

Mission Needs

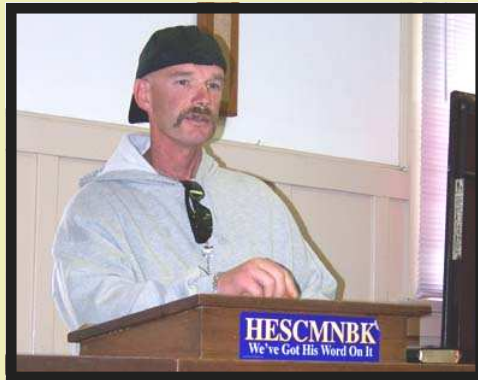
1. Bath Towels
2. Coffee
3. Fresh Meat and Vegetables
4. Diapers
5. Hygiene Items
6. Large cans of food
7. Socks and undergarments
8. Blankets and Sleeping Bags
9. Toiletries
10. Frozen Turkeys

Getting Stuffed for the Holidays

Believe it or not we are already preparing for the upcoming holiday season. We produce all of our mailings in house we need help to ensure they get out in a timely manner. We need people to help us stuff and process envelopes. It may seem like a simple action but these mailings are vital to the financial success of the mission. If you would like to help, please call our office at 445-3787.

The Testimony of James Aldrich

The following is the testimony of James Aldrich, the most recent graduate of the New Life Discipleship Program. James was on the peer council while he was on the program which means James was chosen by Dan Ice, the chaplain, and the house managers to represent his fellow program members in staff meetings. Jim is currently staying at the mission until he finds housing and is working as the weekend driver for the Eureka Rescue Mission. Here is his story in his own words.—



I was on a path of destruction, living inside a beer bottle and taking drugs. Early on in my youth I was bounced from foster home to foster home it what seemed like an endless stream of government institutions until I got old enough to end up in a more serious institution... jail, and from there... prison.

I awoke one morning faced with a long prison sentence and the reality of all the people I've hurt and all of the steps that led me to this place started to sink in. After getting out of prison I went to the Eureka Rescue Mission in 2006 feeling lost and hopeless. I had heard of God but did not know him. Through being on the New Life Discipleship Program and opening up my heart I have received Christ and learned to trust God. I now know that without God I am nothing and that God has rescued me from an eternity in hell. I am destined to spend eternity in heaven with him. I know that I still have a lot to learn and I pray daily for God to guide my path and to help me through the temptations of my old life.

Amen.

James Aldrich

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Fun and Fellowship on the Houseboat Retreat



The Men's Houseboat Trip is an event that is looked forward to year round. Those that get the chance to attend can't wait to sign up for next year. This year the Eureka Rescue Mission sent a boat load of men to participate. The Eureka Rescue Mission sends men from the New Life Discipleship Program not only to reward their efforts in helping run the day to day operations of the Mission, but also as an opportunity to minister to them.



Every year on the first weekend of June, for more than ten years now, men from churches throughout Northern California gather at Shasta Lake to share sun, fun and fellowship. This year the Eureka Rescue Mission took a total of sixteen men; two staff and fourteen program members.

In addition to all of the fishing and fun on the water, all of the men on the trip gathered for nightly worship services and bible teaching. During an afternoon service, nine men from the program were baptized. All in all it was a time that no one will forget.

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



Meet the Staff

Hello, my name is Shane Kilpatrick. I am 24 years old and I am a house manager at the Men's Shelter. I am blessed to be a part of the Eureka Rescue Mission where I serve the Most High God, my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Two years ago I was dealing drugs and only saw a future for myself in jail or worse, in a grave. God got a hold of me through a life threatening accident where I decided I needed a new way of living. I joined the New Life Discipleship Program on May 31st 2005 and God showed Himself to me there. It was on the program where I developed the heart to serve and minister. God opened up the opportunity for me to join the staff upon my graduation.

I faced difficulties early on because of my youth. I was tasked to watch over a house of men, most of whom were twice my age. Through the grace of God I have grown in my role here at the Eureka Rescue Mission and I plan on staying as long as God has me here.

I love seeing men who were in situations like mine lay down their addictions and their past before God and watch Him transform people into the men they were intended to be. I would like to close with the verse that helped carry me through my early struggles as house manager.

1TIMOTHY 4:12 Let no one look down on your youthfulness, but rather in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity, show yourself an example of those who believe.

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Women and Children's Shelter Update

In our last newsletter we told you about our plans to expand the services and ministry provided through our Women and Children's Shelter chapel/multipurpose room. Well, we have started serving a buffet style breakfast twice a week and it has been quite successful. Consistently four to five women who aren't staying with us at The Mission come in to receive breakfast and fellowship. Some of the women have been up all night walking the streets. Most of the women coming in for the breakfast choose to stay and participate in the morning devotions along with the guests staying at the mission. What a great opportunity it is that we have to minister to these women. Please join with us in prayer for those receiving the breakfast to take advantage of the services provided here at the shelter and hopefully start a new journey towards new life.



Growing Ministry



It's an exciting time to be involved with the New Life Discipleship Program. In early June God put it upon Dan's heart to expand the ministry of the new life program by expanding the limit of men on the program from 20 to 30. Every square inch of the Men's Shelter is being utilized to help with the expansion and God has blessed our efforts. We are already at 27 men on the program and have candidates lined up to expand to the capacity of 30. The extra hands have enabled us to do our God Squad Old Town clean up more often and also to have experienced program members help at the Thrift Store. God has allowed the expansion without the need to hire another staff member. Please pray with us as we continue to expand the ministry at the Men's Shelter.

Cleats For Kids with Dave Silverbrand



It rained the night before and our road to El Limon was flooded with water. When we arrived at the modest baseball field, children were already gathering there. We had shipped 400 pounds of baseball equipment-- jerseys, hats and bats and children lined up to receive their gifts. One never forgets the first time he sees a smile on such a child's face.

Baseball is recreation to our children, but to the poor kids of this Caribbean country, it represents hope. Children dream of becoming big league stars. But their dreams are always focused on their families; their wish is to buy their mother a new home.

I started taking baseball equipment there three years ago, and have never been able to stop. Each time I ship boxes, I call on the God Squad of the Eureka Rescue Mission and honestly, I couldn't do it without them.

On my most difficult days, I think of the children there waiting for their turn at bat, and I think of the baseball equipment I have been collecting, and the world settles into balance.

Through the program I call "Cleats for Kids," I have been able to ship 3,300 pounds of equipment and I am collecting more. It's a monumental job. But I can't quit.

Our world's problems seem insurmountable at times, and often we wonder what we can do. Our strength, I believe, is in doing one thing -- if only one --to make a difference. In so doing, you never know whose lives you are affecting or how. But you know that you are. That's one of the monumental ways faith works.

If you would like to help Cleats for Kids, you may drop off your used baseball equipment--especially gloves--at the Eureka Rescue Mission Thrift Store. Or, for more information, you may call me at CBS 6, 443-6666. Thanks for your help and your prayers.

Dave Silverbrand