

Recent New Life Program Graduates



DONALD KEELER
GRADUATED ON
FEBRUARY 9, 2011



DAN KRELA
GRADUATED ON
MARCH 9, 2011



DAN LAWRENCE
GRADUATED ON
MARCH 9, 2011



DANIEL WALKER
GRADUATED ON
MARCH 30, 2011



BENNY BROYLES
GRADUATED ON
APRIL 13, 2011



DANIEL WOOTEN
GRADUATED ON
APRIL 27, 2011

From the Desk of the Director Dan Ice

What's Love Got To Do With It?

As we have just gone through the Easter season, in remembrance of the sacrificial death of our Savior, and the joyous celebration of His resurrection from death, I feel compelled to reflect on these events, and what impact Easter has on all mankind as well as on the Mission.

John 15:13 states "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends", and in verse 17 of the same chapter, "These things I command you, that you love one another". Jesus is explaining His love for us, and that our response is to share that love with others. This theme is best said in the familiar verse of John 3:16, where Jesus explains God's love for all men, women and children. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

The "Resurrection Season" reminds us of God's unchanging love for all people, and His desire for relationship and restoration with us. As we respond to this perfect, everlasting, spiritual restoration, by faith, we experience what the Bible says in 2 Corinthians 5:14-15, "For the love of Christ compels us". At the Mission, the love we have received compels us to share that love, and compassion, by our actions and words, with those we serve; the ones in need, in bondage, desperate and hopeless. Our ministry is to love others by meeting their physical needs, and sharing the Biblical truths of new life, hope, joy and peace. We all want those qualities in our life, which only Jesus Christ brings. Without His love, our efforts would have ceased long ago, our efforts would be empty, and hollow. Thank you for acting in love and sharing your love with others through the work at the Mission. Love has everything to do with what we do, why we serve, and how we serve those in need within our community!

OUR CURRENT NEEDS (thank you)

- Continued prayer for staff, chapel providers, and changed lives
- Financial donations for Women Shelter's siding project
- Canned goods, Meat



Eureka Rescue Mission Honored by Eureka City Council

Once again the Eureka Rescue Mission New Life Program men received recognition for their outstanding efforts in keeping Old Town a beautiful place to be.

The Eureka Rescue Mission has partnered with the City and Old Town Rotary to help keep Old Town's in-between places free of trash and overgrown weeds.

On April 19th, our men filled the back row seats of the Eureka City Hall Council Chamber. Among the "Presentation of Proclamations" a slot of time was dedicated for "Keep Eureka Beautiful" to recognize the efforts of local groups who have made a difference in the community.

Keep Eureka Beautiful is an all-volunteer effort that was founded in 1996 to help build civic pride in Eureka and to promote beautification as a community building and economic development tool.

In addition to the recognition of the Eureka Rescue Mission, one of our men, Daniel Wooten, received a special, personal award for all of his efforts. He went above and beyond the normal call of duty.

All of these accomplishments and recognitions would not be possible had it not been for you, our faithful donors who support this ministry.

The Eureka Rescue Mission assists men and women in rebuilding their lives one life at a time. What we endeavor to accomplish with the men on our program is to instill a work ethic, structure, and constructive activities for them to participate in, and to experience the joy, and sense of accomplishment in giving to others freely, and from the heart. It seems to be a win-win for our men and our community. To God be the glory!



Completed weed abatement - behind library



Men's Program in City Hall Council Chamber

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



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EASTER AT THE MISSION

Easter, as a child, was a simple time for me. It meant the Easter bunny, plenty of chocolates, Easter baskets, and many colored eggs. I

remember my mom placing various dollar amounts in those decorative eggs, and hiding them all around the backyard for me and my brothers to find. But now that I'm a Christian, I refer to this momentous day as "Resurrection Day"; the morning that Christ rose from the grave.

The cross, and the resurrection are uniquely tied together for us as Christians. On the cross, Jesus died for our sins, and when He rose again, Jesus conquered death once and for all. Like a butterfly busting from a cocoon, Jesus left his grave clothes in that tomb Easter morning. Jesus is our risen Savior, Christ is indeed alive.

So on Saturday, April 23rd, we celebrated by serving our annual Easter meal to anyone who walked through our open doors.



Mission staff distributing free clothing

We saw families and people of all different shapes, sizes, and colors walk in our chapel; warmly greeted and



Guests browsing free clothing

seated at our tables. They were served a fine meal of sliced ham, mashed potatoes and gravy, vegetables,

hot coffee, and sodas. Benny Broyles, one of our most recent graduates, baked all of the desserts served at the dinner. Live Christian music was played, and over 20 volunteers served the meal to our guests. Coats, hats, and jackets were free for the asking, as our guests shopped out back, as they exited the dining room. Christ is

formed by love, and love was spread all throughout our Mission on that fine Saturday afternoon.

A teacher asked the students to write an essay on the greatest living man. One student wrote an essay on Jesus Christ. The teacher said, "Son- that's a good essay but I said a living man." The student responded,

"Teacher, Jesus is alive!" — Mike Stanley, Men's Shelter Guest Services Coordinator

NJROTC Hosts Fabulous Tri-Tip BBQ

On April 13th, the Eureka High School NJROTC Cadets came to the Eureka Rescue Mission for their annual tri-tip barbeque. The steak dinner was sponsored by TJS Leasing and Holding.

The tasks at the Mission are normally accomplished each day by the members of the New Life Program, but this day they were able to relax and enjoy an awesome steak dinner with baked potato, salad, roll, mixed vegetables, desert and drink. The cadets cooked the steaks, served the food, washed dishes, and did all of the cleaning.

House manager Bill Hensell announced to our overnight guests that they were about to enjoy a magnificent steak dinner. The guests were unbelieving, and thought Bill was playing a bad joke until the serving window opened, and revealed that steak was indeed on the trays. The guests were overjoyed that their everyday meal of common fare was interrupted by such an extravagant blessing.

We would like to thank TJS Leasing and Holding and Eureka High School NJROTC for their time and generosity.



Women's Shelter Highlights

Compassion In Action
Lessons From A Seven Year Old Girl

On Sunday, February 6th, our shelter got a wonderful surprise when Carlee Stanfield, a seven year old girl, her mother and brother came to bring us donations. On Carlee's seventh birthday, Carlee had all her family and friends bring hygiene items instead of birthday presents. These items were put into kits that consisted of new washcloths, toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, soap, a hair brush and deodorant. Due to her interest in helping the shelter, and it's cause, Chris and Kaci (the two staff members on duty that day) gave her family a tour of the shelter and explained how we help

the women and children that come here, and how our donations are used to help our community.

Several of the ladies were there at the shelter when Carlee and her family dropped off the donations, and we were very blessed and touched by a seven year old girl's thoughtfulness and compassion.

At the Rescue Mission we provide free essentials so women, and families, can save their money, and get back on their feet quicker than if they had to buy those essentials. Therefore, clean clothing and new hygiene items are always needed. Thank you all for your support.

Changes We Have Seen

Recently, at our Women and Children's Shelter, we have noticed a change in the make up of our guests. We currently have 3 ladies over the age of 70 staying with us. We believe this is indicative of the current economic times. This is a

new situation for us, and has required us to make some adjustments at the shelter, but we are blessed to be able to provide for their needs. Thank you for your continuing support that allows us to minister to these ladies.