

Recent New Life Program Graduates



Michael Paul graduated the New Life Program on 4/4/2012. Mike is now seeking employment and already has an interview with a local metal fabricating business.



Richard Day graduated the New Life Program on 2/22/2012. Rich is now our weekend delivery/pick-up driver and has recently acquired a full time position as an assistant cook at a local restaurant.



Bill Pietromonaco successfully graduated the New Life Program on 4/18/2012. Bill has since been active at the Mission by helping the program members with their studies as well as volunteering his time in various job positions.

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 they were going in the past.

The Community Comes to the Mission



BBQ Blessings

The Eureka Rescue Mission was blessed with two barbecue meals during the month of March. The first was presented on the 10th by 13 members from the Arcata 1st Baptist Church. The second was on the 23rd by Eureka High School's Junior ROTC youth (pictured above). Both groups provided perfectly cooked beef steak with potatoes, salad and vegetables. It blesses our hearts when thoughtful groups like these devote their time and resources toward reaching out to the men, women and children of the Eureka Rescue Mission. The atmosphere was warm and all who attended were very thankful. We would like to say thank you to both groups for their generosity.



Healthy Smiles

In late March, the College Of The Redwoods Dental Assisting Program students made their annual visit to the Mission to fulfill part of their "Dental Disease and Oral Health Issues" curriculum. The students and their instructor demonstrated for the program men how to brush and floss properly. They also blessed us with donations of several oral hygiene kits for the men, women and children. We would like to thank Hillary Reed, Program Coordinator, and all of the students for their time and commitment in bringing such valuable information to us at the Mission.

