

The New Life Discipleship Program is a free, year long, residential, faith based, Christian discipleship program that consists of education and Bible based life restoration classes. Congratulations Graduates!



Daberion Hill
Graduated
4/20/2022 and
now works in
landscaping



Randy Caudle
Graduated
5/25/2022 and
now works at
the golf course



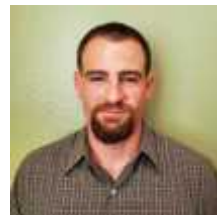
Bonita Ward
Graduated
7/13/2022
and now is
retired



Quentin
Meineken
Graduated
7/20/2022 and
now works as
a gas station
attendant



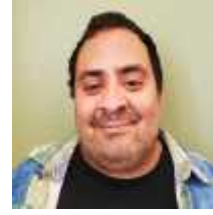
Steve Morri-
son Graduated
7/27/2022 and
now works for
a local CPA



Payson Barnard
Graduated
8/10/2022 and
now works for
Don's Rent-all



Erin Sepeda
Graduated
9/21/2022 and
now works as
House Manag-
er at the Mis-
sion



Robert Noble
Graduated
11/9/2022 and
now works as
contact desk
person at the
Mission



Chris Wilging
Graduated
11/16/2022
and now
works for his
father's con-
struction com-
pany



Tabitha Wil-
more Graduated
11/30/2022
and now is re-
tired



Marshal Han-
cock graduated
12/14/2022 and
now works at
Don's Rent-All



Kyle Lake
Graduated
12/28/2022
and now is
currently in-
between jobs



Gage Toon
Graduated
2/01/2023 and
now works as a
cabinet builder
in Redway



Juan Serrano
Graduated
4/26/2023 and
is currently in
between jobs



Derek Brown
Graduated
5/17/2023 and
now is retired



Richard Hall
Graduated
6/07/2023 and
now is retired



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Changed Lives

From the Desk of the Director

The 4th of July is a day of celebration and reflection for Americans, as it commemorates our Country's independence and the freedom it represents. While we rejoice in the freedoms we enjoy in this Country, as Christians, we also find a deeper significance in this holiday. In Christ, we have been set free from the bondage of sin and death. The liberty we experience in our faith is not just a temporal freedom, but an eternal one. The 4th of July reminds us to be grateful for the freedom we have in this great Country and in Christ, to live out our faith in a way that honors Him. As the apostle Paul wrote in Galatians 5:1, "Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and do not be entangled again with a yoke of bondage."

On the 4th, a group of men from our New Life Program, once again, took part in serving their community during the festivities in Old Town Eureka. These men volunteered their time and worked tirelessly to assist vendors in setting up their booths, ensuring a smooth and successful event. They also took the responsibility of monitoring the trash cans, emptying them regularly, and keeping the streets clean from litter throughout the duration of the event. Furthermore, their service extended to helping vendors dismantle their booths when the festivities concluded. In addition to the 4th of July, our program members play a vital part in our community by working together with local businesses setting up and tearing down for the Friday Night Market festivities each month, volunteering at the Samoa Drag Strip throughout the summer racing season, planting trees throughout the City for Keep Eureka Beautiful, work close with Eureka Police Department to keep 2nd Street clear of illegal camping, assist Providence St. Joseph Hospital medical fair set-up and tear down and general weekly cleanup throughout Old Town Eureka. These acts of selflessness not only give back to the community but also foster a strong work ethic in the lives of these men. By cultivating a heart of servant-hood, they are being prepared for real-life challenges beyond the program, equipping them to become valuable contributors to society. Proverbs 11:25 says "The generous soul will be made rich, and he who waters will also be watered himself."

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Breakthrough Moments: Personal stories of Redemption and Restoration

Lisa & Noah



Do you remember Lisa and Noah from a previous newsletter? Well, take a look at where they are now! In April 2022, Lisa and Noah relocated to Eureka, California. Just 14 months later, Lisa has achieved numerous personal goals that she had set for herself when they arrived at the Women and Children's Shelter. Leaving behind over a decade of addiction and homelessness, Lisa made the courageous decision to move across the country with her two-year-old son, Noah. From the moment they arrived at the shelter, Lisa felt the presence of Jesus with a sense of open arms and love.

