

2009 SHASTA HOUSEBOAT GETAWAY

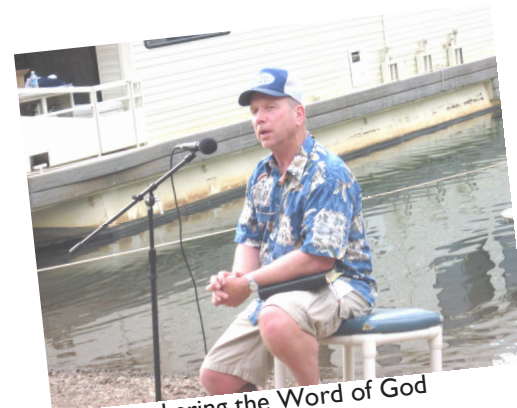
On May 30th we were off once again to the annual Shasta Houseboat Getaway. Eleven men from the New Life Program attended the five day outing. Two of our men, Charles Kirk and Craig Davis were baptized at the lake. In addition, Dan Ice taught Monday

evening straight out of the Word of God as did Bryan Hall Tuesday evening, and it was awesome! The cove, where we docked was positively beautiful. Two men, Charles and Jim, hiked up the mountain and brought back pictures that are absolutely amazing. The water was warm for swimming and the fishing was great! Jason Jesse caught around ten bass, and Jim Dixon caught around fifteen bass. Testimony night was a complete blessing. Several men from the program boldly stood and shared their testimonies of how Christ has changed their lives and how He has given them hope and strength to carry on in this fallen world.



Charles Kirk baptized!

Craig Davis baptized!



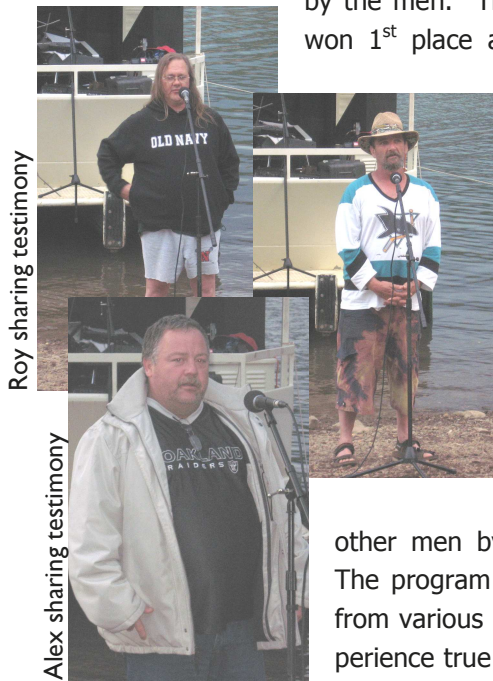
Dan Ice sharing the Word of God



Panorama view from mountain top

The horseshoes were ringing in Green's Creek Cove on Sunday and Monday. Each year a lakeside horseshoe tournament is one of the activities enjoyed by the men. This year Charles Kirk and Joe Long won 1st place and brought home a trophy each.

Overall it was an awesome time of relaxation, ministry and fellowship. I have heard it said that you don't have to go to church to be a Christian. The people who say that haven't yet discovered the benefits of Christian fellowship. Fellowship is one of God's principle purposes for human beings in order to maintain Christian values in the midst of the world. On the boat trip we are encouraged to reinforce the values that we hold so dear in Christ. We learn what it means to stand against the sway of the world and to grow and identify with other men by sharing our faith and personal experiences. The program men experience a connection with other men from various Christian denominations. At the lake we all experience true fellowship which will last in our memories for a lifetime.



Roy sharing testimony

Charles sharing testimony

Alex sharing testimony



Bryan Hall sharing the Word of God

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Mission Ministry — Executive Office



Dan Ice
Executive Director

I Corinthians 12: 4 - 7

“Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are differences of administrations, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of operations, but it is the same God which works all in all. But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man to profit withal.”

The fourth area of support in our ministry here at the Mission is the administration which takes place primarily from the executive office, which reaches beyond our staff support, donor support, and information gathering, and sharing into the very community we desire to serve.



ERM Women's Auxiliary lending a helping hand with an appeal letter

Here is a brief summary of what takes place at the executive office. We receive all communications from the public at the executive office and the calls for the Men's Shelter and Family Shelter are passed to the directors of these ministries. We receive many personal visits each day from people with needs and questions, wanting to meet with the Executive Director or staff for concerns, interviews, volunteering or

sharing support for what we are doing. We also produce all of our donor support mailings, newsletters, receipts and appeals through the office. This includes the design, printing, folding and stuffing of literally tens of thousands of pieces of mail annually. This is accomplished by staff and our wonderful volunteers.



ERM Women's Auxiliary lending a helping hand processing our receipt mailing

Our weekly staff (family shelter, men's shelter, and thrift store) meetings are held at the Mission office, as well as the Board of Directors meetings on a monthly basis.

All finances are processed through the executive office. We have also updated our website so we can receive donations online. Our website is maintained from our office, and by office staff.

