

CHANGED LIVES

WOMEN AND CHILDREN'S SHELTER-
HOMELESS GUEST SERVICES
NEW LIFE DISCIPLESHIP PROGRAM-
THRIFT STORE

Our Current Needs

- Fervent, continual prayer for our volunteers, chapel providers, and staff.
 - Your financial donation, of any amount, is an effective and welcome tool.
 - Please consider donating your gently used items to our Thrift Store.
 - Meat is always needed for meals.
 - Canned items, like vegetables and fruit, will refresh our depleting supply.
 - Trash bags of all sizes
- 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.
- All other donations can be dropped off at **Eureka Rescue Mission** located at **110 2nd Street.**

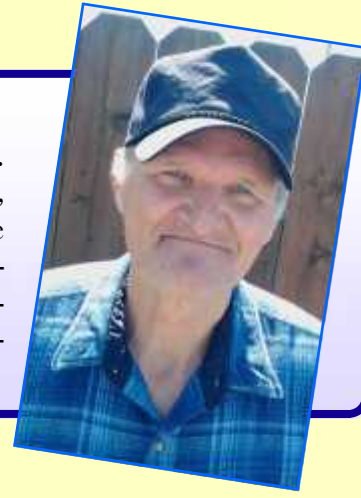
Homelessness to Housing

- 9 Families
- 26 Women
- 22 Men

Successfully Gained
Permanent Housing in the year
2012

Where is He Now?

Dennis Eby graduated the Eureka Rescue Mission's New Life Program in July of 2008. Dennis worked as a House Manager at the Men's Shelter for over a year. Since then, Dennis has moved into his own apartment and retired, giving him a chance to settle down and enjoy some hobbies. One of those hobbies is volunteering at the Rescue Mission whenever there is a need, whether it is answering the phones at the Executive Office or filling in as a House Manager at the Men's Shelter; Dennis has remained an important part to the Eureka Rescue Mission and is an encouragement to others.



From the Desk of the Director

Our Shelter Directors and I have been busy out in the community the past few months spreading the news of our services at the Eureka Rescue Mission. Here are a few moments that I would like to share:

- A professor from College of the Redwoods invited us to come and share for his social services class. Mike Stanley, our Men's Shelter Director, and I were able to give a clear view of the services that we provide via narrated slideshow as well as personal testimonies from three of our guests who have gone from Emergency Shelter into permanent housing.
- Faith Center Church in Eureka invited me to sit on a panel of four people involved in ministries of compassionate action. Joining me was Betty Chinn, Dale Rhodes, and Rachel McMurray-Branscombe. Each of us was asked a difficult question that people may use against getting involved or supporting each of these ministries. My question was; how do you respond to those who say, "You are enabling a lifestyle of dependency and irresponsibility"? I was able to share our homeless to permanent housing statistics and my own testimony of how I was homeless when I came to the Mission and was given the opportunity to get my life back on track and restore my marriage.
- Our Family Shelter Director, Lisa Skidmore, has been busy in the community as well. She spoke at the Kiwanis Key Club, the Soroptomist International of Eureka, and Centerpointe Church in Eureka. At each speaking engagement, she was able to share details of operations at our Women and Children's Shelter, expressing the needs of the ministry, as well as share success stories of individuals and families being restored and moving into permanent housing.

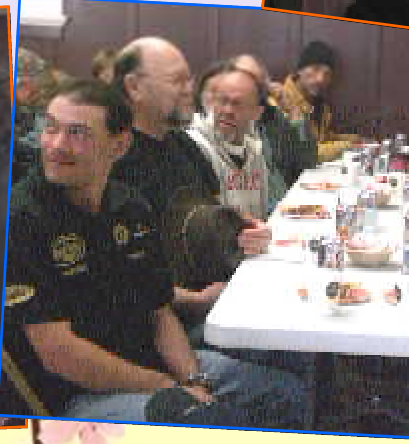


Bryan Hall Sr.
Executive Director

It is a pleasure to share in our community about the services we provide. It is always surprising to me how many people are not aware of the services we provide. If you would be interested in having us come to your organization, please feel free to give us a call and schedule a time for us to come, 707-445-3787.