Living with Type 1 Diabetes, Lisa faced significant health challenges and weighed only 75 pounds upon arrival. She had experienced several close calls with death, having been hospitalized three times before making the move. However, since coming to the shelter, Lisa has received the necessary medical attention and proper nutrition to effectively manage her condition. Celebrating 14 months of sobriety, she has regained her health and found happiness. Lisa secured employment with In-Home Supportive Services, providing much-needed assistance to individuals in their homes. Additionally, until April 15, 2023, she

served as a volunteer assistant at the Women and Children's Shelter, before officially transitioning into a part-time house manager role. Lisa's contribution to our team has been remarkable, as she shares the Gospel, hope, faith, love, and her own life experiences with shelter guests.

With great determination and resourcefulness, Lisa obtained her California Driver's License and purchased a vehicle to commute to work and transport Noah to preschool. On May 20, 2023, she signed a lease for a one-bedroom apartment in Eureka, fully furnishing the unit with the savings she accumulated during her stay at the shelter. Lisa has learned valuable money management skills, embraced structure, paid off past debts, and has been a devoted mother since arriving at the shelter. Reflecting on her journey, Lisa expressed her deep gratitude, stating, "Without the foundation and stability provided by the Mission during my darkest hour, I know I would not have survived. I am so appreciative of what this place and its supporters have done for our lives. I never imagined such a place existed. I am eternally blessed for the opportunities and love we have received at the Mission." Looking ahead, Lisa plans to continue living her best life within our community, giving back and sharing the Gospel and the love of Christ with those around her. We are grateful for her unwavering dedication and commitment to making a difference in the lives of others, one life at a time.

"From the moment I got to the Mission, I felt the presence of Jesus with open arms and Love"

Kelli



Kelli Dore was born in 1964 in Mission Hills, California, into a tumultuous home marked by abuse and alcoholic parents. Early on, her parents separated, and she found herself living with a stepfather who subjected her to further mistreatment. Unable to endure the abuse, Kelli frequently ran away, only to return to an unchanged environment, prompting her to run again and ultimately leading to her homelessness. Feeling lost and unsure of her next steps, Kelli reached out to a friend in Redding who was in recovery. He extended a helping hand, offering her a place to stay, and over time, they got married. Together, they raised two sons, sharing 21 years of their lives. However, Kelli spent the last decade of their marriage trapped in active addiction, while her husband remained sober. Recognizing that her husband deserved better, Kelli made the difficult decision to leave the marriage. In the divorce, she was granted ownership of the house but, due to her addiction and insufficient income, she eventually lost it. Despite the separation, Kelli and her ex-husband maintain a distant friendship, continuing to communicate to this day. Finding herself back on the streets, Kelli sought help from a local substance abuse program. After successfully completing a 90-day program, she graduated, but permanent housing remained elusive. This led her to the Women and Children's Shelter, where she diligently saved her income as required, preparing for future housing. Through the assistance of a local property management company, Kelli managed to secure a private room in the heart of Old Town but tragically, just days before signing her lease, Kelli broke her hip while jumping over a rain puddle. Undeterred, she signed the lease from her hospital bed before embarking on inpatient physical rehabilitation. Following her release, Kelli returned to the shelter for a few days of rest before finally moving into her new unit. With resilience and determination, she was able to not only fully furnish her new space, but also was able to settle her past debts. Reflecting on her journey, Kelli acknowledges that the Mission provided exactly what her soul needed. The love and support she received, along with the nightly Chapel Services, played a significant role in restoring her strained relationship with Christ. Today, her faith and walk with Jesus

are healthy and strong, and she cherishes the meaningful connections she made along the way. Kelli remains connected to the Mission and frequently returns to visit and have a meal with all of us. When asked what she would say to the supporters of this Ministry, she expressed her profound gratitude, saying, "I love you all, and thank you for loving all of us. You have helped me more than you will ever know."

