

# OUR HIGH VISIBILITY MINISTRY!

## MEN'S SHELTER AND DISCIPLESHIP PROGRAM



**Dan Ice**  
Executive Director

In order to give you, our supporters and friends, a better perspective of the ministry of the Mission, we plan to bring you articles about the various segments of the ministry and the support system that empowers what the Mission accomplishes. The different but connected aspects of our ministry can be likened to the 4 legs of an animal or the piers supporting a building. The four main aspects or legs of the Mission are the Women's and Children's Shelter, the Men's Shelter, the Mission Thrift Store and the Executive Office. Support, structure and direction come from the Mission Auxiliary and the Board of Directors.

The second area we would like to cast light on is the Men's Shelter. The Men's Shelter has been the primary effort of the Mission since the Mission was started in 1967. The Mission statement for our ministry is: "The purpose of the Eureka Rescue Mission is to proclaim the Gospel of Salvation to those in need of spiritual rebirth. The Mission accomplishes this by holding chapel services each day, feeding the hungry, giving clothing and showers to those in need".

At its inception 42 years ago this was accomplished primarily for a group described as single, male with an average age of 55-65. The main problem for these men was alcoholism, and the lifestyle drinking produces.

Today, our goals are the same; our means of meeting those goals has improved, as our population of men has changed. Our guests' age has lowered dramatically as our guest population has increased as needs have grown. The need for what the Mission offers has increased right along side the popularity of drug use, cultivation and manufacturing of dangerous, destructive substances.

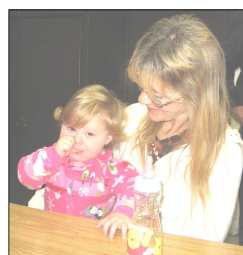
As needs increase, so has our desire to respond proactively in providing the solution for our guests. Each night 65-70 men fill our

shelter. They are screened with a breathalyzer, and tested for drugs, if necessary, before they enter the chapel. If they are found under the influence, they are encouraged to consider their lifestyle, their choices and their options. Often this goes on for a period of days, weeks or even months. As we extend love, compassion and kindness men are drawn to the desire for new life, a changed, addiction free life only God can provide. Due to the needs of the men and their response to the offer of hope and change, the Mission started its New Life Discipleship Program. This is a one year commitment to our live in program of integrity building, work responsibilities, and Bible instruction. The men of the program also work with Old Town merchants and Eureka Main Street in clean up of the Boardwalk and clean up and taking down Christmas and other holiday decorations. On an average we graduate 18-20 men per year, who are equipped with job skills, a work resume (from our thrift store) and life skills to reenter society clean and sober, able to pass a drug test! We provide transitional housing for a minimum of 6 months if they choose to stay with us, and most do.

The Mission's Men Shelter strives to provide a safe, drug free, sanitary and healthy environment in which men can be restored to wholeness, wellness and the opportunity to live successfully within our community, or where ever they desire to live.



Men's Shelter staff and Executive Director Dan Ice — 2009



Cora and Teresa

### Welcoming our new Women's Shelter Director—Teresa Jensen

We are introducing Teresa Jensen as the new director of the Women and Children's Shelter. Teresa has been ministering at the Mission as the Director's assistant for the past year and we are excited to see what the Lord will accomplish through her at the shelter. Mara has moved on from being the director of the Women and Children's Shelter and will be missed for many reasons, but especially for the incredible organizational skills which she brought to the ministry. Mara will be missed by everyone — God's blessings.



Teresa and Mara

## AUTOMATIC DONOR PROGRAM

In response to many requests from donors, the Eureka Rescue Mission is offering an Automatic Donor Program. This program is strictly voluntary for your convenience. **There are two ways you can do this:** Automatic withdrawal from your checking account or by using your VISA or MasterCard. CHECKING WITHDRAWAL for U.S. banks only. If you have any questions or would like additional information about the automatic donor program or receiving our newsletter via email please check the appropriate box on the response card or contact our office at (707) 445-3787.

