

## Recent New Life Program Graduates



MERVIN ORR  
GRADUATED ON  
JULY 6, 2011



JOHN ZIEPSEERDER  
GRADUATED ON  
JULY 27, 2011



RICHARD MARTINEZ  
GRADUATED ON  
AUGUST 10, 2011

## All Bikes By The Bay

A day at the Samoa Drag Strip



On July 16th at 8:45 am we loaded up sodas, hot dogs and all the fixins, barbeque, picture boards, and a portable canopy to set up a Eureka Rescue Mission vendor booth at the Samoa Drag Strip for the "All Bikes By The Bay" event. It was the 5th annual Samoa "All Bikes By The Bay" sponsored by United Bikers of Northern California Humboldt. The day consisted of grudge racing (racing against someone you really want to beat because you have a grudge against them), timed runs, swap meet, bike games, used bike lot, Orange County Choppers Air-gas Bike show, and Julian Dusseau (stunt bike rider). All proceeds went to the Humboldt Senior Resource Center. Biker gatherings have long been known as wild and crazy, unpredictable events but this event was actually quite the opposite. It was a great

family atmosphere with many types of entertainment, for all ages. The United Bikers of Northern California is comprised of hundreds of bikers throughout the Northstate, who all agree on one thing, getting along while doing charitable deeds for our communities. The Eureka Rescue Mission is one of the organizations who receive toys and monetary donations from UBNC annually. We were invited to set up a booth to represent our ministry as well as provide hot dogs and sodas for a donation. It was a great day to fellowship with other believers as well as to represent the inner workings of our ministry via photos. Many people were amazed and stopped to ask questions about the Rescue Mission which provided an opportunity for us to share the love of Christ. Overall, it was a very successful time and hopefully we will be able to attend next year's event.



### OUR CURRENT NEEDS THIS QUARTER

- Fervent, continual prayer for our volunteers, chapel providers, and staff.
- Please consider donating your gently used items to our Thrift Store.
- Canned items, like vegetables and fruit, will refresh our depleting supply.
- Fresh meat is always needed in our pantry.
- Your financial donation, of any amount, is an effective and welcome tool.

**Together, you and your Rescue Mission are having a positive impact on those in need. Thank you.**

# Eureka Rescue Mission Changed Lives

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## Siding Project Completed at Women & Children's Shelter



A work in progress, the many stages of the siding project



Siding installed, windows installed and painting completed as well

Chipping, cracking, peeling, washed out, pumpkin orange paint is what you would have seen when driving by our Women and Children's Shelter on 3rd Street. Not only was the paint in terrible condition, but the aged windows no longer fit properly, which allowed cold air and water to make its way into the shelter during the rainy winter months. Upon further investigation, we found that the siding was not only shedding its paint but had, through many years, developed tremendous amounts of dry rot which posed yet another problem. We were left with no other option than to replace the dilapidated siding.

In May of this year, Pacific Builders pulled off the old siding and replaced it with new HardiPlank siding. It took a month to complete the job, which included nine

new windows and a new deck for the ladies and children to enjoy.

Our maintenance man, Ririe, took on the task of eliminating all of the antiquated non-operable telephone lines which draped along the West side of the Shelter. After removing the lines, the building looks much cleaner.

One of our program members, Richard, who is a painter by trade, volunteered his time and talent to paint the new siding and trim. Today, it is a beautiful, aqua green with burgundy trim. Overall, the Women and Children's Shelter looks like a new building.

We would like to thank all of our financial donors, especially the Rotary Club of Eureka from their Sign Smith Endowment Fund, for making this project possible, as well as Pacific Builders.

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# Fourth of July BBQ



Enjoying good food, and company ...

This 4th of July, the Eureka Rescue Mission celebrated its 2nd annual outreach to our community. We learned a lot from last year, which helped make this year's outing even better. We started by placing greeters at our front entrance to welcome the public as they arrived, and to give them information about what was happening at this 'no-charge' event. Once inside our gates, the people were treated to free hot dogs, sodas and chips. The food was served by program member Dave Anderson - who was all decked out in a white chef's coat and hat. We served over 600 hot dogs,

bags of chips, and sodas to everyone who wanted them.

There was a wide variety of music played at the event, which began this year with Mike and Keith.

They were followed by twin sisters, Bethany and Hannah, and the event ended with Joe, Sara and Mike.

The weather was warm and the atmosphere was very festive. We also had free face painting and animal balloons for the kids.

A couple attending the event were overheard asking, "Why are they doing all of this?" And a volunteer answered, "Jesus has given us so much that we are compelled to give as well!"

The Bible says the world will know we are Christians by our love for one another (John 13:35), and plenty of love was displayed on this 4th of July!

It was the perfect day to celebrate the ratification of the most important political document in US history, and to thank those around us who have sacrificed their lives for the freedom of this great nation. It was also a great day to remember the sacrifice Jesus Christ made on the cross so that we could all be in the presence of God, as His children, forever!



Great music by Bethany & Hannah ...

## Men and Women's Shelter Testimonials

My Story: Marie Jacinto-Matias



I arrived at the Eureka Rescue Mission Women and Children's Shelter at 4:45pm on New Years Eve 2010. I was spiritually, physically, mentally and financially crippled. I was so scared that I was trembling. I had hit rock bottom and was frightened and ashamed. I didn't know what to expect. For the first time in my life I had no where to

turn, except for the door and the door bell of the Women and Children's Shelter! I know God led me to 3rd street, and to that door, which was for me the door to Christ - Rev. 3:20, John 10:9.

Two years before I had lost my husband, who was my best friend of 26 years. Shortly afterwards I was diagnosed with cancer. I blamed God, ignored and denied Him - I even hated Him. It was a very long and dark two years, as I sold off everything I owned, bit by bit, to cover my medical expenses. I eventually lost my home and began living off the benefits provided by the "General

Relief" and "Food Stamps" programs. I slept on couches until I did not have even that any more. When I rang that doorbell, the Mission staff welcomed me in with open arms and God's love. I was given a bed, clothing, food, and shelter. Most wonderful of all, was a chapel service every day before dinner, and it was there I met Jesus. With the staff's encouragement, guidance and love, I came to know Jesus as my Lord and Savior. I started going to church in January, and was baptized in March. From that

point forward, my life just fell into place. With a safe place to stay and food and clothing, I was able to concentrate on the things I needed to do. I now have my own place, awesome and beautiful friends, and a great new church family. I am growing daily in Christ, and I am sharing what has been given to me. Luke 10:27, the first verse I memorized, says, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself."

## Touched by God's Love

A letter to the Men's Shelter

Dear brothers, about two months ago you took me in and cared for me when no one else would. God used you in a powerful way to bring about my transformation and the restoration He promised. I will never forget it.

"Consider it all joy, my brothers, whenever you

face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything." James 1: 2- 4. May you experience in full measure God's goodness and grace. In Him, Eric.

## Wonderful Addition to Women's Shelter



We are blessed and excited to introduce Angela Wal-

lace, our new staff member here at the Women and Children's Shelter. An answer to prayer, she comes to us with God given giftings for ministry, which enable her to share the Lord's love and compassion, with patience and enthusiasm. What a wonderful addition to our ministry staff.