

We are so proud of the men and women who have completed our New Life Discipleship Program and are stepping forward into the next chapter of their lives. Each account below is a testimony to God’s faithfulness and the life-changing power of the Gospel.



Zechariah Simpson graduated on October 30, 2024, and is now working full-time at Walmart!

Jaymi Lucero graduated on November 20, 2024. After passing her background check, she began giving back by volunteering at our Women and Children’s Shelter.

Melanie Workman graduated on December 4, 2024, and has passed the exam to become a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA). We’re excited to see her thrive in this new career!

Sara Pulse graduated on January 15, 2025. She has moved out of the shelter and is currently preparing for a major back surgery. Please keep her in prayer.

Andrew Johnson graduated on January 22, 2025, and has secured full-time employment as a clerk at a local mini-mart and fueling station. Great job, Andrew!

Helio Deleon graduated on February 12, 2025, and immediately moved to Las Vegas, Nevada, where he landed full-time employment at Tura-no Nevada Baking Company with excellent pay and abundant overtime opportunities.

Michael Poirier graduated on May 7, 2025, and now works full-time at our very own Thrift Store as the back door donation receiver. We’re blessed to have him on the team!

Kevin Miskelly graduated on June 4, 2025. Now retired, Kevin has been faithfully serving as a volunteer at our Men’s Shelter. His presence has been a great encouragement to the men.

Kelly Crane graduated on June 18, 2025, and is currently seeking the Lord’s guidance on her next steps. Please join us in praying for wisdom and direction.

We celebrate each of these individuals and give all glory to God for the transformations He’s made possible. Thank you for your continued prayers and support—it truly makes a difference!

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.”
2 Corinthians 5:17 (NKJV)



Kelly Crane

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Changed Lives

A New Chapter at the Eureka Rescue Mission Thrift Store

Bringing Hope, One Treasure at a Time

There’s a fresh energy radiating from the Eureka Rescue Mission Thrift Store—and it all begins with new leadership and a renewed sense of purpose.

We are thrilled to introduce Jolene Wright as our new Thrift Store Manager. Jolene has quickly proven to be a phenomenal leader, bringing vibrant life and excellence to every corner of the store. Under her direction, the store has become more organized, cleaner, and more inviting than ever before. Items are thoughtfully priced to remain competitive, and every customer who walks through the doors is treated with genuine kindness and appreciation. Shopping at our Thrift Store isn’t just a great experience—it’s a blessing. Whether you’re hunting for a hidden treasure, updating your wardrobe, or furnishing your home on a budget, you’re bound to find something special. But beyond the bargains, what truly sets our store apart is the heart behind it: every purchase directly supports the life-changing work of the Mission.

Thanks to Jolene’s dedication, our store now has an active and growing presence on Facebook! She updates the Eureka Rescue Mission Thrift Store page daily with photos of newly arrived items, sales, and special discount events. It’s never been easier to stay in the loop—and find a great deal. We invite you to search, “Eureka Rescue Mission Thrift Store” on Facebook, like and follow our page to get a sneak peek at what’s hitting the shelves and stay updated on all our promotions. If you’re a bit more tech-savvy, simply scan the QR code at the bottom of this page to check it out.

The store also continues to serve as an employment hub, providing meaningful work opportunities to members of our local community—including several of our New Life Program graduates who are now thriving in a stable work environment. This is more than just a thrift store. It’s a place where second chances are discovered, both in the items on the shelves and the lives behind the counter.

Come visit us soon—and bring a friend! Every visit supports restoration, discipleship, and transformation.

