




New Life Discipleship Program Graduates



Bob Franklin graduated on 10/3/2018. Bob came to us having struggled with serious alcoholism and was a completely broken man. Bob excelled in his program and planned on going back into his former line of work dispatching trucks for a fuel company. God had other plans and Bob decided to stick around the Mission. A house manager position came open and Bob was offered the job which he gladly received. Bob is a phenomenal manager and operates with a tremendous amount of love toward our program members and guests.




Mark Merz graduated on 10/17/2018. Mark came to us nearly dead, he had been drinking excessively and using methamphetamines. Mark had been in our program several times before but never completed it. It was a very rough road for Mark but he hung in there and stayed the course all the way to graduation. Currently Mark works as our night desk manager keeping watch over program members and guests as they sleep. He also is the one on duty to receive guests during late hours who have been brought in by our local law enforcement during the cold winter nights. Mark has an infectious joy about him and emanates the love of Jesus to everyone he comes in contact with.




Tom Burns graduated on 12/12/2018. Tom was a hope to die heroin addict, probably one of the worst we have seen at the Mission. Tom had also been in our program previously but never finished. Tom is currently staying at the Mission and volunteering for just about everything that needs to be done. Tom is someone that you can instruct to do a certain task and then leave with the confidence that it is going to get done. Tom suffered a stroke but thankfully the doctors were able to administer the right medication which minimized the effects. We didn't think that he was going to make it, he actually flat lined while in the emergency room as a result of the powerful medication but by the grace of God, the medical professionals were able to stop the meds and bring him back. Tom is a real miracle!



Charles Kaufman graduated on 11/7/2018. Charles had a serious struggle with alcohol. As soon as he graduated he moved to Hollister Ca, entering into full time homeless outreach ministry with his local church. Charles was a joy to have at our program and always had a smile on his face.




Don Pendleton graduated on 10/31/2018. Don came to us strung out on Methamphetamines and alcohol. Don had also been in the program several times before but never completed. When he graduated he decided to move back to Redding where his mother and children live so that he could be closer to family. Don has recently called and is doing well!




Jacob Timms graduated on 12/19/2018. Jacob came to us addicted to methamphetamines and was going down the wrong road really fast. Jacob applied himself while in the program and had a tremendous amount of support from all of the other program members and staff because he was the youngest of the group for a long time. Jacob enrolled in College of the Redwoods and is now a full time student with A's and B's for grades. Jacob wants to get into construction when he graduates college.



James Still graduated on 2/20/2019. James came to us in serious shape because of alcohol abuse, James nearly died because of it. Currently he is working on getting his commercial drivers license with the plan of securing employment locally as a truck driver. James also flourished in God's Word while in the program and was a model program member. We are blessed to see the change and are excited to see what the Lord has for him as he pursues his dream.



Robert Hover graduated on 2/6/2019. Robert struggled with Methamphetamines and alcohol. Robert had a few "bumps" in the road early in his program but with oversight from staff holding him accountable, Robert flourished and applied himself to studying God's Word day and night. Robert is now a full time employee at our Thrift Store and on 3/20/2019 he and one of our other graduates moved out of the Mission into a shared apartment.



Phillip Owens graduated on 1/30/2019. Phillip graduated the program a few years ago and did well but alcohol crept in and before he knew it, he was powerless over it once again. Rather than spending a few months of restoration in the program, Phillip decided to stay for the full year. Now he is a full time employee at our Thrift Store, receiving donations at the back door.

