

## HE IS RISEN! — 2009 Easter Meal at the Mission



*On April 11<sup>th</sup> we celebrated Easter here at the Eureka Rescue Mission. We served a traditional Easter meal of ham, potatoes, vegetables, rolls and pie. Worship music was also enjoyed by all.*

## Education at the Eureka Rescue Mission

The Eureka Rescue Mission is dedicated to educating people concerning the Bible, "life skills", people skills, work ethics, job skills and literacy. Learning these truths and skills and making application in the way we are living is our final goal. We believe that the Bible is the only true, unchanging standard by which we can determine our purpose, our spiritual condition and experience a new abundant life.

In our Men's New Life Discipleship Program we provide men with intensive Bible training five days a week. If someone is struggling with literacy related issues, we are prepared and overjoyed to provide literacy training for them in-house by our trained staff. By the time a man graduates from the program, he has accomplished approximately 600 hours of theological studies. Along with those Bible studies, which are provided by local pastors, teachers and Mission staff, we have also implemented life restoration classes such as the "One Step" study. This study is designed as a biblical approach to addiction studies, and not only does it deal with substance abuse issues, but is also designed to help men deal with ANY addiction biblically and permanently.

The structure for the New Life Program is a dormitory set

-ting. Men live 4 to a room, eat meals together in the cafeteria, work and study together. As you can imagine, this creates a natural environment to learning people-skills and problem solving. This environment creates situations for communication, listening, forgiving and friendship. It also keeps our house managers and pastors busy!

We also provide men and women staying at the Mission the opportunity to develop a work ethic and job skills by performing important tasks around the Mission including working in the kitchen, janitorial tasks, serving during evening chapel services, and laundry. They also volunteer throughout the community, at our Free Store, and also at our Thrift Store. Even though the New Life Discipleship Program is not a work based program, we feel it is part of the education process to ensure that they have been provided training in job skills and been shown a work ethic.

What we endeavor to accomplish here at the Mission is teaching how the Bible can be put into practice and applied in our everyday lives. Hopefully, as men and women rejoin society, they will have been better equipped with skills that are necessary to be an asset within our community.

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## The Women and Children's Shelter — Our Growing Ministry



**Dan Ice**  
Executive Director

In continuing our articles on the various segments of the Eureka Rescue Mission Ministry, I am very excited to share with you our vitally important and rewarding activities and purpose at the shelter for women and children.

The building is located off site of the Men's Shelter and operates separately from our men's services. At the Women's Shelter, we provide



**Mom & baby Luke**



**Christine baptized !**

sanctuary, with clean clothing, large dorm rooms for sleeping, good food, showers, chapel services, and compassionate, supportive care for those in need. Our

guests see the love of our Lord in action and hear the Gospel of Jesus each evening. An idea of the results can be gleaned from last year's statistics: 47 women and 21 children went from homelessness to housing after staying with us! At one point, we had 12 children at the shelter for an extended period! We currently have 15 women and 4 children staying at the shelter. Children are such a delight and so precious, it brings us joy as we see them thrive, grow and receive the love and attention from their mothers and staff that they desperately need. Please pray for our Women's Shelter staff and those they serve as we continue to rebuild broken lives.



**Pastor Glen and Dan baptizing**



**Michael in his bed at the Shelter**

## Update from the Women's Shelter Director



**Teresa Jensen**  
Women's Director

**Mark 10:14, Luke 18:16 — Jesus said, "suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for of such is the kingdom of heaven."** We at the Women and Children's Shelter are truly blessed to see children who come from difficult living situations and grow healthy, physically, emotionally and spiritually. We have a family with a one year old who was frail and thin and could not stand on his little legs. Now he is plump, learning to walk, and playing with the other children. We have been blessed in

March with a new baby boy, whose name is Luke. Children have the miraculous ability to make the grouchiest of us smile and even chuckle. For some of the children this was their first Easter. We decorated eggs and had baskets in the play yard. Cora Mae, who also was born while living here, is now 17 months and shows the other children all the ins-and-outs of the shelter. We are taking the ladies and children to church on Sundays which is such a blessing. We had ladies and mothers, who had a desire to be baptized, so in April we celebrated as many women were baptized at Calvary Chapel Eureka. We thank the Lord for this opportunity to be servants, and we also thank all those who support us with your prayers, finances and material donations.



