



Rescuing & Restoring Lives!

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How Do We Strive to Rescue and Restore Lives?

As we visit with people, even long-time supporters, they often ask questions about how we help the men. This has helped me to see we sometimes take for granted that everyone knows and understands what happens at the Mission.

We want to take the opportunity in this newsletter to briefly explain our programs and services.

All of our programs are aimed at rescuing and restoring lives. We are not like a homeless shelter that you might see in the movies where people come in for the night for shelter with no expectation of change.

We serve a God that transforms our lives. For us to aim for anything less than a life transformation would not seem to us to be good ambassadors of the God we serve. To provide a homeless man with food and shelter is great, but to give him the hope and help he needs to get back to living a productive and fulfilling life is the most loving thing we can do.

We have three organized programs to utilize in helping the men to achieve their goal - Return to Independent Living.

Most of the men who come to the Mission are looking for food, shelter and support while they look for work, save money, and strive to regain independent living.

Our first program is called the *Guest Employment Program* (GEP) which helps focus the men we serve on this journey.



Kevin Earnest
Guest
Employment
Manager

In the *Guest Employment Program* men are expected to:

- Fill out 15 applications a week until they are full-time employed.
- Participate in our Worker Training Program until they are full-time employed.
- Meet with a counselor weekly for support and accountability.
- We teach the men how to create a budget and practice living in that budget by turning in receipts for accountability.
- Pay off debts, and pay child support (when applicable).
- Set up a savings goal to achieve before he moves out of the Mission.
- There is no time limit for a man to be in this program. We monitor progress on goals to determine how long each man can stay.

Our second is the *New Life Program* which is a long-term rehabilitation/discipleship program that helps men who are struggling with alcohol and/or drug addiction and other life-controlling issues.

We believe the issues that lead to addiction and other self-

destructive behaviors cannot be fully addressed in a 30-day inpatient program. Our approach to helping men find freedom from addiction and new life starts with accepting the fact that we are all sinners in need of a Savior. Jesus Christ is that Savior.

Tom Davis
New Life
Program
Director



During the *New Life Program* the men are challenged as they:

- Attend five classes that they must successfully complete.
- Participate in two group meetings per week.
- Become an active member in a local church.
- Have one biblical counseling meeting per week along with homework assignments.
- Have one case management session per week.
- Have a work responsibility within the Mission that is used to help them address work related issues.
- We bring in family members to be a part of the recovery process.
- Prepare the man to go back out into the community as an ambassador of Christ.

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GET INVOLVED

We thank God for all of those who volunteer at the Mission. Truly your time is not only a help to our staff, but it is also a testimony of God's love to those we serve.

There is always room for you to volunteer at the Mission. Some opportunities include:

- **Maintenance**
- **Food Service**
- **U p c o m i n g Renovations**
- **Hair Cutting**
- **F u n d r a i s i n g Events**
- **Food Drive**
- **Teaching**

Whether you are looking for an opportunity to serve with your family, your church, or by yourself, we have an opportunity for you.

Contact: Jim Kelly

785 - 823 - 2610

or email

jim@salinarescuemission.com

Our Current Needs

Cold & Allergy Medicine
Sandwich Meat
Jell-O
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Instant Pudding
Jeans (Waist: 32-36)

Please drop off your donations at 1716 Summers Road, 7 Days a week from 8 am - 8pm.

ANNUAL BANQUET

SAVE THE DATE! TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2017

Please mark it on your calendars.

We will, again this year, offer the same program with a lunch or dinner option.



Our special guests will be the **Peterson Farm Brothers** from Assaria, KS. You may remember them from a video they did back in 2011 that went viral entitled, "I'm Farming and I Grow It." This was a parody of a popular song at the time. In two weeks, they had over 5 million views in over 200 countries. So how do the Peterson Farm Brothers fit in with the Salina Rescue Mission? You will have to come to the banquet to find out. But here is a hint, this year's theme is, **"A Heart for the Harvest."**

Come hear a powerful testimony of a life transformed, learn more about the ministry of the Mission and enjoy good food, good fellowship and good fun.