Eureka Rescue Mission Changed Lives

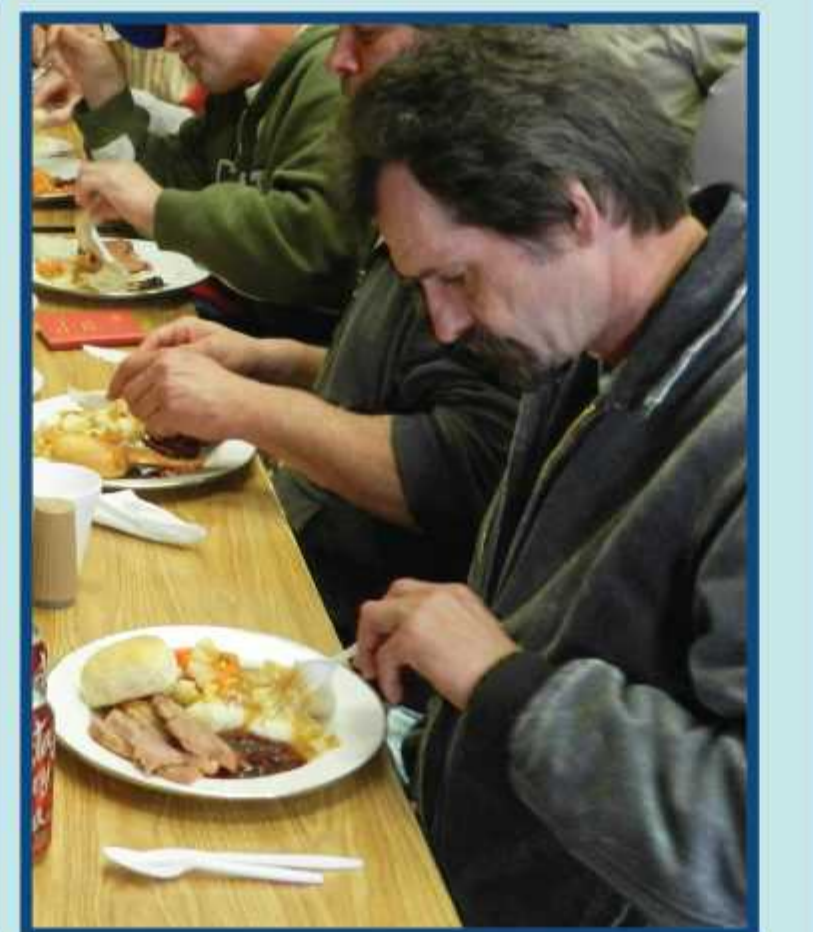
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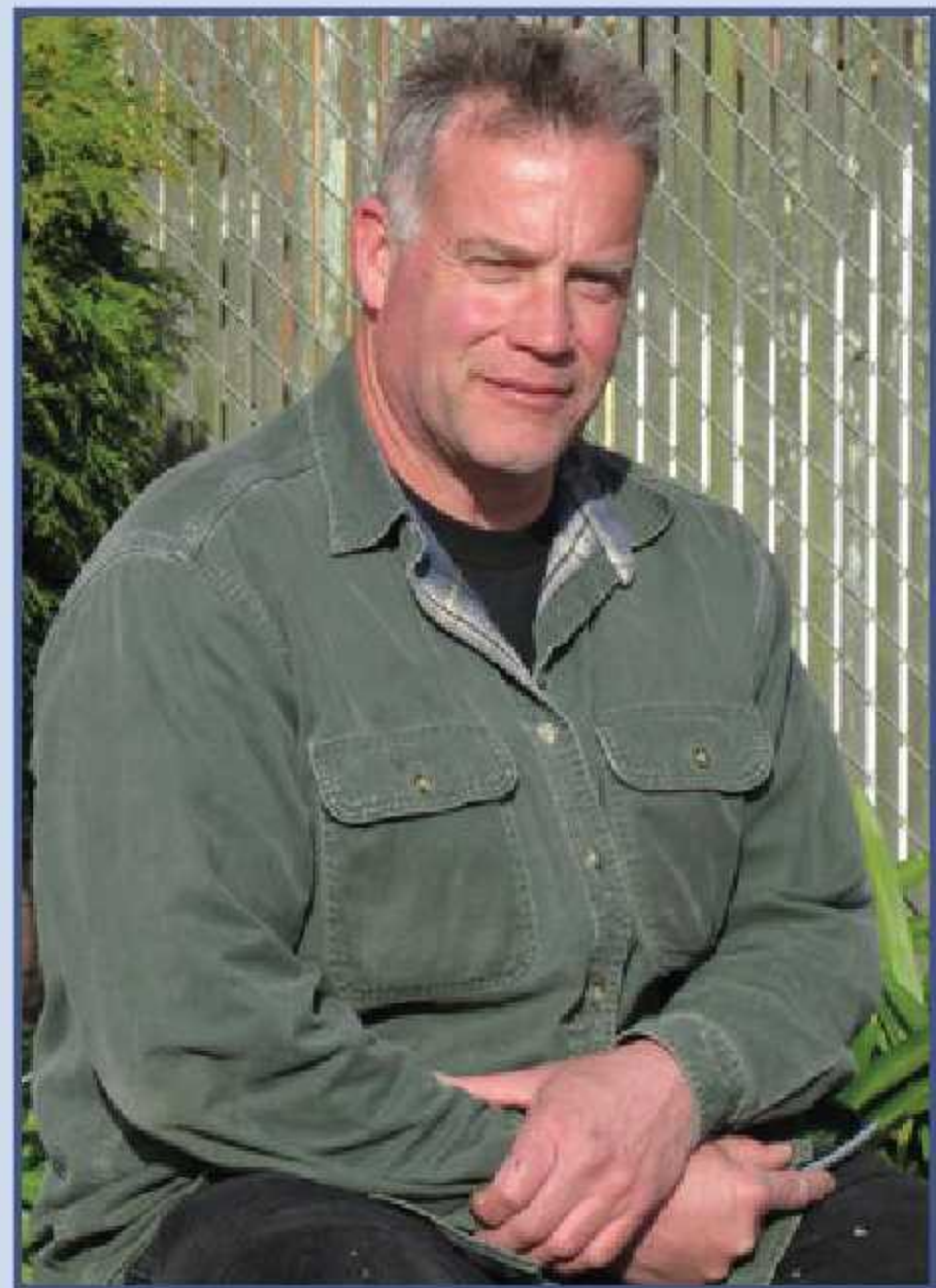
2012 Easter Celebration At The Mission



The Eureka Rescue Mission may be classified as a homeless shelter, but to many of our guests it is a home, especially during the holidays. The holidays provide all of us an opportunity to gather together with family and experience warmth and traditions. Our guests realize they can have those holiday experiences at the Mission as we genuinely care about them regardless of their life circumstances. On April 7th we opened our doors for our annual Easter meal. Men, women, and children were seated and volunteers from the community, as well as some of our regular guests, helped serve a traditional holiday ham meal to each person who came. Live music was provided, along with a festive atmosphere of conversation and celebration. As the guests left the dining room they were able to select from racks of coats, sweatshirts, and other warm apparel. We also provided each guests with a hygiene kit which included toothbrush, toothpaste, soap, washcloth, and shampoo. We want to thank our volunteers that served our guests. They helped our staff demonstrate the love of God during such an important time of year, the celebration of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.