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Almost Finished! Renovation Update

Well it's been awhile since I have updated you on our Men's Shelter renovation. It has been a long process but we can finally see the finish line! As I am writing this, all of the fixtures, counters, restroom stalls, toilets and urinals are being installed. We have had some problems with our roof leaking which delayed some of the sheetrock being installed inside the new dormitory. Thankfully St. Joseph Health, Smullen Foundation and Vera P. Vietor Trust of Humboldt Area Foundation contributed generous gifts toward roof repairs and a new roof which will be installed in June of this year. So far it seems that the leaks have stopped and now all of the sheetrock has been completed. The sub flooring is nearly completed and last to go in will be the new flooring. Our hope is that the bottom floor will be completed at the end of April. Also the program member restroom on the second floor has been completed, inspected by the City and is already in use. The program members are completely blessed to have a new restroom and showers. Next will be phase 3 of our renovation which will remodel all of the upstairs program member rooms. Our building has had its share of problems throughout the years and we are so excited to be able to have a more functional facility to better serve all who come through our doors. We are still raising funds for phase 3 and hopefully will be able to complete the entire remodel this year. Next we have our sights on our Women and Children's Shelter for a much needed renovation. I will keep you updated as things progress. Thank you so very much for all that you do for the Eureka Rescue Mission, because of you we can continue to help change lives one life at a time. Blessings!

-Bryan Hall Sr. Executive Director



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Katie Reid

Katie Reid was born on a military base in Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri. She was adopted at birth and a year and a half later, her adoptive parents also adopted her biological sister.

Katie's mom was very loving towards the girls but was always struggling with an addiction to pain pills prescribed to her. Katie and Amber's adoptive father was a raging alcoholic and would come home and beat the girls on a regular basis. She suffered much trauma in her childhood including being violated by a friend of the family at age 4. Katie's father was a drill sergeant in the ARMY and her mom was a stay at home mom due to multiple back surgeries. Her mom passed away when she was 8 years old and she and her sister were left in the care of her abusive father for 7 years after their mothers passing. Eventually the girls escaped the abuse due to their older sister's intervention who was granted full custody of both girls, relocating them to Colorado to get a fresh start in life. Katie first experienced homelessness in 2010 and stayed in a shelter in Denver. That went on for about six months before she was able to get into her own apartment. Fast forward about eight years and Katie had three beautiful children but unfortunately in 2018, Katie, her three children and her fiancé became homeless. They needed a fresh start so they relocated from Wyoming to Eureka eight months ago and eventually came to the Mission. Katie said that they were tired of sleeping in the car and the kids needed more than they were getting. They are all very thankful that they have been led to Christ at the Eureka Rescue Mission and now have Jesus in their hearts. Katie states, "I have built strong and healthy relationships at the Mission and have found a sense of family in my church. I now have hope that we can rise above our circumstances of homelessness. I now have freedom in Christ and have surrendered my life to Him!" Katie wanted to relay this to our supporters, "Thank you from the bottom of my heart for everything. My kids have a loving environment and a warm bed to sleep in every night. They have healthy and warm meals in their bellies at all times. The ladies and staff here have become our family. I am happy to represent the Rescue Mission. Kristen (Women's Shelter Director) welcomed us with open arms and has been nothing but supportive. She's not only my sister in Christ but a dear friend close to my heart."



Seasons of Growth

Cassidy

Cassidy was born in Eureka and from the age of 8-17, she lived in a half built house with no electricity, no heat and a water line that was sourced about a mile up the mountain. The water line was constantly having issues. It was a difficult situation especially with all this being in the middle of the woods. Her mom cooked at Burnt Ranch Elementary School and her father was the maintenance man. He is the hardest working man she has ever met and instilled good morals and values into her at a young age. Her childhood dream was to be a NASCAR driver like her hero Dale Earnhardt. At the age of 15, she started experimenting with drugs and alcohol. Cassidy has a college education and has work experience at two different production companies as a disc jockey engineer. She also has experience as a cashier, tomato picking and assistant manager at a Chinese restaurant. 2018 was a rough year and she became homeless for the first time in her life seeking shelter at the Annex in Arcata. She stayed there for a couple of weeks before returning home to her parents' property trying to work out the differences between them. Their differences were not resolved and as a result she made her way to the Eureka Rescue Mission. Cassidy did not want to live on the streets or use someone for a place to stay. Since coming to the Mission, she feels very positive for the first time in a long time. She states that she was so depressed and wanted to give up but while at the Mission that changed. She said, "The combination of other ladies, loving staff, structure, good meals and a fully stocked kitchen gave me the feeling of what a home should be and that is why I now feel hopeful." Since coming to the Women's and Children's Shelter, she says that she has true peace, is getting to know herself and Jesus and isn't afraid. She is also learning to trust people, which has never been easy in the past. Cassidy said the following to the supporters of the Eureka Rescue Mission, "You are life savers, like angels on earth and you are helping save countless lives, thank you so much for helping me."