"I Love you all, and Thank You for Loving all of us"

Erin



After experiencing a devastating house fire in West Virginia, Erin Sepeda found himself without a place to turn and completely empty of any faith in himself. The weight of life's challenges, including a bitter divorce, the house fire, and a persistent struggle with drug and alcohol addiction, seemed undefeatable. Determined to leave West Virginia, Erin boarded a bus and embarked on a journey across the country, eventually landing in Eureka. Although he managed to maintain sobriety briefly upon arriving, Erin soon found himself in the depths of his addiction once again. Enduring homelessness on the streets of Eureka for a short time, he made a decision to seek help at the Eureka Rescue Mission, joining our program on September 21, 2021. Initially unfamiliar with the concept of Jesus being Lord and Savior, Erin's encounter with the truth of the Bible quickly convinced him of its authenticity, prompting him to repent of his sins and embrace Christ as his personal Savior. With this transformation, Erin experienced a radical supernatural spiritual rebirth which resulted in him flourishing in his knowledge of the Bible and ultimately developing a deep relationship with Jesus. He became a true new creation in Christ. Graduating from the program on September 21, 2022, Erin's dedication and compassion led to his employment as the Men's Shelter contact desk person. He demonstrated remarkable leadership qualities, extending compassion to the homeless guests and always offering assistance in times of need. As time passed, an opportunity arose for Erin to serve as a House Manager, a role that perfectly suited his capabilities. Currently, he continues to excel in his position at the Men's Shelter, while also pursuing personal interests such as learning jujitsu and taking college courses, potentially majoring in Cyber Security. The transformation Erin experienced aligns with the powerful message of 2 Corinthians 5:17: "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new!"

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Eric



Eric Coleman enrolled in the New Life Discipleship Program in February 2023. Prior to joining, Eric had struggled with heavy substance abuse, primarily crystal meth and alcohol. After facing eviction from his apartment and experiencing homelessness for the first time, he sought help through various rehab attempts, but none proved successful. In search of a solution, Eric made the decision to relocate from Redding, California to Eureka. When reflecting on his opinion of God before entering the program, Eric candidly shared, "I harbored animosity towards Him, attributing all the problems in my life to Him." However, recognizing a "void" within himself, he turned to the Eureka Rescue Mission, where he embraced the program and remained open minded and eventually accepted Christ as his Lord and Savior. With the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, Eric's inner turmoil rapidly dissipated, paving the way for the beginning of his new adventure with the Lord. So far Eric has made remarkable progress within the program. Born again by the Spirit, by the love and transformative power of Jesus Christ, Eric now expresses a deep gratitude for the opportunity to be a part of the program and the significant impact it has had on his life. Eric continues to be a model program member and continues to grow in his relationship with Christ. Eric said, "I don't know where I would be without the help of the Mission, thank you so much."

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Alan



Alan Deskins, a native of San Bernadino, California, endured a tumultuous upbringing in an alcoholic household. Despite the challenges, he graduated from Eureka High School and pursued Civil Engineering at the College of the Redwoods. At the age of 17, Alan entered foster care, and at 18, he joined the Navy. After an honorable discharge following four years of service, he fulfilled his childhood dream of becoming a heavy equipment operator and worked as a foreman in Aspen, Colorado. However, Alan's life spiraled into alcoholism, resulting in six DUIs and three life-threatening hospitalizations. Homeless and desperate, he sought help at the Eureka Rescue Mission and eventually enrolled into our New Life Discipleship Program. On March 8, 2023, Alan asked Jesus to be his Lord and Savior, marking a profound shift in his life. The program's support and his newfound faith in Christ has enabled him to experience forgiveness and extend it to others. Alan's gratitude toward the Mission's supporters knows no bounds. He expressed, "Thank you with all of my heart. If not for you, I would not be here, I would have given up." Now filled with hope, happiness, and love, Alan looks ahead to a promising future. Alan Deskins' journey illustrates the power of faith in Christ and the transformative impact of surrendering his life to the Lord. It serves as a reminder that no matter the depths of despair, redemption is always within reach. Alan is such a pleasure to have in our program and it is exciting to see such a remarkable difference from when he first arrived!

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