

New Life Discipleship Graduates



Tony Mason graduated the New Life Program on 11/20/2019. Tony had a few bumps in the road after graduation but now is plugging in at his local church working closely with his Pastor.



Anthony Hartshorn graduated on 1/8/2020. After graduation Antho was hired full time at our Thrift Store but unfortunately due to the pandemic he and all of the crew were laid off. Anthony is now searching for employment elsewhere while residing at our Shelter.



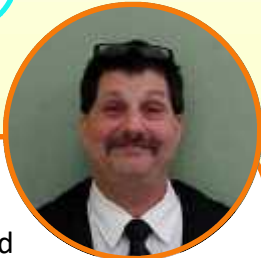
Ken Todd graduated on 1/5/2020 and has since filled our part time delivery/pic - up driver position



Robert Hagerman graduated on 3/11/2020 and has now found full time employment at J&G Construction Robert also fills in as chapel provider in the evenings at the shelter whenever needed.



Michael Gunter graduated on 5/20/2020 and currently is working through some medical issues. Please pray for Mike.



Don Johnson graduated on 3/25/2020 and has been employed full time at the Pantry restaurant. Don also volunteers his time at the shelter during chapel time as worship leader. Don is extremely musically talented!



Brady Gentry graduated on 6/17/2020 and has returned to the Redding area to help take care of his mother who is fighting through some medical issues. Brady plans on returning whenever possible to establish his new life here locally.



Debra Ann Furlong graduated our Women's New Life Program on 7/1/2020. Debra is currently volunteering by helping staff while residing at our Women's Shelter.



Catherine Winterhawk also graduated on 7/1/2020 along with Debra. Catherine is volunteering at our Women's Shelter as our "House Mom."

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Downtime is Cleanup Time



COVID-19 brought many inconvenient and negative circumstances to all of our lives and businesses. Locally our business district has had to improvise, be creative, and work through all of the challenges presented in such a short amount of time. Unexpected tragedies oftentimes carry a "silver lining" and that is what we have found regarding our Thrift Store. When we were finally informed that we could apply for re-opening we worked through the process of establishing and implementing compliant procedures to keep our customers and employees as safe as possible. Rather than just opening up our store for business as usual, we were able to take advantage of the "down time," and give the interior of our store a complete makeover in a little over a week's time. We were able to thoroughly clean the whole store and make a tremendous amount of room by sorting out clothing and items that have been on the floor for a long time. Our entryway has been re-carpeted with a new durable carpet and the area that had bookshelves has been converted into a display area. All of the walls were patched, textured, painted and the floors were also scrubbed and waxed! Even our shelves that hold appliances and electronics were cleaned, painted and some covered with decorative contact paper. We are blessed to have had the time to make these much needed necessary improvements resulting in a more



pleasant shopping experience for our customers, and work environment for our employees. It is good to finally be open for business once again!

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A Dream Became Reality

Jade and Jason have overcome many extreme difficulties in the past year. Jade came to us right around four months pregnant, homeless and having to deal with Jason, who was deeply involved with drugs. She stayed a very short time and unfortunately decided to leave. Jade, being legally deaf in both ears, found it extremely difficult to communicate, resulting in frustration, feeling afraid and alone. After leaving she wandered the streets for about a month and then returned to the shelter hoping to try it once again. Jade communicated with our Women's Shelter Director through writing questions in a notebook, crying a sigh of relief that she would be accepted back into the shelter. She didn't understand at the time that there is no way a pregnant woman would be refused to re-enter; we didn't want to see her leave in the first place. Jade found sobriety in the very beginning of her pregnancy, and was determined to be the best mom that she could possibly be, knowing that this was critical for her unborn son. Strong bonds were built between shelter management and Jade, ultimately looking to us for guidance and encouragement. Jason was still struggling with addiction, and shortly after Jade became a guest again, he was arrested and incarcerated for drug-related crimes. This was a blessing in disguise because it resulted in a time of sobriety, causing Jason to evaluate his life. He decided that he would do whatever he had to do to be a good father and husband. After a time of incarceration, it just so happened that Jason was released from custody the day their son was born, making it possible for him to be there for the birth..! God orchestrated this miracle and they had a very healthy baby boy, naming him Malikai. Jason has chosen to continue on the path of sobriety and is still sober to this day. Jade is a super mom and loves every moment of it. Recently, even through the COVID Pandemic, this beautiful family was able to obtain permanent housing right here in Eureka. They have been spending time with their baby and getting their house in order. Jade said, "It was a blessing at the shelter to find a new family that loves me unconditionally, people that didn't even know me, loved me as if they had known me a lifetime." If it wasn't for the Mission, I would not have been able to keep my son. The stability provided at the shelter, gave me and Jason the foundation that we needed to start rebuilding our lives." Jade and Jason both said, "thank you to the supporters of this Ministry, we would not be where we are today without you."