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“To console those who mourn in Zion, To give them beauty for ashes, The oil of joy for mourning, The garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; That they may be called trees of righteousness, The planting of the LORD, that He may be glorified.” *Isiah 61:3 NKJV*



A Life Rebuilt: Andrew’s Journey and the Power of Discipleship We’re sending a huge shout out to our New Life Program graduate Andrew Johnson—now working as a clerk at the Pinnacle fuel station in Eureka! From the dark days of addiction and instability to showing up faithfully for work and walking with integrity, Andrew is living proof that **change is possible**. His consistency and commitment are a blessing to witness, and we couldn’t be more proud. Keep going, little buddy—we’re all rooting for you! Andrew’s transformation didn’t happen overnight. It’s the result of a year-long discipleship process that emphasizes structure, and accountability. Behind every story like his are faithful teachers and mentors who pour into the lives of those in our program—people who understand the value of walking alongside others as they grow in Christ.

Stan Feldstein, one of our dedicated teachers, describes the experience this way: “Teaching at the Eureka Rescue Mission has shown me discipleship in its most authentic form—walking alongside individuals who are rebuilding their lives from the ground up. Each week, I have the privilege of gathering with men and women who have faced the depths of addiction and chosen the difficult path of recovery. Through the year-long program, I witness transformation that goes far beyond simply achieving sobriety; I see people rediscovering their worth, developing new coping skills, and learning to trust again—in themselves, in others, and in God.” “The discipleship happening here isn’t theoretical or comfortable; it’s raw, honest, and deeply practical. When graduates leave the program equipped not only to maintain their sobriety but to secure employment and contribute meaningfully to their communities, I’m reminded that true discipleship meets people exactly where they are and empowers them to become who they’re meant to be.”

Cedar Reuben, a teacher and a member of our Board of Directors, shares how God used the Mission to answer a deeply personal prayer:

“For many years, my consistent prayer to God was for Him to soften my heart. I guess I expected Him to do it in an instant—just snap His fingers and boom, my heart would be changed. And while He certainly could have done that, He had a different path for me.”

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the Lord. “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.” – Isaiah 55:8-9 “Instead, He brought me to the Eureka Rescue Mission to lead Bible study classes. This blessing has softened my heart in ways I never expected. I’ve been humbled and deeply blessed to be part of the work happening here, and for that I am truly grateful.” *“The Lord is not slow in keeping His promise, as some understand slowness. Instead, He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.” – 2 Peter 3:9* He has been incredibly patient with me, All I needed to do is trust Him and follow His guidance.

Mike Fuller, a teacher in the program and a long-time member of our Board of Directors, brings a community-wide perspective after 13 years of teaching: “I have taught at the Eureka Rescue Mission’s New Life Discipleship Program for 13 years now. I’d like to share with you the impact this program has had in your community. There have been so many success stories I can’t begin to count them.” “I have seen men and women enter the program with their lives completely devastated. And I have watched those same lives completely restored, **‘One Life at a Time.’** These are people who are now living and working right in your community.” “They are making your sandwiches, changing the oil in your car, watching over your safety at the hospital, installing your flooring, filling your prescription at the pharmacy, taking care of your loved one in that care home, doing your taxes, the contractor that’s remodeling that addition to your home, transporting your grandmother to her specialist appointment in San Francisco, installing the electrical system in your new house, smiling from behind the counter at that mini mart. We even have two ordained Pastors, one of which serves as senior pastor in Southern Humboldt!” “There are too many more jobs and careers held by graduates to mention them all here. But rest assured, they are out there—living proof of God’s grace and the power of transformation through Jesus Christ.”

“The Eureka Rescue Mission: **Changing Lives, One Life at a Time!**” Andrew’s story is just one of many. But it captures the heart of what God is doing at the Eureka Rescue Mission—taking broken lives and rebuilding them on the foundation of Christ. Please continue to pray for Andrew, and for all of the men and women in our New Life Program, as they press forward into the hope and purpose God has for them.



