

Eureka Rescue Mission

Changed Lives

Celebrating 40 Years
of Community Service

Rebuilding broken lives ... One life at a time

Women and Children's Shelter - Homeless Guest Services - New Life Recovery Program - Thrift Store

Holiday Blessings

Greetings from the Eureka Rescue Mission. What a blessing and honor it is to partner with you, our generous supporters, to serve those in need. The holiday season is now over and we want to report to you the many wonderful things that happened in and around the Mission because of your love in action.

We view the holiday season as our opportunity to go above and beyond, to honor those we serve 365 days of the year. Seven hundred "full service" meals were served by over 75 cheerful servants on Thanksgiving and Christmas. We greet and seat the individuals 50 at a time. After a short prayer, their meal and drinks are brought to them by smiling volunteers. This all happens quickly, from greeting to serving the process takes no longer than 10 minutes. Once all the guests have their food, they are welcome to relax and enjoy themselves. During Thanksgiving the New Life Men's Choir sang for each of the rounds of meals and during Christmas impromptu choirs of volunteers sang carols. Once the guests have finished, the volunteers bus and clean the tables and reset them for the next round of hungry men, women and children. When guests exit, other volunteers greet them, offering them warm winter clothes, hygiene kits and rain ponchos. Most guests pick out a jacket, some gloves, a warm winter cap and scarf, and are on their way with a smile on their faces.

In addition to the meals, so many other things happened this past holiday season at the Mission. US Cellular provided free calls to anywhere in the United States for the individuals waiting in line for the Thanksgiving meal. The New Life Men's Choir performed all around the community for luncheons and senior living communities. Even though it is not a service we normally provide, food boxes were made up for those who requested them out of the surplus of our holiday foods. We collected and received toys from individuals and various organizations and distributed them to families in need. New Life Program members set up and took down Christmas decorations in Old Town.

It is our pleasure to do all we do here at the Eureka Rescue Mission and we are constantly looking to do more. It is our sole intention to show unconditional love in order that it might spark hope for something greater, a hope that is found in Jesus Christ.

1Corinthians 13:3 And if I give all my possessions to feed the poor...but do not have love, it profits me nothing.

Visit www.eurekarescuemission.org to see more holiday photos of love in action.



A Look Back to 1967

The Eureka Rescue Mission has nearly concluded its 40th year of serving any who would come. It is so wonderful to look back and reflect upon 40 years of Christ being lifted high and lives being forever changed. As part of our anniversary celebration, we are highlighting the year it all began and looking back at the humble beginnings of the Eureka Rescue Mission.

Late in 1966, David H. Eitzen moved to Eureka from Fresno with the intention of starting a Rescue Mission. Prior to moving, Mr. Eitzen worked with the Fresno Rescue Mission. His experience enabled him to quickly form a board of directors and the Eureka Rescue Mission was established in name. The Bay Hotel was chosen to be the location for the Mission. It was a run down, turn of the century, four story motel that needed a lot of work—perfect for a Rescue Mission. A lease was signed with an option to buy the building and lot, for a total of \$13,000. Work quickly started on getting the ground floor back up to code. Early on, most of the finances were provided by other missions and Mr. Eitzen's support back in Fresno.

The progress was fast. Needs for things like plumbing repair and paint were published in the newsletters and the needs were quickly met. A used commercial stove was one of the first items donated and is still in use today. After only three short months, on March 13th, 1967, the Eureka Rescue Mission opened its doors to the "whosoever of wheresoever".

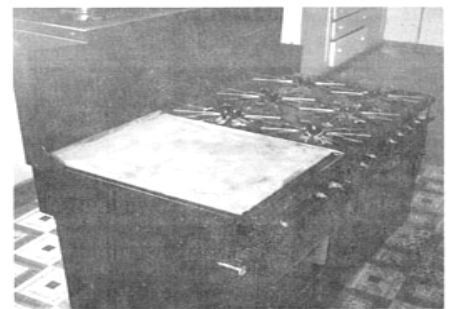
The first night only one man used The Mission's services and he came forward to receive Christ at the end of the chapel service. The community quickly embraced the ministry happening at the old Bay Hotel. Local individuals jumped at the opportunity to lead the nightly chapel services and help out in any way possible. By the end of the first year the mission had only fifteen beds compared to our now over eighty.

It is so amazing to see how many of The Mission's needs remain constant; fresh foods, coffee, toiletries and of course, prayer. God has faithfully provided throughout the 40 years of our ministry. Because of your faithful donations and prayer the Eureka Rescue Mission will continue to minister. **To commemorate this year we will be posting newsletters from 1967 on our website www.eurekarescuemission.org and will be available for viewing at the executive office, located at 306 W Clark St. Eureka.**

PRAYER
ANSWERED!
LEASE
SIGNED!
WORK
STARTED!



Bay Hotel 1967



RESTAURANT RANGE, FRESHLY PAINTED AND WAITING IN THE "MISSION KITCHEN". JUST ONE OF THE DONATIONS ALREADY GIVEN TO BE USED - A DEFINITE INDICATION OF THE LEADING AND BLESSING OF GOD.

Still in use since 1967

In Memory of ...

Jerry Butler

by Ron Dupuy

Kenneth Coil

by Lorraine B Whitney

Bob Crawley

by Johnnie Avila

Evaline Cyphers

by Samuel Anderson

by Elsie Banducci

by Hansen Insurance

by Jean Urban

by Thelma Vance

Sister Eileen

by Jack Mannix

Gary Eisenkraft

by Patricia Patrick

Michael Farlan

by Tony Farlan

Ernie Finnegan

by Darrel McKenna

Floyd E Fisher

by Demetrios Bogdanos

Bill Giese

by Darrel McKenna

Joan Henderson

by William G Henderson

Bob Hollinger

by Leroy Samms

Martha Hennings

by Mabel Randall

Ken Lemster

by Pat Lemster

Josie Lindstrom

by Axel Backman

Mildred Moore

by Marilyn Ames

by Axel Backman

by Lilyan Haigh

by Mary Shields

by Jean Urban

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Myrna

by Johnnie Avila

Shawn Peals

by Betty Brooks

by Harold Sloan

by Z Logging Co.

Dave Pedrott

by Leroy Samms

Dal Porto

by Johnnie Avila

Roy Samms

by Leroy Samms

Ron Samms

by Leroy Samms

Merle Shuster

by Warren Brown

Mary Stokes

by Charles W Gipe

Thyra Walker

by Gordon Amos

Tony Zanome

by Darrel McKenna

From the Desk of the Director:

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Our world is changing and a part of that change is electronic mail. Email is the quickest and easiest way for the Eureka Rescue Mission to communicate with our loving supporters. We are encouraging all who have access to the internet to consider receiving our newsletters via email. We strive to do all we can with every tool we've been provided. A simple action like emailing our newsletters could save thousands of dollars in postage, paper, and printing costs for years to come. Please fill out the response card with your name and email address and send it back to our office or call 445-3787. Our old newsletters are also available for download at www.eurekarescuemission.com Please pray with us as we consider the ways we can minister more effectively.

Dan Ice
Executive Director

Easter Dinner

We will be serving our Easter Dinner on Saturday, April 7th from 12pm to 4pm. If you would like to volunteer or donate please use the enclosed response card or call to get more information, 443-3787.

Please pray for our Women and Children's Shelter as we deal with staffing needs and finances. Please pray for us to have wisdom as we minister to the less fortunate women and children who need our facilities.

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