

Finding Life Under New Management

Corbett



I am a Humboldt native with several generations of family locally; however, I spent much of my adult years in other cities and states. I returned in 2010 to be closer to my roots. I came from a modest upbringing, in a loving, caring, supportive family that adopted me at birth. One that was free of neglect, violence, addictions, and other maladies that have plagued other families. I performed well in school, attended college, found many career opportunities in graphics and printing, got married, and had a dog or two. For what it's worth, a typical "nuclear family" upbringing, beyond a bored suburban latch-key kid, which enticed mischief and its own issues with neighborhoods full of kids with bad ideas and worse decisions.

But a creeping addiction to alcohol in my later years would essentially become a handicap to life as bad as any other. While I resisted the other alternatives, it only took one vice to set life on fire and pretty much ruin anything I stood for or wanted in life. It brought an end to good things and opened a chasm of ruin: failed relationships, employment, finances, family strife, DUI, depression, anxiety, declining health; reduced mentally and emotionally to near zero, and at one point, I just stopped caring about anything. Alcohol became the friend I didn't need. It wasn't until a few short years ago that I found out that I have a long lineage of addictions and addictive behaviors within my family. Essentially, I couldn't stop drinking alcohol after starting even if I tried; it was in my lineage. I realized that I needed and wanted help and couldn't do this on my own.

A sympathetic friend of some years picked me up from a park where I was just passing time, from one day to the next. He was a graduate of the Eureka Rescue Mission and brought me to the shelter. It was time to come clean with life.

The Mission gave me new life, a stable environment, and hope. God was speaking to me. I began to renew a long-ignored relationship; I asked for mercy, clarity, guidance, hope, and I received it. With a healthy, deeper understanding of the Bible through immersive study and its lessons for life, I have been blessed with recovery from a decrepit condition and a renewal of life itself under new management. I no longer simply drift in a river, and for that, I am grateful to Jesus and the Eureka Rescue Mission New Life Program, and to all of you who faithfully support this ministry. Thank you!

How You can help with Holiday Meals and Food Boxes

As the holiday season approaches, the need for holiday funding and food donations becomes increasingly crucial. Many families in our community are struggling to make ends meet, and they rely on the generosity of others to ensure they can enjoy a festive meal during Thanksgiving and Christmas. As we do every year, we are continuing our tradition of holding holiday meals at our facility as well as providing holiday food boxes for low income families in our community. We're seeking food items like stuffing, gravy mixes, instant mashed potatoes, cans of cranberry sauce, cans of vegetables, turkeys, canned yams, dinner rolls, pies etc and anything else that you can provide. All donations will make this season a little brighter for those in need. Also, financial gifts are greatly appreciated especially during these difficult times. Your contributions will help spread warmth and cheer during the holidays. Thank you so very much!



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REBUILDING BROKEN LIVES ONE LIFE AT A TIME...

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Changed Lives

Renewed Spaces, Renewed Lives

We are thrilled to announce the successful completion of Phase 1 of the Eureka Rescue Mission Women and Children's Shelter renovation project. Today, we proudly occupy our newly transformed space, which represents a significant step forward in our mission to provide essential services to the women and children in our community. This phase has brought about remarkable changes, including a fully equipped very large restroom and shower area on the ground floor, catering to the single ladies seeking refuge and assistance at our shelter. Additionally, our facility now boasts a brand-new boutique, a communal dining area, a modern kitchen, and laundry facilities, all designed to enhance the comfort and dignity of our guests. Upstairs, we've created two welcoming family rooms, complete with a new restroom and tub, providing a safe haven for women with children. Furthermore, we've expanded our capacity by adding three more bunk beds in a new downstairs area. The completion of this phase has been made possible through the generosity of our supporters, and we're deeply grateful for your continued financial assistance as we embark on the next two phases of renovation. Together, we are making a profound impact in the lives of those we serve, and we couldn't do it without your unwavering support.

Thank you for your dedication to this ministry!



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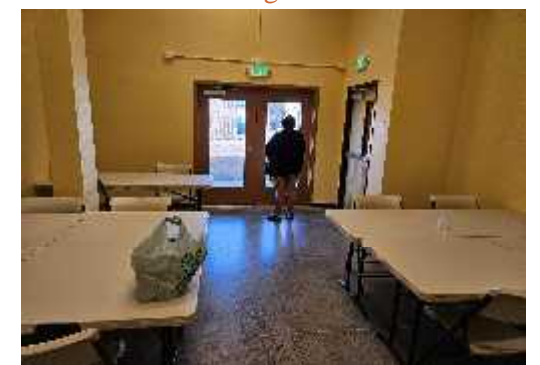
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Bunk Beds



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Stories of Transformation and Hope

Psalm 34:18 "The Lord is near to those who have a broken heart and saves such as have a contrite spirit" NKJV

Lina



Lina Johari was born in Memphis, Tennessee, but her childhood was far from easy. She grew up in a difficult and abusive family with three adults who mistreated her, and her dad, who served in the military, separated from her mom and remarried.

