

From the Desk of the Director:

As we pause from our activities and responsibilities and take time to reflect upon the results of our actions great benefit can come. The greatest benefit is when we view our lives, our activities, and our passions with God's lenses of truth which illuminates clearly, removes shadows and brings life into clear and crisp perspective.

I want to share a few of my reflections with you in this spring season as they relate to our ministry here at the Eureka Rescue Mission. Spring brings new life and new beginnings. Everywhere I look I see blossoming trees, green growth, new livestock and refreshing rain showers. I was reminded by a good friend that God promises us this continuing process of changing season. Genesis 8:22 tells us of the Lord God talking to Noah and promising; "winter and summer and day and night shall not cease". What a blessing it is to enjoy the seasons and rest on God's promise. In this season of newness I am also reminded of loss and death and the promise of resurrected life. At the Women and Children's Shelter we had the great joy of two babies born in late March. Tragically a week after one precious new life began there were complications and that life ended. What sorrow and loss we all feel within the staff and among those in the Women and Children's Shelter. Death is a reminder of how precious our time is here. Each person will pass from this life into the next, eternity. I can not help but look to the loving, heavenly Father in the times of loss and sorrow, to trust in His wisdom in all that takes place.

In this Easter season I am reminded again of the death of the Son of God who overcomes the pain, suffering, and sorrows of sin in this life. He will give to all who ask peace, joy, rest and forgiveness by overcoming death Himself. The empty tomb of Easter, the proof of His life after death, provides life for all who will come by faith to receive new life.

With pause to reflect, there is so much to see of God's loving hand on each of our lives as we walk through His seasons of life He established for us. "For you are all the children of God, by faith in Jesus Christ" Galatians 3:26. The Lord is truly worthy of our time, energy, and praise.

In His Service,
Dan Ice



Executive Director Dan Ice

Prayer Requests

Please remember to pray for all involved with the Women and Children's Shelter as we continue to try to expand our services in this vital part of our ministry to our community. Remember also, in prayer, the everyday guests that come to The Mission for their meals and night's rest. Please pray that God's love would touch their hearts and that all would find new lives and gainful employment. Finally, please pray for the Eureka Rescue Mission as a whole. Pray that God continues to bless all we do, in His service, for our community and that the staff and volunteers would all work together towards the same goal.

Current Needs

1. Bath Towels
2. High concentrate liquid laundry detergent
3. Bed sheets size single.
4. Frozen Turkeys

We now receive our non-food donation items only at the Thrift Store but we will gladly accept the above items at The Mission for immediate use.

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New Chapel at the Women and Children's Shelter

Free Store Moved to Make Room

It seems like we can't go a couple of months around The Mission without some sort of change happening and we thank God for that. We are always moving forward, always looking to do greater things, and always content with what God provides. At the Women and Children's Shelter, we are so blessed to have the facility that we do, but it seems that there is never enough room. The women and children eat all of their meals and have their classes and bible studies in the living room. We knew we could do better.

For the past couple of months we've been in the process of moving our Free Store from the first floor of the shelter over to the west side of the Thrift Store. In its place we have put in a much needed chapel/multipurpose room. With freshly painted green walls and heavy duty floor paint, the ladies and children now have a better place to eat their meals and have their bible studies. There are plans for a continental breakfast to be served to any women and children in need and also a Christian movie night with popcorn and sodas. These are opportunities to reach out to the women and children in our area with God's love.

Relocating the Free Store has its benefits too. It will now be closer to where the donations are received in the back of the Thrift Store. Most will remember a small restaurant used to be in the small corner where the Free Store now stands. Ladies who stay at the Women and Children's Shelter facilitate its daily operations. The store's hours are 1-3:30 Tuesday through Saturday.

It is an exciting time of change here at the Eureka Rescue Mission. God is expanding our operations and we are making room where we can. Thank you for all of your support. You helped make this possible because of your generous donations. On behalf of all the women and children staying at the shelter, we say **thank you**.



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



Meet the Staff:

Hello my name is Travis Williams and I am a recent addition to the Eureka Rescue Mission staff. I am a Humboldt County native and graduated from Mckinleyville High in 2001. I was involved in youth ministry for 5 years at Church on the Rock while attending HSU. I graduated last December with a degree in business administration and in the same month I was also married to my beautiful wife, Samantha.

