the Eureka Rescue Mission does. Thank you so much!

### New Directors In The Mission Ministry



Bryan Hall Sr., Executive Director



Michael Stanley, Men's Shelter Director

Our Executive Director Dan Ice has used his gifts and talents in this ministry for the past seven years. God has used Dan to bring the ministry of the Eureka Rescue Mission into a new light in our community. Recently, God has called Dan to be Senior Pastor at a local church. Dan will still be continuing as the Building Project Manager for the Mission. The Mission has promoted Bryan Hall, Sr., who has been the Men's Shelter Director for the past several years, to the Executive Director position, taking up where Dan has left off. Dan has been working with Bryan over the last several years preparing him to fill this position. Bryan has been with the Mission since 2006. He graduated the New Life Program and immediately went to work at our Thrift Store. Soon after, he started working as a house manager at the Men's Shelter, and from there became the Men's Shelter Director. In September, Bryan was given the position of Executive Director. Michael Stanley has taken the Men's Shelter Director position, where he has been trained by Bryan over the past years. We can see God's continued work as He raises up men who are called into Rescue Mission Ministry.

### From Bondage To Liberty, A Rich Testimony



Out of Darkness...



...into Light!

Richard Kelly graduated the New Life Discipleship Program at the Eureka Rescue Mission in November 2011. Rich is finally happy and at peace with God, but things were not always so peaceful in Rich's life.

After graduating high school, Rich enlisted into the Air Force which lasted for around three years. At that time, Rich had an alcohol problem that led him to being generally discharged from the service. After the Air Force, he traveled around the United States for about three years riding freight trains and living the life of a nomad. Finally, settling down a bit, he went to school and received certification for welding and went to work on high rise buildings. With an overwhelming fear of heights, Rich found that controlled amounts of alcohol suppressed that fear. A little alcohol on the job led to more alcohol off the job, which led Rich into an incident at a local pub that consequently landed him in state prison for seven years. After his release, he received a large settlement from a long time court suit, moved to Hawaii and became a full time alcoholic. After a year of the high life in Hawaii, he returned to the Mainland, continued his alcoholism and lost everything he had including his home, family and friends. Rich found himself on the streets of Eureka.

Rich came to the Mission and made several attempts at completing the New Life Discipleship Program, but due to his addiction to alcohol, he failed. Rich had no hope and finally came back to the Mission thoroughly broken which opened the door for Christ to enter in. Rich ultimately repented of his sin and received Jesus Christ as his personal Lord and Savior. Today, Rich has hope, love, direction and stability in his life and is taking advantage of the opportunity to serve the Lord at the Eureka Rescue Mission. Rich, at one time felt that his life was of no value, but now realizes how precious his life is, due to the sacrifice Jesus made on his behalf.

*1 Peter 2:9 But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for possession, so that you might speak of the praises of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.*

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