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## Thanksgiving and Christmas at the Mission—2008



Waiting to be served

The 2008 holiday season was a great success and is now past. We want to share with you the many exciting events and opportunities that took

honor those we have been serving throughout the year, with a family holiday experience. Close to six hundred "full service" meals were served by over 70 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 caring volunteers. Once all the guests have their food, they are welcome to relax and enjoy themselves. The youth worship team from Calvary Chapel provided great music, which helped in providing the family, holiday environment. When guests leave, other volunteers greet them, offering them warm winter clothing, 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.

It is our passion and joy to do all we do here at the Eureka Rescue Mission. It is our sole intention to show compassion and love in hopes it will spark hope for something greater, a hope that is found in Jesus Christ. Your love in action



Our youngest participant

helps make all this possible. Thank you for your participation, support and prayers for the ministry of the Eureka Rescue Mission. God bless you.



Volunteers serving the meal

place in and around the Mission. The holiday season at the Mission is an opportunity to go beyond our normal service, to



Children caroling at Christmas

Women and Children's Shelter - Homeless Guest Services  
New Life Discipleship Program - Thrift Store  
**Rebuilding broken lives ... One life at a time**



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 they were 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 one of these five men have over one year of sobriety under their belts, that is new life !!

Remember to bring your gently used items to donate at our Thrift Store when you come to shop.

Thank you for your support  
Eureka Rescue Thrift Store Coupon

**10% OFF**

**YOUR TOTAL PURCHASE**  
Located at 1031 Broadway, Eureka

Tel: 707 443 2523

Expiration Date: 6/30/09

## 2008 MEMORIALS

Memorial gifts ... last a lifetime. By sending a memorial gift to the Eureka Rescue Mission, you can recognize a life you wish to honor. Your gift will go to help those less fortunate, to a better life. The amount of your contribution will be confidential, tax deductible and promptly acknowledged by a card to the bereaved. Mail your gift to: Eureka Rescue Mission, P.O. Box 76, Eureka, CA 95502.

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SHERRY TRACY**  
Given by: Janice Yerton

## Newest Graduates of the New Life Discipleship Program



Bill White

Bill White graduated from the program on September 3, 2008. Bill has a heart for ministry and is currently working as the night desk man for the Mission while he saves money to attend Calvary Chapel Bible College located in Murietta, California.

Jacob Hamilton graduated from the program on September 17, 2008. Jacob began working at the Thrift Store, and has since moved to an apartment in town. Jacob has recently used biblical principals successfully to overcome a difficult situation in his life.



Jacob Hamilton



Mike Staiano

Mike Staiano graduated from the program on November 12, 2008. Mike worked at the Eureka Rescue Mission Thrift store for a season while transitioning from the Men's Shelter into more permanent housing.

David Earl Hibdon graduated from the program on November 19, 2008. Dave is currently praying and waiting on the Lord concerning a ministry opportunity. Dave will become a grandfather in late February. Congratulations Grandpa!



David Earl Hibdon



Tim Richards

Tim Richards graduated from the program on January 14, 2009. After graduation Tim returned home to his family. Tim has gained a firm foundation while at the New Life program and has the tools to be a great father and example to his son.

## Current Needs

- Prayers
- Bleach
- Coffee
- Hygiene Items
- Warm Blankets
- Financial Support

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

## The Men's Shelter

Happy New Year!! 2008 was a year full of exciting ministry. As we reflect we find that it gives us a fuller and more vivid view of our Lord and Savior's handiwork in individual lives.

In spite of our damaged economy, we have witnessed numerous personal victories in the lives of our guests. During 2008, approximately 80 of our regular guests have moved out of the Eureka Rescue Mission emergency shelter and into their own apartments. Many who are still at the Mission have attained gainful employment and are saving money to move out on their own. Rather than providing a hand out, the Eureka Rescue Mission offers a hand up.