These activities may sound mundane and routine but are vitally important to the overall functioning of the Mission ministry. With the phone calls, correspondence and personal meetings with the public, a Christ centered, Spirit led daily walk is essential, as in all our various segments of ministry. The Family Shelter, Men's Shelter, Thrift Store and Executive Office are the corner stones of what we do, which is to *“give the bread for life so we can share the Bread of Life”* — **John 6:35**

Rebuilding broken lives ... One life at a time

Reflections on the Men's Shelter

by Roy Sandbank, recent graduate

"And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." — Matthew 25:40



The homeless gather outside of the Mission at 5:30 every night. They enter. What hits me the hardest are the eyes. The eyes reflect ones condition. Most will avoid eye contact as they come in the door trying to hang on to any shred of dignity they have left. Some are clearly distressed as they have been thrust into a situation they never dreamed they would be in. Their eyes always tell the truth. That pain has taken a long walk today as evident to the sadness in their eyes. Sometimes accompanied with tears the eyes stand as a testimony of the truth of who we really are. The past pains, hurts and reflections of what we said or did that brought us to this place, the Rescue Mission in Eureka. They look into the eyes of program members as they come through the door. They look for some glimmer of hope. I have seen hope in the eyes of even the newest program member that has been here only one day. It doesn't matter what is going on at the Mission or the situation the program member is in. He must reach down inside

himself to help another. His eyes reflect it. Hope... love ... faith... God reflects out through our eyes. When one is desperate, the light they see is a beacon. Its brightness and intensity magnified by the depth of darkness the observer is in. Ezekiel describes a living creature around the throne of God that is covered with eyes. Those eyes are reflections. Like our eyes they reflect the light that God has placed inside of us as we reach out to help someone else. I am grounded by the help I give especially when I don't feel like it. I am reminded that I am not worthy to carry Christ's sandals and yet I see His eyes in those who come in the door at 5:30 every night.



A Quick Glimpse – Women's Shelter, Ministry of Compassion

What do we do at the Women's Shelter?



At the Women's Shelter we strive to provide much more than a meal and a bed. Part of our regular service is providing showers in the morning to women who come in off of the street. Before their shower, the ladies are offered a chance to look for clean, nice clothing and toiletries in our Boutique. We are also able to provide showers to all women who need them on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday between 2 & 3:30pm. Our goal has always been to provide basic services in order to love these women like Christ commanded. We are able to accomplish this because of God's grace and mercy, and the generous financial support the Mission receives every month from faithful, caring community members. In 2008 our Women and Children's Shelter was able to give 6,563 safe, warm nights of rest. We also provided a total of 13,042 meals, over 4,500 showers, and 53,918 clothing items. So far this year we have been able to provide 3,494 nights of rest, a total of 6,351 meals, 2,811 showers, and 26,877 clothing items. As you can see we take joy and great personal satisfaction in "giving the bread for life so we can share the bread of life". So, speaking for the Staff at the Eureka Rescue Mission Women and Children's Shelter, we are ready to see the miraculous provision that God has in store for us to provide for the homeless women and children that find their way to His shelter this coming year!

From January 2009 to June 2009

- 11 single women have transitioned into permanent housing from the Women's Shelter.
- 4 families, including 11 children, transitioned into permanent housing from the Women's Shelter.
- The Rescue Mission "Free Store" gave needy families 34,416 items of clothing, 2,508 diapers, and 1,221 hygiene items.

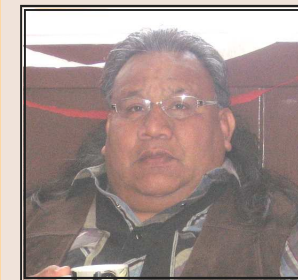


Newest Graduates of the New Life Discipleship Program



BILL HENSEL graduated from the program on May 6, 2009. While on the program, Bill exhibited a love for the Word of God and spent most of his time researching and answering biblical questions for himself and others. Since graduation, Bill has been leading a bible study at the Mission and volunteering at the Men's Shelter.

ROBBY BURKE graduated from the program on May 20, 2009. Robbie immediately went to work looking for a job and it did not take him long to land one working for a local restaurant. Robbie is using the tools that he learned from the program to live life responsibly, sober and caring for others — like his beautiful little daughter Phoebe.



LIONEL CARROL graduated from the program on May 27, 2009. Lionel has faced and overcome many challenges in his life since joining the program in 2008. He has learned valuable lessons which have left him with a heart able to love, care, trust and have hope. Since graduation, Lionel has gone to work at a local organic vegetable farm.

ROY SANDBANK graduated from the program on June 24, 2009. Roy is transitioning at the Men's Shelter while looking for gainful employment. While at the Mission, Roy continues to attend bible classes, and is currently writing an article for the Mission. Roy has also authored two testimonial brochures in an effort to reach more people for Christ.



JASON JESSE graduated from the program on July 8, 2009. Jason immediately started doing volunteer work at the Men's Shelter, and has continued to prove himself a valuable asset to the Mission. Jason has big hurdles ahead of him, but is well equipped to deal with them by using the life skills he has attained in the men's program. Update: Jason has found full-time employment!

What is the New Life Program?

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 he was going.

Each graduate has successfully completed over 600 hours of sound biblical teaching. They have a firm understanding of the essentials of Christianity. They have exhibited their understanding of an organized system of thought during their stay with us, and they have exhibited ethical work habits. Each graduate of the program has over one year of sobriety, that is NEW LIFE !!

"Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."
— 2 Corinthians 5:17

Current Needs

- Prayers
- Cleaning Supplies
- Coffee
- Canned Foods
- Turkeys (for Holidays)
- Financial Support

Please bring donations to 110 2nd St. or call to arrange for pick-up of your much needed donation at 707 445-3787.

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.