GOD is Good

Ricky Wright

Ricky Wright came to Eureka with the hope of starting a new life but unfortunately after arriving, that hope was deferred. Ricky found himself homeless, living in his car on the streets of Eureka. In April of 2015 he came to the Eureka Rescue Mission seeking help and immediately sensed a love that he had not felt before. Ricky worked and saved and finally found housing in April of 2017 at the Lodge which is affordable low income housing for seniors. Ricky said, "I didn't have a good outlook on life at the time when I came to the Eureka Rescue Mission, but my outlook has changed dramatically since then and everything in my life has gotten a lot better." He gives all the glory to God! The love that Ricky experienced when arriving at the shelter has created an overwhelming desire to give back to the Eureka Rescue Mission. Several times a month Ricky brings food and treats for the guests at the Mission and in addition he brings his own trash picker and bucket to clean up trash and cigarette butts from one end of the block to the other. When finished with his cleanup, he comes inside and visits with the guests, encouraging them to not give up hope and to press on toward their dreams and goals. Ricky is a great example of what it means to stay the course, not give up and trust in the Lord!



Robert Hager

Robert Hager and his wife came to the Mission in September of 2015, he stayed at the Men's Shelter and she at our Women and Children's Shelter. After a month or so he and his wife moved to the Veterans Center and then on to the Budget Motel. Robert's wife became sick, her health continuing on a steady decline, in July of 2017 she unfortunately passed away. The trauma of losing his beautiful wife pushed Robert over the edge slipping deep into alcoholism for over two years. Robert stayed as drunk as he could get in order to numb the pain of his loss, camping out in the woods until he couldn't live in those conditions any longer. He came back periodically to the Eureka Rescue Mission for food and shelter, knowing that he could not stay at the Mission while intoxicated, he decided to get sober. Robert was serious about his sobriety along with finding permanent housing. In January of this year Robert finally found an apartment and is slowly acquiring all of the comforts of home, one piece at a time. Robert said, "I am so grateful for the Eureka Rescue Mission and the rules, the Mission was there for me at the most difficult time of my life, helping me get sober and now, finally in my own home." Robert is so grateful that our program members had reached out to him in his time of need. They saw him suffering and started loving on him and praying for him which encouraged him and blessed his heart beyond measure. Robert also writes short stories and poems which have been published in The North Coast Journal. Please pray that the Lord would continue to comfort Robert through the pain of losing his wife and that he would remain sober from alcohol.



Scott Dean

Scott Dean came to the Eureka Rescue Mission in April of 2017 after being incarcerated. Scott had nowhere to go upon his release, so he came straight to the Eureka Rescue Mission and stayed with us for over three months. Scott was a pleasure to have around and was always encouraging the program members by sharing his personal hopes and struggles. We were all very excited when Scott told us the great news that he was able to secure housing at the Veterans Center here in Eureka. Scott comes back often to visit with the program members and feels a deep desire to give back to the Eureka Rescue Mission by helping serve our guests during dinner time. Scott said, "I feel a deep gratitude for the Eureka Rescue Mission because when I had absolutely nothing upon my release from incarceration, I was able to come to the Mission and have a safe place to get back on my feet. The Mission provided everything I needed so I could focus on finding employment and housing."

