



Hopefully you have enjoyed a wonderful summer with family and friends. It's hard to believe that school is already back in full swing!

The number of guests coming to the Mission needing help has not diminished. Our shelters have been at or near capacity the last few weeks. As we enter into fall and colder temperatures, our numbers will continue to increase. Men, women and children come to us tired of living a life of chaos and have a longing for peace and rest. They are wounded, broken and lost and it is evident in their eyes. Behind the layers of fatigue and sadness, I see beautiful human beings possessing great dignity and worth, treasures in earthen vessels that Jesus gave His life for. Many of them have been forgotten and disregarded or even told that they are beyond repair. We're here to remind them that is not the truth. Every single person, regardless of past choices and mistakes is redeemable.

The changing weather is a very tangible reminder that the holidays are fast approaching. For many of the folks that we serve, the holiday season brings much heartache and depression. Choices that they have made in the past haunt them in the present, causing their future to look bleak, especially during the holiday season. Our desire is to make this up and coming time of year a blessing full of joy, hope and love rather than depression, despair and pain. As we continue to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ along with demonstrating His love, we will continue to witness lives being changed - one life at a time.

I hope you have enjoyed the articles in this edition of your newsletter. The testimonies are a testament to God's continued work in restoring broken lives, one life at a time. You, our prayer warriors and financial supporters, are with us in spirit right here on the front lines and without you this ministry would not thrive. God has and will continue to use you in changing lives for His glory. Thank you so much for your continuous support. We love you.

Blessings in Christ,

Bryan Hall Sr.

Executive Director

If you were not able to attend our ribbon cutting ceremony and would like a tour of our new facility, please call our administration office at 445-3787 and schedule a time for a tour. I would be happy to personally show you around. Also, if you would like to volunteer to serve for the up and coming holiday meals, please call our Men's Shelter at 443-4551 to sign up. Our Thanksgiving meal will be on Wednesday, November 23 from 12pm to 2pm. Our Christmas meal will be on Saturday, December 24 from 12pm to 2pm.

Upcoming Holiday needs

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

All listed donations can be dropped off at the Eureka Rescue Mission located at 100 2nd Street

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CHANGED LIVES

A Family Moving Forward



Oftentimes, married mothers with children stay at the Women and Children's Shelter while husbands reside as guests at the Men's Shelter. Good communication between the Women's and Men's Shelter staff is needed to accommodate married couples with children in homeless situations. As current guests of the Eureka Rescue Mission, Alan and Elizabeth Jager and kids are grabbing ahold of all God has for them here at the Mission. The Jagers came here homeless and in need of help to rebuild their broken lives. Before coming to the Mission, the Jagers were camping and living in their van, having been evicted from staying with a family member in Grants Pass, Oregon. With the intention of traveling to Modesto, they found themselves out of gas and stranded in Crescent City. Thankfully, Alan's father sent them

gas money and they arrived here in Eureka at our shelters. Feeling welcomed, they decided to settle and see what God had for them here. Both Alan and Elizabeth went to the Employment Development Department to job search and generate resumes. That same day, Elizabeth landed a job and two days later Alan secured full time employment. Alan has already received an increase in wage along with a promotion.

The Jagers have done the hard work and both have been able to obtain employment. The kids have been enrolled in school and seem to be adjusting well to their new routine. This family is now able to face their responsibilities each day as their needs are met at the mission; having life's necessities provided for them in a safe, healthy environment. We can see the change in them as they don't have the same worries that they had when they first came to us. They are moving forward with confidence and dignity as they have their day to day needs met as a family. We are completely blessed to be a part of their lives.



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New Building Officially Open



The Ribbon Cutti

On Wednesday morning, August 17th, we welcomed guests, employees and the public to our new facility at 100 Second Street. The new facility, already in full operation, officially opened and we held a ribbon cutting ceremony and special free lunch for the community in our new spacious cafeteria. Our new facility has already presented so many more opportunities for the community to come and volunteer. In our former building, we were limited to the number of volunteers because the amount of space we had was minimal. Now we have a tremendous amount of room for our guests and volunteers. We are excited about the timing of the completion because of the up and coming holiday season. We will be able to serve up to 150 guests at once rather than groups of

48 people at a time. We would like to thank all of our faithful partners and our community for your continued support of this great ministry. Also, a big thank you goes out to our city council, county supervisors, Eureka Rescue Mission board members, contractors, building department, chamber of commerce, law enforcement, and architect who attended, and not to forget Charlotte McDonald and Amanda Kruschke for pulling together everyone for the ribbon cutting ceremony.

