



Roseburg Rescue Mission

*A Beacon of Hope
for the Homeless*

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Rescue the Perishing

Malnourished, dehydrated, trench foot, lice, diminished cognitive ability, alcoholic, hungry for social interaction, all described Steve. He had been living in the squalid condition of a city park restroom. When the restroom doors were locked to keep transients out, he moved to sleep on a park picnic table under a pavilion. It was the middle of winter. He was cold, wet and his joints so stiff, he could no longer walk or even stand up on his own. The pastor of a local church had compassion for him and called the Mission. We advised that he call the Douglas County Sheriff's office for transportation from that town into Mercy Medical Center in Roseburg. Steve was briefly treated, then given a taxi ride to the Mission. He was bedridden for days and used a walker very clumsily. His self neglect matted his hair to the point of having to be shaved off, and his clothing so filthy it was thrown away. He had no ID, no money, no connection to any social services. He had no idea what month or year it was, or even where he was at. Steve would get lost in the parking lot, unaware of how to get back into the Mission. He obviously needed foster care, but it would be weeks before all the paperwork could be done. It takes weeks just to get a birth certificate, then longer to get into the social service system. So, we cleaned him up, bandaged him, gave him food, clothing and shelter. We kept an eye on him, so he would not get lost. We loved him and told him that God loves him too.

Steve was hungry all the time, but for more than just food. He was hungry for social interaction, recognition, acceptance. He delighted to just have a staff person say, "hi", or to stop and take an interest in him. He had been alienated from family and resigned to just day labor. Sometimes the stress of life can cause us to retreat into our own little worlds, sometimes emotionally, or even geographically, literally living as a hermit. Someone comes along and offers help; its taken. They offer a hope that fills the God shaped void that only the Lord can fill. *It is hope in a personal, eternal relationship with your Savior unencumbered by any human relationship or earthly conditions.* Steve's response is, tell me more of that Message of hope!

Today, he has improved so much. He takes care of all of his own personal needs. His memory is better and he does not get disoriented any more. He is much healthier, does not use a walker anymore, indeed walks for miles all over town. He is independent enough to no longer qualify for foster care. He has his birth certificate, picture ID and social service connection. Steve has been rescued!



**Tell me
more of
that
Message
of Hope!**



Parking Lot Sale

**Graffiti Weekend
Friday & Saturday**

July 8 & 9, 8am to 6pm

Discounted clothing, furniture and household items will be on sale in our parking lot. Both the Thrift Store and the Furniture Store will remain open during the sale.



A Birthday Party

Sometimes the difference is in the details, a birthday party. It was Casey and five-year-old Brayden's first unsupervised birthday since he turned two. So, there was cake and candles, lots of people and of course presents. It was a giving, joyous, freeing time, and a bonding event. Life goes on and memories continue recording even when living at Samaritan Inn during a transition period. Children are not forgotten or diminished because of family troubles; they are important and our future. The donated presents and community support were greatly appreciated by this mother and her impressionable son.

Dear Friends,
We are working on four significant projects. We are in the process of purchasing some property; more will be shared when the deal is complete. The purchase is to be done by repackaging an existing mortgage and not increasing our monthly payments. Permits for the expansion of the Chapel, Dayroom and Dining Room should be available soon, then construction will begin. The collection of information from several sources for the Mission history is near completion and should be printed as a newsletter soon. And we are working on putting a website together. Collectively, these projects will have a very substantial effect on the Mission ministry. They should all be complete this summer or early fall.



Thank you,
Lynn Antis
Executive
Director

Chapel Volunteers - July 2011

6:30 PM

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 North Roseburg Free Evangelical	2 Wellsprings Bible Fellowship
3 Bible Holiness Church	4 New Life Christian Center	5 Melrose Community Church	6 James Witt	7 Grace Presbyterian Church	8 Redeemer's Christian Fellowship	9 New Beginnings
10 Grace Presbyterian	11 Sutherlin Christian Assembly	12 Church of God of Prophecy	13 James Witt	14 Yoncalla Christian Assembly	15 Old Fashioned Baptist	16 First Christian Church
17 New Life Christian Center	18 North Roseburg Free Evangelical	19 Hcrest Community Church	20 James Witt	21 Bible Holiness Church	22 John & Robin Prather	23 Redeemer's Christian Fellowship
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

"Whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life."

John 3:16

ITEMS NEEDED:
Potatoes Shampoo
Carrots Razors
Onions Deodorant

**Daily Averages
for May 2011**

Chapel, Bible Study: 84

Meals: 222

Beds: 117

Voucher Items

Clothing: 703

Household: 224

Furniture: 10