Renovation Completed!



Well, it has been awhile since we have written you about the renovation of the Men's Shelter. It is finally completely finished and we have officially moved in..! Our upstairs program member rooms have been completely renovated and furnished with brand new bunk beds and our downstairs guest dormitory is currently full. Due to COVID-19 and social distancing requirements, we were forced to turn our downstairs bunk

beds into single beds, spaced 6 feet apart from each other. We are only able to house 27 guests in our dorm at this time, necessitating our remaining guests to be housed in our cafeteria for sleeping. Also, we are in the process of applying a much needed new coat of paint to the exterior of the Men's Shelter. The new color will match the color of our new facility adjacent to the shelter. It has been a long but necessary remodel and we are blessed to be finished, thank you all so very much for your support!

God Had a Plan

We introduced you to Ajouna Boulby and her family in a past edition of our newsletter and want to give you an exciting update. It has been an incredible journey working alongside and helping this beautiful little family. Ajouna was getting ready to sign her lease after accepting housing, then COVID-19 hit the world unexpectedly. The Yurok Tribal Offices, whom Ajouna has been working with, temporarily closed. It was tough to hear that she was not going to be moving in as expected on April 19, 2020, as well as no tentative move-in date until further notice. It was very bad news at the time but the Lord always has a plan, especially in difficult times. Bad news turned into a blessing when Ajouna received a call informing her that she and her three children could finally move into their new home on May 21, 2020. It has been a challenge for her in many ways but she continues pushing forward and staying strong for her babies. Since being in their new home, Colton (son who is Autistic) has been able to ease into a new routine and is super happy he does not have to wear clothes and shoes all of the time now! Notasha is super happy that she has her own Princess Palace that she can play in, and little Lukas is a happy little camper as he always is. The structure provided at the Shelter has helped her to get into the routine of living a responsible lifestyle in her own home. Ajouna said, "I will be forever grateful to the folks that keep the Mission available for those that are in need. This Mission is so much more than just a place to stay, it is a safe dwelling, full of love and growth, a place to heal and rebuild, a home away from homelessness. Thank you to all who support the Eureka Rescue Mission Women and Children's Shelter."



Our First Women Graduates

It is with great joy and excitement to announce that we have successfully graduated two ladies from our Women's New Life Discipleship Program on July 1, 2020. This is the first time in the history of the Eureka Rescue Mission that we have had a Women's Shelter Program which launched a year ago, July 1, 2019. We started out with five program members, Catherine Winterhawk and Debra Furlong were the first two women to make history as the first female graduates. In the beginning, there was a lot of fear and anxiety with these two ladies because they were stepping into something brand new and unknown. One thing they were both certain of was that through the classes and fellowship, they would be achieving one year of sound Bible teaching, a closer relationship with Jesus and a knowledge of what Christ's love looks and feels like. These two did not come from drug and alcohol addiction, but rather from an addiction to gambling and unhealthy relationships. There was nothing to lose and everything to gain by joining the discipleship program. There were difficulties, but they persevered through the trial and struggles, encouraging and inspiring each other along the way. When the world stopped due to the pandemic, Bible classes came to a halt, yet these ladies kept on pushing forward with their duties and homework. Their desire to continue learning superseded anything that would try to come in the way of their progress. It has been a pleasure to walk alongside these very precious souls, watching and encouraging them as they made some serious inner changes and began the healing process. Now that these two have graduated, they plan on sticking around to help with the new group of ladies that are entering into the program. We look forward to many more years of the Women's New Life Discipleship Program. It is such a blessing to be a part of this seriously rewarding ministry.



Kristen Freeman, Women's Shelter Director