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



He's Found His Smile- Inside And Out

Mervin Orr graduated the New Life Discipleship Program at the Mission in July 2011. These days, he's happy, and at peace with the world, working at a local grocery store and loving it. Mervin has come along way in a relatively short time. He was a licensed electrician making good money when tragedy struck. "Someone close to me died and I went into a deep, downward spiral. I lost my smile- inside and out. There was emptiness and I know I needed something. My dad suggested the Mission. I resisted at first. When I got there, I soon realized someone could care about me. After learning about the men's program at the Mission, I knew I wanted to give it a try. Then, I went to the hospital with the DTs and a staff person from the Mission stayed with me through it. He really cared. After that, my light came on and I discovered I really liked helping people."

While on the New Life Discipleship Program, Mervin started feeling a sense of belonging that he hadn't felt in a long time. When the holidays came, he found he could bring a sense of joy and smiles to others. "It gave me a sense of peace and thankfulness that the

Lord took grace on me, and I was able to turn around and help others. For me, being in the program was a sort of vacation from the turbulence of the world. Now, I have a sense that my eternal salvation is intact. To have the Lord die for my sins, the least I can do is trust and obey and serve Him. I literally found a job a day after graduating the program, but didn't feel it was the right fit. I asked the Lord for the right job. The Lord was faithful, and my patience paid off."

"One more thing I want to add," said Mervin. "One day, while handing out a coat at the Mission, I discovered a note in one of the pockets. The note came at just the right time for me. It read, 'Isaiah 40:31.' I saved that note and think on that verse every day. 'But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.'"

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Men Seeking Holiness

On Friday, March 2, eight New Life Program men along with two staff members headed off to Redding for a Men's Conference. Over 900 men attended the conference, with this year's theme being, 'Holiness Unto the Lord'. After checking into our motel, we went to the church for prayer and worship. It was a great opportunity to prepare our hearts for the following day of teaching. On Saturday, we were blessed with three sessions of awesome teaching by local pastors who brought messages on the importance of living a Godly life. It was a great time of worship and practical learning. Overall, it proved to be a much needed break from the normal routine, and the men who attended experienced a renewal of heart and mind.



Serving and Supporting Us

The Eureka Rescue Mission Auxiliary (ERMA) is a group of individuals that support the Mission by doing various service projects and fund raisers. They are governed by their own separate board of directors. ERMA Luncheons are held at 12 noon, on the third Monday of every month, except in December. A different church hosts the luncheon each month. All are welcome to attend. The Auxiliary has raised thousands of dollars for the Women and Children's Shelter and Men's Shelter. They purchase food monthly and meet very specific needs as they arise. Recently they provided funds for the purchase of laminate flooring to replace the aged carpeting for two bedrooms in the Women and Children's Shelter. Our maintenance man and two graduates ripped out the carpet and laid the new flooring down in record time. They had a limited amount of time to complete the project due to the high numbers of women and children occupying the facility in the evenings. The flooring is such a great improvement not only because of appearance but for cleanliness sake. We would like to say THANK YOU! to the Eureka Rescue Mission Auxiliary for their ongoing support.



Sold!



Come Bid For A Good Cause

Mark your calendar now and plan to attend the Eureka Rescue Mission's first Dinner Silent/Live Auction Fundraiser on Saturday, June 2 at 5:00pm, at the First Covenant Church, 2626 J Street in Eureka. Funds raised from this special event will go toward the Mission's much needed construction/remodeling project to provide improved services for our guests. Along with structural improvements, the kitchen space needs upgraded equipment and our very cramped laundry facility needs to be expanded to make room for additional machines. Join us for an enjoyable evening as we serve a delicious dinner of tri-tip, veggies, baked potato, salad and dessert. Tickets are \$25 per person, or you may reserve a complete table of 8 for only \$180. Tickets may be obtained in person at our office, 306 West Clark Street, Eureka, or by mail, PO Box 76, Eureka, CA 95502.

The excitement of both a silent and live auction offers up your opportunity to bid on generously donated items such as a new laptop computer, jewelry, building supplies, and the list goes on...

Donations of Auction Items/Services Still Accepted

You can also support the Dinner Auction this year with a donation of new items or services for bidding. Auction items should be delivered to our office at 306 W. Clark in Eureka by May 18, 2012. If needed, we can arrange for our driver to pick up items to make it more convenient for you, just give us a call at 445-3787.