Late last year I was approached by Joe, the President of the Board, to come join the staff here. My job description was nebulous at best because my position was a new one. I was hired to replace a professional marketing firm to whom the Eureka Rescue Mission outsourced all of their mailing campaigns. In the years past this had proven to be the most cost effective way to do the necessary job of soliciting new donors. Unfortunately, with rising costs and increasingly more aggressive strategies, Dan, the Executive Director, felt it was time to cut ties with the large firm.

The task has been great and the learning curve steep but by the grace of God we are quickly moving in the right direction. In my job, I look at tenths and hundredths of cents when choosing which paper and envelopes to use and where to buy them. For example we recently bought paper from Georgia to save .2 cents per piece of paper. Now when the Eureka Rescue Mission puts something in the mail it costs 1/3 to 1/2 less than previously.

Please understand that Eureka Rescue Mission does all it can to maintain a non invasive relationship with the community that supports us. We have chosen against aggressive methods like telemarketing. We feel that direct mail is the most cost effective, non-invasive method available. Thank you for your time. If you would like to email me you may reach me at office@eurekarescuemission.org.

Easter Meal at the Eureka Rescue Mission



On April 7th the Eureka Rescue Mission served our second annual Easter Meal. It was such a wonderful time of service and fellowship. The meal ran much the same as our Thanksgiving and Christmas meals with individuals being seated and then served. The Chapel was especially lively as many faithful volunteers and some new faces all shared in lively conversation while hustling about serving meals and bussing tables. When all were seated and there were extra seats the volunteers would sit down and share in the meal themselves. The cooks did a wonderful job of preparing turkey, potatoes, gravy, green beans, bread rolls, cranberry sauce and pie. All in all it was a meal that rivaled many of this writer's holiday meals. We also were blessed to have the Sound Doctrine Band, of Eureka, play for each of the rounds of meals. Their praise filled, southern rock filled the entire building. It was truly an afternoon of blessing for all involved, for those serving and those who were served. The Eureka Rescue Mission would like to thank you for making this meal possible.

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Little Things that are a Big help

1. Shop and donate at the Eureka Rescue Mission Thrift Store. The inventory is constantly changing and good deals abound daily. Donations are also greatly needed.
2. Attend the Eureka Rescue Mission Auxiliary luncheons. Come and enjoy wonderful salads and fellowship while supporting The Mission. (Call 445-3787 for more information)
3. Fill out the response card. The feedback we receive is taken seriously and every encouragement warms our hearts. Consider writing an encouraging note to the men and women staying at the mission. Who knows how God can use your words of love?

Passing the Torch

Laurene Carlson has recently stepped down from the role as president of the Eureka Rescue Mission Auxiliary board. She had held the position for over ten years. Lawana Martin has taken her place as president.

The Eureka Rescue Mission would like to thank Laurene for all she has done and for her leadership, she will be missed. We look forward to working with Lawana and are very excited to see what she will do with The Auxiliary.

Bobby's Testimony

As I woke up from a night of ungodly festivities and found myself reaping the benefits of a nightmare of sin that I could not control. The unrighteous fog of torment lifted and I found myself trying to piece together the past that was haunting my existing reality. I was dressed in orange and in a house of pure fleshly desire... jail.

Pending court dates and the loss of wife and son has left me to rot in my own self-induced bottle. I prayed frantically, trying to dig up my past relationship with the Lord that I unconsciously drifted away from as I grew in my sin. I remember my mother telling me that with prayer God answers to all that have faith. I prayed and prayed. My faith grew as my relationship with God grew closer, then the doors of opportunity began to open for me.

The Mission Chaplain came to me in jail and described the New Life Program. He told me, "If you are serious about a deeper relationship with Lord then the program will supplement your already growing faith." We prayed. The next day, I was released from the jail to the program.

At first I was eager to get started but I was scared of being in a structured program. I did not know what to expect but my brothers welcomed me with open arms. My faith, the size of a mustard seed, grew and I am flowering into a model Christian. My wife and family has noticed a change. I am back as their father and husband, the role I so reluctantly drifted away from.

Thanks to the Lord, Jesus Christ that the Holy Spirit is dwelling in me and convicting me and assisting me everyday. The road is hard and narrow, and I have a lot of growing to do, for myself and my family. By faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, the longsuffering and trials of life are bearable and ultimately will bring about His good. Amen.