During 2008, we saw 11 men graduate from the New Life Program. While in the program, the men not only learn the Word of God, they learn what it means to be a servant. Here at the Mission, God develops love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control in the lives of the men. At times life can be extremely difficult, but it is in those times God shows Himself to be the peace right in the middle of the storm.

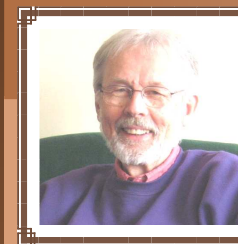
The New Life Program is not easy to complete but neither is winning a gold medal in the Olympics. Athletes have to practice and condition themselves

so they might learn to endure in order to receive a perishable crown. Staying in the will of God takes work and self discipline in order to obtain an imperishable crown, one that lasts for eternity.

One of our graduates, Bill, is currently working evenings on our contact desk and is saving money to attend Calvary Chapel Bible College in Murietta, California. We are excited to see Bill, who at one time had no hope, living on the streets of Eureka using drugs and drinking alcohol, now with direction in his life pursuing a deeper relationship with God. Bill has a permanent smile on his face.

In conclusion, I would like to say that a diamond in the rough has no appeal to an untrained eye, but to the trained eye, it has the potential of becoming a stone with exceedingly great value. In God's kingdom He takes the most unsightly, broken people and with a little cutting and polishing turns them into men and women who truly stand out from the crowd and who in turn are not ashamed of the Gospel or His Name. We are seeing that happen right here on Second Street in Eureka.

When you give to the Eureka Rescue Mission, whether it is finances or prayer, you truly are sowing into a ministry that is literally rebuilding broken lives, one life at a time.



Stuart Sundet

*From the Board of Directors*

*"...and The King will say unto them, Assuredly I say to you, Inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me."*

— Matthew 25:40; 35-37

*"...I was hungry and you gave Me food"*

Thanks to you generous donors, volunteers and Eureka Rescue Mission Auxiliary for your caring hearts, giving hands and ever-ready monetary support. Together with charitable grocers, your gifts are on our dining room tables every day. They were at our Easter, Thanksgiving and Christmas banquets and made it possible for Sammy, our cook, to prepare and serve 85,433 hot meals last year. Our grateful guests, hungry children, women and men (many are without hope or home), and men in our New Life Discipleship Program, came and gathered around our tables to eat those meals. Not one penny of support comes from taxes. You gave Him food.

*"I was thirsty and you gave Me drink"*

Mission guests had their thirst quenched with innumerable cups of coffee, milk, other beverages and water. The Mission's top priority quenches another thirst: Daily chapel services spoke of the compassionate gospel of salvation, faith and hope to 32,716 guests who may have been in need of a spiritual rebirth. No one should leave thirsty. You gave Him drink.

*"I was a stranger and you took Me in"*

From a newborn baby to the aged, 37,200 guests slept between laundered sheets and found comfort and rest in baby cribs, beds, cots, couches and on floor mats. An increasing number of our guests are children. Hot showers were provided for 38,687 people. Nearly 1500 non-guest drop-ins showered. Your donations supplied fuel for heat and hot water. You took Him in, cleaned Him up and kept Him warm and comfortable.

*"I was naked and you clothed Me"*

Through your clothing donations to the Rescue Mission, 45,041 articles of warm clothing and sturdy shoes were given to those in need. You clothed Him.

*"I was sick and you visited Me"*

Besides the 32,786 hygiene items donated and purchased, staff members make visits to hospitalized guests and New Life members. He was sick; you visited Him.

*"I was in prison and you came to Me"*

Bryan, the Mission's House Director and I make at least one visit each week to bring jail inmates the gospel of salvation and invite men to participate in the New Life Discipleship Program. Many accepted the invitation and became spiritually fruitful. You went to Him in prison.

*"Then the King will say to those on his right, Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me."*

God bless. Stuart Sundet, Your fellow servant and Executive Board Member