Teresa’s Journey: From Brokenness to Breakthrough Teresa was born in the picturesque alpine village of Mammoth Lakes, California, but soon relocated with her family to Citrus Heights. Her childhood was filled with joyful memories of church activities, family gatherings, camping trips, and days at water parks. As the youngest of four children, Teresa was especially close to her Grandma Lillian and Aunt Therese, two godly women who left a deep spiritual impression on her. From a young age, Teresa aspired to become a pediatrician. She later earned a Bachelor of Arts in Human Services Administration and is now just ten classes away from completing her master’s degree in Mental Health and Wellness. Teresa’s professional experience is diverse—she has worked for an engineering firm and as a freelance graphic designer. But in 2016, she felt a strong calling from God that led her to Iceland. She courageously boarded a one-way flight to nanny ten children on a sheep farm. While there, she fell in love with the farmer’s brother. They married and had two beautiful children, Preston and Isabella. Sadly, the relationship ended, and he left her with two small children in a foreign country. Overwhelmed by sorrow and isolation, Teresa turned to alcohol to cope. Eventually, her drinking cost her custody of her children. In 2020, Teresa found herself homeless and under threat from individuals connected to organized crime. In 2022, she scraped together enough money to purchase an emergency flight back to California. She entered an 8-month inpatient rehabilitation program in Napa Valley, where she worked through the 12 steps of Alcoholics Anonymous and, more importantly, surrendered her addiction to the Lord. Jesus saved her, and she praises Him for her deliverance—hallelujah! After a year in San Diego, she again found herself without housing. She decided to come to Eureka and seek help at the Eureka Rescue Mission. Since arriving, Teresa has faithfully attended church and weekly sessions with a trauma therapist. She finds joy in fellowshiping with the women at the shelter and believes God is using her as a vessel to speak life and hope into their hearts. Known among the women as a prayer warrior, Teresa often says, “There is always a message in the mess.” She testifies that the tangible presence of Christ dwells at the Mission and gives God all the glory for the staff and supporters He has called to this ministry. After just nine months at the Mission, Teresa was approved for low-income housing and is once again financially stable—all praise to Jesus! She says she has found “forever friends” at the Mission who bring beauty to her life. With deep gratitude, Teresa shares: “I am forever grateful for the Eureka Rescue Mission. Thank you for everything!”



Samantha Davis: A Story of Redemption and New Beginnings Samantha Davis was born in LA mesa, Texas, and raised in a household where rules, chores, and responsibility were daily expectations—and where consequences followed when those expectations weren’t met. As the oldest of four children, the pressure on Samantha was intense. Her mother has served as a Municipal Court Judge since 1992. Her father, a welder and engineer who built oil rigs, passed away five years ago. Her stepfather works at an oil refinery as well and owns a business specializing in metal buildings and custom metal homes. From a young age, Samantha dreamed of becoming a nurse. But she quickly realized that her aversion to unpleasant smells would make that dream impossible. At just 14 years old, she began using drugs and alcohol, and by 15, she had dropped out of school. Despite that, she returned at 17 to take her GED and passed all sections. Growing up under the spotlight of her mother’s public position brought additional stress. She was constantly expected to act, dress, and behave a certain way, and she couldn’t go places or be seen with certain people out of concern for her mother’s reputation. She was also responsible for caring for her three younger siblings, who were 6 to 13 years younger—cooking, cleaning, doing laundry for a family of six, and getting the children ready for school each day. Because of her mom’s position, Samantha often felt judged and rejected by her peers, so she found herself seeking acceptance from older crowds. At 14, she was introduced to cocaine, which quickly became her drug of choice. Over the years, Samantha battled substance use off and on. She functioned through careers, marriage, raising a family, and homeownership—but when her first marriage ended in 2004, she relapsed, this time trying methamphetamines. What followed was a cycle of recovery and relapse: she would rebuild her life, only to fall again into addiction and lose everything. After one of those periods of sobriety lasting seven years, she remarried and experienced a season of happiness and stability. But when financial stress hit, she and her husband began using drugs again. Eventually, they lost it all—including each other. In 2015, Samantha became homeless for the first time. She and her husband bounced between shelters, friends’ couches, garages, and anywhere they could stay, continuing to use drugs throughout. Eventually, Samantha reached her breaking point. She separated from her husband, got clean, and took a job caring for a double leg amputee—work she continued for five years. Unfortunately, in early 2024, she entered into a new relationship that became physically and verbally abusive. Her abuser was repeatedly jailed in multiple states for domestic violence, but Samantha remained trapped until they made their way across the country. There, he assaulted her severely—and finally let her go. With nowhere to turn, Samantha hitchhiked from Crescent City to Arcata, where she slept outside at the Arcata House Annex. After becoming sick, she was referred to shelters in Eureka. Betty Chinn’s facility was full, so she was directed to the Eureka Rescue Mission Women and Children’s Shelter—a place she now calls a turning point. Samantha brings a wide range of work experience: fast food, waitressing, head cook and kitchen manager at a small steakhouse for five years, managing a seasonal kitchen at a Colorado resort, a grocery clerk, laundry inspector, and caregiver. Today, she is joyfully employed at the Eureka Rescue Mission Thrift Store. Samantha shares that this is the longest stretch of sobriety she’s had in over 25 years. Her faith is stronger than it’s ever been. She now volunteers in children’s ministry at a local church, has stable employment, and just signed a lease for her very own room in an apartment building. Her mind is clear. Her heart is full. And her future is filled with hope. Samantha said this: *“The Mission has been a gift from God. This place, and its employees, helped me find myself in Christ. It gave me a foundation to rebuild my life, helped me stand on my own two feet again, and gave me a fighting chance. The Mission believed in me enough to give me a roof over my head, food in my belly, a chance to save money, and the opportunity to start a new life. I just signed a lease for my own place—for the first time ever! The Mission, through Christ, has changed my life, and I will forever be thankful.”*