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Our third program is our *Medical/ Mental Health (MMH) Program* which is designed for men who cannot work due to physical or mental health issues. During this program we help the men:

- Address immediate medical or mental health needs.
- Develop a plan for their healthcare and learn to be committed to it.
- Meet with a counselor once a week to discuss progress on goals.
- Make a plan for future long-term living and begin to address it.
- Address income needs whether that is disability, social security, or some other source of financial stability.

What we have shared here in these three programs only skims the surface of all that we do. For example, we:

- Help shelter guests to get a proper state issued ID.

- Our food service program is open to the entire community seven days a week for lunch and dinner.
- Help men to see a doctor and obtain needed medications.
- Provide clothing and laundry services.
- We provide chapel service seven days a week so that even if a person is only at the Mission for one night, he has the opportunity to hear and respond to the message of salvation through Jesus Christ.

There is so much more to share! We invite you to visit the Mission for a tour on Saturday, June 24th.

The tour will begin at 10 AM and will end at noon.

Please RSVP for the tour by contacting Sandra at 785-823-2610. If you cannot make this date but want to visit please contact her to schedule a tour at a time that works best for you.

I Have Heard the Cries of My People

All ministry begins with listening. Taking in what is happening around us and responding on behalf of others in a way that represents the Lord well. I have said this probably 1,000 times, if not at least hundreds of times, over the years. I remind our staff to listen first. Hear the cries of the people so we know how to properly respond.

I have also heard cries from our supporters. One of the cries we have heard over the years is, "Why do you send us so much mail?"

Like you, I get a lot of mail from worthwhile ministries asking for support. There is a reason why we and other ministries send mailings. They are effective in sharing important information and making people aware of the need. We do not accept any government funds and because of our Christian focus, we do not qualify for very many grants. Thus, we rely on YOU to help us keep this ministry going.

We want to honor you by only sending information that fits with your desire. Because we don't know how often or what months people prefer, we send out mailings often. I would like to see us cut our mailings down **BY HALF** of what we are currently sending.

Here are a few ways you can help us:

- Join our *Rescue Ambassadors Club* by signing up for automatic ACH or Credit/Debit Card donations that fit your desired giving pattern. Our website: www.salinarescuemission.com now has a feature on our donation page that will allow you to sign up for recurring gifts in a way that fits with your desire to give. By becoming a Rescue Ambassador you will be taken off of our normal mailing list but still receive receipts, our Newsletter, and an Annual Report.
- OR, Let us know how often you would like to receive a mailing from us by sending an email to Jesse@salinarescuemission.com or call Sandra at (785)823-2610. Whether that is monthly, every other month, quarterly, Newsletter only, or at a particular time of year.
- Do you prefer email? Provide your email address on the form below and return it to us at the Mission. Or email Jesse@salinarescuemission.com and he will add your email address so that we will send future letters to you via email and save on postage.

The need for help is not going away. We are doing our best to be good stewards and use your donations to us wisely. We need your ongoing support so we can continue to hear the cries of lost and hurting people in our community and be able to respond to them with the love of Christ.

On behalf of the Mission and all the persons we minister to, thank you for your support.

Here's my gift (circle one): \$100 \$75 \$50 \$25 \$10 \$ _____

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Please provide your Email Address so we may send you our Upcoming Events and Updates! Call Sandra: 785-823-2610

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- I want to volunteer! Call me: _____

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A Final Thought . . .



Chad Young, Executive Director

On behalf of the Mission, I want to thank each of you for your support. You are empowering us to be the hands, feet, and mouth of Jesus to the homeless in our community through your prayers, gifts, and volunteering.

I believe that this type of active ministry pleases our Lord. I also believe it is by getting our congregations engaged in serving others that we begin to represent the church to our community in a way that is inspiring and will draw people in.

I would like to ask you to consider bringing people from your church for a tour of the Mission on Saturday, June 24th. The tour will start at 10 AM and end at noon. You are also invited to stay and have lunch with us. Please RSVP so we know how many people to expect that day by contacting Sandra Brandenburg at (785) 823-2610.

We hope to see you there and help you to learn more about the ministry of the Mission.

Peace and Blessings,

Chad