**The Princesses of the Shelter**

*Rebuilding broken lives ... One life at a time*



**New Life Discipleship Program — God Squad:** *An every Saturday opportunity of helping to keep Old Town neat and clean — Boardwalk / Library Cleanup*

Defeated lives are not only self destructive, they resonate throughout the community and affect everyone. It is sad to see people, with such potential to lead a wholesome and productive life, succumb to the temporary pleasures that this world has to offer, ultimately ending up defeated and bound by various strongholds.



The men on the New Life Discipleship Program, who once lived under these strongholds, had the opportunity to give back to the community by cleaning up several illegal campsites along the road below the Humboldt County Library. The place was a mess! Mattresses, wet blankets and clothing, cans, bottles, drug paraphernalia, and various other articles were removed. Two 20 yard dumpsters were filled in all.



During the cleanup our men were reminded of what the Lord has brought them out of and what they have to look forward to if they turn from Him.

The world promises fortune and fame, happiness and well

being, by tantalizing the eyes with the things offered. The lust of the eye, lust of the flesh and the pride of life. All the while it is like an avid fisherman with a box of lures which can be swiftly exchanged on the end of its line. It uses the lure that works at just the right time of day, and depth of life. Once the victim bites, the hook is set, and the "reeling-in" starts, pulling a person down to the depths of a broken life. The temporary riches, friends and pleasures are short lived and become the tragedies of life.



Opportunities in the community such as cleaning up the muck and mire of defeated lives come often. These opportunities carry life lessons. Many of the men who participated in the clean-up once camped in this same spot!! The men on the New Life Discipleship Program are learning to exercise self-discipline, patience, knowledge and goodness, and in that, they are cultivating their relationship with our loving Lord.



**Matthew 11: 28-30** — "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light." — **NKJV**

**Current Needs**

- Prayers
- Sleeping Bags
- Coffee
- Condiments
- New socks, underwear
- Hygiene Items
- Financial Support
- Canned Foods

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

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.

**Newest Graduate of the New Life Discipleship Program**



Shawn Stover & his Mom

**SHAWN STOVER** graduated from the program on March 11, 2009. Since that time Shawn has been performing volunteer work at our Thrift Store while waiting on the Lord for clear direction on his next step in life. Shawn has developed the necessary skills to succeed in the decision making process through the intensive Bible study and life change classes offered by the Men's Program.

**What is the New Life Program?**

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 he was going.

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 graduate of the program has over one year of sobriety, that is **NEW LIFE !!**

**Where are they now?**



Bryan Hall Sr. graduated from the program on October 18, 2006. Bryan has a heart for people and specifically for the guests of the Eureka Rescue Mission and was immediately hired to work as a House Manager for the Eureka Rescue Mission. Bryan exhibited a commitment and calling for the ministry and a love for the men of the Mission and now serves as the Men's Director for the guests of the shelter and for the Men's New Life Discipleship Program. Bryan is a true inspiration for the men at the Mission as they see first hand the wonderful works of God in Bryan's life. Bryan is married to Karen and they have three wonderful teenagers Bryan, Josh and Katy.

Another man who graduated the program in January of 2007, utilized help from the staff at the Eureka Rescue Mission to put together a resume for employment with the City of Eureka. After diligent prayer and with patience he landed the job and has been working for the City every since. — All glory to God!

Bobby Regpala graduated from the program on October 3, 2006. While on the program, Bobby exhibited leadership qualities, and immediately after graduation went to work for the Eureka Rescue Mission Thrift Store. Since then, Bobby has shown ability in management and is currently working as Assistant Manager for the Store. Bobby is married to Leanne and has two wonderful children Nate and Sean.