As a kid, Lina had dreams of becoming a language translator, but her life took a different path. She got her GED and a degree in Childcare and worked in various jobs, like retail, food service, and even in mental health and hospitals. However, in her late twenties, Lina faced tough times and turned to alcohol and briefly experimented with methamphetamines to deal with her painful past.

In March 2023, Lina became homeless after allowing a friend to move in with her who eventually caused problems in her own home. She left that situation and moved in with her sick mom and stepdad, but things didn't go well, so she ended up at the Women's and Children's Shelter. There, she found structure and support, and she's thankful for the chance to rebuild her life with more faith, hope, love, and confidence. She's eager to give back when she moves on from the shelter. Lina's story shows us that no matter how hard life can be, there's always a chance and a hope for a better tomorrow.

When Kimmy was young, she dreamed of owning a fabric store, and it became her first job, which she loved. She graduated from high school in 1991 and attended college for a year. She took a break that ended up being 15 years long. Eventually, she returned to school and earned a bachelor's degree in Computer Networking and Information Security. She then got a job as an IT Business Analyst. She has also worked in various roles, including making candy at See's Candy, jobs in the food industry, and clerical work.

Kimmy



Kimmy's journey into homelessness began in 2020 after she had a nervous breakdown in 2018. She used up her savings trying to keep her apartment for two years before moving in with friends. She lived in Stockton, California, for seven months and then moved to Weitchpec, California, where she lived off the grid with friends and their kids until they had to be rescued due to heavy snow in March 2023. She then found shelter at the Eureka Rescue Mission Women's and Children's Shelter. Her hope upon arriving was to find safety and move forward in life. She recently joined the Women's New Life Discipleship Program to work on her relationship with Jesus. She now feels safe for herself and others and is grateful for the fellowship at the shelter. She's also learning more about Jesus every day by spending time in the Bible. Kimmy acknowledges that she went without Jesus for too long and thanks the Mission's supporters for providing a nurturing place with food, shelter, clothing, and good wholesome Christian counsel. Looking ahead, her plans are to stay at the Mission after completing the program and search for a stable income and permanent housing. She is filled with hope and encouragement, feelings she hadn't experienced in a long time.

Kimmy said, "Thank you to all of the donors who give to the Mission. This place has literally saved my life."

Lisa



Lisa Thomas was born in Fortuna, California. Both her biological father and stepfather had a significant influence on her life, treating her kindly. However, her relationship with her mom has always been strained and rocky. Lisa is now putting in effort to mend her relationship with her mother, and her mom is doing the same. We believe in the power of God's restoration, so please keep this relationship in your prayers.

When she was growing up, Lisa aspired to become a Graphic Design Artist. She worked diligently to earn a scholarship to the Colorado Art Institute, which she was awarded in the 11th grade. But her life took an unexpected turn, and she got married at the age of 17. This decision led her to forgo her scholarship and drop out of high school. Ten years later, she went back to school to earn her GED, successfully obtaining her diploma. Lisa also completed several courses at the College of the Redwoods. Throughout her life, she held various jobs, including working for the Public Works department in the City of Fortuna, lawn care, gardening, cashiering, hosting, waitressing, and many other positions.

In 1996, Lisa allowed her son to visit his father, and she did not see him for 5 years. During this time, Lisa turned to alcohol as a way to cope, ultimately leading to nearly two decades of addiction and alcoholism. Her struggles with addiction also resulted in periods of homelessness. Although Lisa was aware of the Mission for years, she wasn't ready to seek help. It wasn't until she hit rock bottom that she finally turned to the Mission for assistance. She needed accountability, structure, and a sober environment. In January 2023, Lisa enrolled in the Women's New Life Discipleship Program.

Throughout her turbulent life, Lisa has always held onto her faith, hope, and love for Jesus. Now, she has found a new family at the Mission, where her relationship with Jesus grows stronger every day. She's surrounded by people who genuinely care about her well-being. Lisa is thankful for the roof over her head, the provided food, her sobriety, the discipleship classes, and the chapel services. She holds deep respect and affection for the staff and donors of the Mission. Whenever she can, she gives back and deeply appreciates the support she receives. After completing the program, Lisa intends to remain at the Mission while searching for work. She also plans to volunteer once she successfully secures her own home.