Sharing an Easter Meal at the Mission

A long line greeted us here at the Eureka Rescue Mission Saturday afternoon for our annual Easter Meal. The Mission's New Life Discipleship men, as well as volunteers, prepared and served our meal this year, and approximately 200 sat down to a hot holiday meal. The meal was free to anyone in the community, from the homeless to those who just didn't want to be alone this Easter Holiday. It was such a rewarding experience for the Mission program men and volunteers who helped prepare and serve the meal. We also offered clothing, warm hats, gloves and hygiene kits for those in need. It was such a special thing to serve folks who don't always have that caring and personal touch in their lives. This Easter Holiday, we were able to show our guests compassion and that we do care for and love each individual that comes through our doors. We are so grateful for this day and the hope it brings to our guests, program men, and volunteers. We want to express to our community, that without your help, none of this would be possible.



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What a Hand Up Looks Like

Kevin and his wife Angela, and their son Kaden, have been staying at the Mission for the past five months. Kevin is a graduate of the Eureka Rescue Mission's New Life Discipleship Program and was staying at the Mission, taking advantage of the opportunity the Mission offers to their graduates to continue to stay at the Men's Shelter while they obtain employment and save their money in preparation to move out and be on their own. In the meantime, while Angela and their son Kaden (and her two daughters, Heather and Tina, who would visit on the weekend) were staying at the Women and Children's Shelter as guests, Angela was hired by the Mission as their night House Manager. While staying at the Mission, Kevin and Angela have been able to find employment and save their money. Recently, they have been able to move out of the Mission and into their own apartment and be together again as a family under one roof. Following, Angela shares her feelings on her stay at the Rescue Mission.



"I would like to explain how my life has forever been changed by the kindness my family and I have received through the Eureka Rescue Mission. The Mission has first and mostly given me a chance to reach deep within my soul and find myself, giving me a strong foundation to build on, based on the Lord Jesus Christ. The Mission has also given me the opportunity to start and create healthier relationships with my husband and children. The tools and habits that I received while here are more valuable to me than any other life skills class. I just cannot say enough about the opportunity the Mission provided my family for making changes in our lives, to keep our paths straight, and to show us, by example, how to love each other. Truly, the Rescue Mission offers a hand up. God Bless."

A Look Into the Family Shelter

The Eureka Rescue Mission has provided a wonderful, loving, safe haven for the homeless women and children in our community. We get to know the guests on an individual basis to better help us understand what we can do to help them rebuild their lives. The Shelter allows mothers with young children to be indoors in a home setting where we have a play room and a TV room for the families to enjoy. All of our guests are encouraged each day to go out and do things that will better their lives, including reuniting with family, finding employment and pursue permanent housing; all are welcomed to come back to the Shelter anytime. Lunch happens to be one of my favorite times of the day because I love to make big pots of homemade soup for the guests, giving me a great opportunity to fellowship with them and get to know them better. We get to see God's hand further at work as our guests continue to grow each day they are here. It is exciting to also see individuals and organizations come together to be a part of providing for the needy in our community. I am blessed to have the privilege to be a part of what we are doing at the Eureka Rescue Mission.



By Lisa Skidmore, Women and Children's Shelter Director

A Time of Refreshing

On Friday, March 2, eight New Life Program men, along with three staff members, headed off to Redding for the Northern California/Southern Oregon Men's Conference. Over 800 men attended the conference, with this year's theme being "I Will Greatly Rejoice In The Lord." After checking into our motel rooms, we had time to enjoy the motel's swimming pool, which was a great time to relax from the drive over. After our swim, we made our way 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 four sessions of awesome teaching by local pastors who brought messages on the importance of living a Godly life and rejoicing in the Lord. 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.



Participating in the Community

As part of our New Life Discipleship Program, one of our goals is to teach the men on the program a work ethic and a sense of community. During the past few months, we were given the opportunity to participate along side local organizations in our community. On Feb 2nd, St. Joseph Hospital and Redwood Memorial Hospital presented their Annual Health, Wellness & Resource Fair at the Bayshore Mall in Eureka. The evening before the Fair, the men in the Eureka Rescue Mission's New Life Discipleship Program worked together under the direction of Hospital staff, in setting up tables and chairs throughout the court of the Mall. After the Fair, our men disassembled all of the booths and tables and participated in cleanup. In addition, on Tuesday, March 26th, men gathered with the Kiwanis Club and the California Conservation Corps for our Neighborhood Tree Planting event sponsored by Keep Eureka Beautiful. In conjunction with the Eureka community, we were able to add 8 new trees to several neighborhoods. Planting these trees helps insure the long term health and beauty of our community. We hope by planting these trees, that it will have a positive impact here in our community. It is always such a privilege for the men, who are rebuilding their lives, to be a part of our community.



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