Blessed to Give, Blessed to Receive

This summer, the Eureka Rescue Mission was contacted by an individual who wanted to start a volunteer opportunity for the residents of the local healthcare service providers. His goal was to bring together three groups of people, the elderly and disabled, and the homeless. These individual groups of people can have the same struggle; many times they can feel useless and unwanted. The phone call led to a plan to bring the local healthcare service providers and the Eureka Rescue Mission teaming up to help both groups. Several times per month, the centers bring all of the food needed to serve our overnight guests dinner and rest home residents serve the food. By being able to give and serve others, care center residents are blessed with a renewed sense of purpose. Rescue mission guests are likewise blessed by the food and knowing that there are people in our community who truly care about them. Both are greatly encouraged by each other. As the saying goes, it's a win - win!



A Word About Those Who Received A Hand Up



Mitch was born in Fort Stockton, Texas. His parents divorced when he was young and that is when things went downhill for him. He struggled with alcohol abuse since he was around 11 years old; it helped him forget the pain of his tore up family life and took his shyness away. He didn't finish high school, however, he did get his GED. Through the years, he worked mostly at lumber mills as a fork lift operator and warehouse worker. Mitch's alcohol abuse resulted in him becoming homeless in 2006, living in various places from Salem, Oregon, Denver, Colorado and ultimately here in Eureka. Since joining the New Life Discipleship program here at the Mission, Mitch is now clean physically from drugs and alcohol and most of all has a relationship with Jesus Christ. Before he joined the Rescue Mission Discipleship Program, he had lost hope, his family, and friends and even felt that God had given up on him. By living with other men that are just like him, all wanting a new life, Mitch now has hope. He wanted to tell you, the supporters of the Eureka Rescue Mission, "THANK YOU so much for allowing God to use you to give guys like me hope."

Brian's mother was only fifteen years old and his father was not in the picture when he was born. Growing up was a difficult time for him. Brian's grandmother took him under her wing and helped him along through his life. At the age of thirteen, Brian started using and selling drugs and drinking alcohol with the hopes that it would bring him fortune and fame. Using drugs and drinking also made him feel like he could be more outgoing and popular. Brian graduated high school and attended college for two years. Throughout his life he has worked as a cook, construction worker, janitor and painter. In 2006, Brian became homeless while living in Eureka and became very rebellious with much criminal activity. That lifestyle consumed him, and bit by bit his life started falling completely apart. Brian tried the Mission program on a couple of different occasions, but still had a rebellious spirit and didn't stay. It wasn't until his grandmothers' recent death that he had a true life change. Her death opened his eyes and his heart. Since being on the program, the quality of his life now in comparison to before is like the difference between night and day. Brian has said, "I thank God for the love that He has instilled in your hearts because with that same love that you show to the Rescue Mission, many lives, including mine, are saved and life is no longer hopeless."



Lori was born here in Eureka. As a child her dad worked in the woods as a logger and her mom was a stay at home mom until she and her siblings reached adolescence. She has 13 years experience in the medical field and she also had a job on a farm milking cows. Lori suffered many losses in a very short time period. She lost her dad, dog, and job all in the same week. Lori had also lost her brother and grandma within a very short time frame as well. This caused a severe depression and she turned to alcohol as a way of escape. Eventually, in 2009, she experienced homelessness. For 10 months she committed herself to a Christian program in the mountains. This was a personal choice to try to overcome her alcoholism. After this program, she lived in a barn and also couch surfed with people she was acquainted with. On March 23, 2016 she made the best move of her life by coming to the Eureka Rescue Mission Women and Children's Shelter. The quality of her life now compared to her past is "Just the way I want it to be. I am never alone because I found Jesus and He gives me guidance, strength, safety, sanity and sobriety." If she could say just one thing to the supporters of the Eureka Rescue Mission it would be "Thank You. You all saved my life."