Evan



My name is Evan Hall and this is a little bit of my life story. I began drinking when I was about 12 years old, and drinking relieved the pain of not knowing my biological dad, my mom's divorce from my stepdad, and the overall stress of living in an unfair world. My drinking became progressively worse, which led to an increase in risk-taking behavior. I couldn't help but notice that my drinking and negative behavior was affecting those I loved. I couldn't stop, so ultimately, I continued to run from my problems. At the time, it felt good to escape but resulted in me never solving the turmoil I felt inside. The only way I felt peace was to continue drinking, which led to a hate-filled existence.

I never really knew how the world worked, but I thought if I could just get more money, I would feel better. That didn't work either, but when I was 19 years old, I found my biological brothers from my father, and they set me straight. They helped me get my priorities in line, and I put in the effort to get sober and live life the right way. Unfortunately, when I was 20 1/2 years old, I fell back into my sinful ways, and my drinking was at its worst. I got involved in a relationship that went bad real quick, and I found myself in jail for something that I actually didn't do. Not long after getting out, I returned to jail for something that I did do, and my options were slim. I was looking at prison time. A part of me said, "Go ahead and go to prison; you will make a lot of connections for when you get out." There was something else inside of me crying out that I needed a Christian program. The judge allowed me to get out and enter a program! I was so happy. As stressful as life has been, I was glad, and coming to the Eureka Rescue Mission New Life Program has been the best thing I have ever done for myself.

Since coming into the program, I have received Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior, it seems that I was running from my problems right into the arms of Jesus, I can say that I am finally growing up in life. The staff members are great and very helpful to me. I honestly believe God was directing me all along and led me here. I am so happy now; thank you to everyone who supports this ministry.

Evan's story is a testament to the fact that, even in the darkest of times, there is hope for redemption and renewal. Through faith, determination, and the support of programs like the Eureka Rescue Mission New Life Program, individuals like Evan can rewrite the narrative of their lives, finding healing, purpose, and the strength to overcome adversity. His journey serves as an inspiration not only to those within the program but to anyone who may be facing their own struggles, reminding us that it's never too late to start anew.

Life can take unexpected turns, and sometimes, we find ourselves lost and struggling to find our way back. Keith Dingman's story is a testament to the power of Christ's transformation and the impact of the New Life Program. In just five short months, Keith's life has undergone a profound change, from homelessness and despair to sobriety, faith, and a newfound sense of purpose.

Keith



For over a decade, Keith faced the harsh reality of homelessness, enduring the emotional toll it took on him. He described his "pre-mission" life as one marked by sadness, loss, and an unending search for meaning. The weight of anger and mistrust toward others burdened him as he grappled with his circumstances.

Keith's journey was further complicated by a battle with addiction. He openly admitted to having struggled with various substances, a common issue within the homeless community. It seemed as though he had tried it all, but addiction kept him trapped in a cycle of despair. Sometimes, a single encounter can change the course of one's life. Keith's turning point came when he was sitting alone on a park bench, reflecting on his life and praying for guidance. It was in this vulnerable moment that a stranger approached him, introducing him to the Eureka Rescue Mission, where he would ultimately experience a life transformation.

Keith made a courageous decision to join the New Life Program. His motivations were clear: sobriety, a desire to deepen his understanding of God, and a commitment to helping others in similar circumstances. He recognized that he couldn't achieve these goals alone and believed that the New Life Program was the support system he needed.

One of the most significant changes in Keith's life during his time with us has been the transformation of his relationship with God. He now immerses himself in the Bible daily and has been baptized. The daily classes and the opportunity to delve deeply into the Word of God have played a pivotal role in his spiritual growth. Keith is grateful for the chance to dedicate his life to Jesus Christ and His work.

In Keith's words, "The Eureka Rescue Mission is a safe and inviting place for those ready to change their lives. It provides the necessary support and resources to help individuals just like me to overcome homelessness, addiction, and despair. Your support has not only provided a place for me to experience a transformed life in Christ, but also countless others who have found hope, healing, and a second chance at life."

In Keith Dingman's remarkable journey from homelessness and addiction to sobriety, faith, and purpose through the New Life Program, his story serves as a powerful testament to the transformative power of Christ. For over a decade, Keith struggled with homelessness, battling despair and a search for meaning while grappling with addiction. However, a chance encounter led him to the Eureka Rescue Mission, where he embraced the New Life Program with a commitment to sobriety, deepening his faith, and helping others facing similar challenges. Keith's relationship with God has been profoundly transformed through daily immersion in the Bible and baptism. His story illustrates how the Eureka Rescue Mission provides vital support and resources for individuals seeking to overcome homelessness and addiction, offering hope, healing, and second chances for countless lives.