From the Desk of the Director

As we continue moving forward in the work that God has entrusted to us, I’d like to take a moment to share a meaningful update from our Executive Office. After nearly twenty years of faithful and steadfast service, a key member of our administrative team has stepped down to care for a loved one. During her time here, she served as our office manager, accountant, and bookkeeper—carrying a tremendous load with grace, humility, and excellence. Her role was far-reaching. From managing finances and preparing reports to ensuring the accuracy of our bookkeeping and coordinating the mailings many of you receive, she was an essential part of the heartbeat of this ministry. Her steady presence, attention to detail, and unwavering commitment played a vital role in keeping our day-to-day operations running smoothly. Her impact will be felt for years to come, and we are deeply grateful for the legacy she leaves behind. In God’s perfect timing, He has brought someone new to step into this important position. We’re pleased to report that the transition so far has gone forward without a hitch. Our new team member brings a willing heart, a teachable spirit, and a deep desire to serve the Lord through this ministry. He’s had the privilege of being trained over the past several weeks by someone who has done this job with excellence for nearly two decades. In fact, we believe he’s had the best teacher in the world—and that solid foundation has already proven to be a blessing. In addition, he is also a seven year graduate of our Program! That said, we know there is still much to learn. With any major change, there may be some bumps in the road ahead. We ask for your continued patience, encouragement, and prayers as he continues to grow into the role and carry forward this important work with the same care and diligence. Even in times of transition, God’s faithfulness never wavers. We see His hand guiding every step, and we trust that He is preparing us for even greater things. The work continues with excellence and integrity, and we’re confident that the Lord is building something strong for the future. We are incredibly thankful for your ongoing prayers and generous financial support. You are a vital part of what God is doing through the Eureka Rescue Mission. Because of your partnership, we are able to focus on our mission: reaching the lost, restoring the broken, and making disciples for Jesus Christ. There is still much work ahead, but we move forward with faith and expectancy. The future is bright, and God continues to take us to higher levels—one faithful step at a time.

Bryan Hall Sr.

“And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.” Colossians 3:23–24 (NKJV)