



Roseburg Rescue Mission

*A Beacon of Hope
for the Homeless*

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Left to right: Catherine, Lucas (8), Christopher (12), Michael (13), Charles (5), Michael Sr.

Six New Neighbors

Michael, Catherine and their four sons were traveling south on I-5, looking for a fresh start in life. Their home was a trailer in tow of their truck. Michael was in search of work. At about 1am, somewhere south of Roseburg, their truck caught fire. They took the next exit and put the fire out with an extinguisher. The exit had no services and their vehicle was not drivable. They called 911 for a fire truck and assistance. By 3 or 4am, they were towed to the truck stop in Green and sandwiched between two tractor-trailers. This family of six then lived in their trailer in that very spot for nearly three weeks. Their insurance did not cover the vehicle damage. By default, they had found the place of their new start. This family in crisis became Douglas County's neighbor, a part of our emergency services, truck stop, social services, schools, and Roseburg Rescue Mission. Michael went to our men's shelter, Catherine and the boys to our Samaritan Inn.

"He asked Jesus, 'And who is my neighbor?'"

"The one who had mercy on him." Luke 10:29,37

Our whole community became a neighbor showing mercy on these strangers traveling in our midst. The Biblical story of the Good Samaritan is actually one of a local person, in need of help, being cared for by a traveling stranger. It is as much a message of learning to receive help from strangers as it is to be merciful to them. As long as this family was mobile, they were independent. It was only when trouble stranded them, that they sought help. Most of our clients are local people.

Michael worked day labor to get immediate money to care for his family. Before long, a company representative was scouting for laborers at the Mission. They contract to various local vineyards and do landscaping maintenance. He had regular work and was able to move their trailer onto that company's property. Their family life was reasonably stable for a time. Michael said his job ended, so they returned to the Mission with a new plan. He started his own lawn care company, so he could better manage the stress of his anxiety and depression. Catherine took a four week course to receive her certification of Nursing Assistant. She had an instant job at a local nursing home earning \$14.20 per hour.

This Christian family has become part of a local church. They enjoy our Mission chapels. Michael likes the music and message that cause him to think about the subject. Catherine and the boys attend a children's chapel in a family pod here, separate from the main chapel at Samaritan Inn. They watch 30 minute videos of Veggie Tales, McGee & Me, or other Christian movies. (Video donations needed). And the boys keep singing those songs throughout the day.

We all have six new, productive neighbors that just needed some temporary assistance to be independent again.

Rescue

*"Loose the chains
of injustice...set the
oppressed free...share
your food with the
hungry...provide the
poor wanderer with
shelter...clothe him."
Isaiah 58:6-7*

ITEMS NEEDED:

Elbow Macaroni
Tomato Sauce
Canned Fruit & Veggies
Oatmeal
Pancake Mix & Syrup
Cornstarch, Mayo
Vegetable Oil
Disposable Razors
Baby Diapers #5 & #6

CHAPEL
VOLUNTEERS
Samaritan Inn &
Men's Shelter
Apply on our website

ACCEPTED AT OUR DOCK

806 SE Pine St
Mon-Sat 9am to 6pm

Clothing, Furniture
Household Items
Kitchen Wares
Sporting Goods
Electronics, Bicycles

*Items need to be in good
condition and working order.*

Mattresses not accepted.



Construction Requirements Persist

Our downtown campus for homeless men is comprised of buildings that are very old and were not designed to be a shelter. In addition, there are new code requirements that have to be met. And timing is important as repair needs just present themselves without schedule and code obligations have deadlines.

We had a workable plan to meet the regulations. In 2017, we completed the need for paved parking spaces by developing a new parking lot north of our Thrift Store. Now, we have to redesign the parking lot in front of our office and store, so cars cannot back out onto Pine St. anymore. Later, we are required to demolish and rebuild the restrooms of our Dining Room, as well as, address other adjoining building issues.

Then in the midst of this demanding schedule, bricks pulled away from the wood framed structure of our men's dormitory in October, 2017. After consulting with various professionals and considering the composition of the building materials circa 1895, it was determined that the brick façade on all four sides of this two story building had to be removed. It was replaced with a new plywood subsiding for sheer strength, vapor barrier, hard exterior insulation, and lightweight stucco finish. This siding system is so integral to the exterior that replacing all windows and doors at the same time just made good economic sense. It provided the opportunity to upgrade security, safety, accountability, energy efficiency, light, air flow, and handicap accessibility. Nine of the eleven new metal doors are exposed to a public sidewalk, with only two doors now having entry hardware. All doors exit. Most first floor windows are now above viewing height and can open. Inside, light switches were moved and new safety

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lighting placed at doorways. A year-and-a-half later, the dormitory project is nearly complete. It has been slowed by issues of regulations and contractor availability. As of this writing, we just received the permit for the last part of this project to replace a portion of exiting sidewalk and build a concrete egress ramp at a dormitory exit.

If not for the size and timing of this dormitory project, the economics of meeting the three phased regulations would have been reasonable as agreed. The first phase parking lot in 2017 cost \$109,616. Now, the second phase parking lot in front of our office and store has an engineer's estimate for more than \$100,000. The third phase restroom project,

due later, will be considerably more. Then in the course of this tough schedule, the dormitory project arose with a cost of \$317,176. We considered doing it in phases and not doing doors or windows, but once a building is opened up to remodel, code requirements and long term cost issues control the rightful direction of the project. We directly

applied for grants totaling \$181,000. We were blessed to receive \$125,000 in grants, leaving us with \$192,176 to fund through general donations and a construction loan.

Still, we need to continue to refurbish old buildings, meet new code requirements, increase security, and improve client services. It has been amazing, in my ten years here, to see the Roseburg Rescue Mission downtown campus and Samaritan Inn transform into an organization that is able to meet the increasing challenges of our homeless clients, the growing liability of expectations, and the rising cost of operation. This a healthy, vibrant ministry, impacting our community and dependent on the people of Douglas County for contributions. Thank you.

Lynn Antis, Executive Director

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Yes! I want to help homeless men, women and children overcome hunger, homelessness, addiction and abuse, and meet necessary remodeling and code requirements.

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