



February

“He is not here, but is risen! Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee, “Saying, ‘The Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again’” Luke 24:6,7

H
A
L
L
E
L
L
U
J
A
H
!

He
IS
Risen!

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Several times over the last couple of years I have been speaking with supporters of the Mission and found that they were surprised by how busy our schedule is. I thought in this month’s newsletter I would attempt to share with you what a typical day at the South Coast Gospel Mission looks like.

A day in the discipleship program here at the Mission starts early, the resident staff on duty starts their shift at 5:30am. They are responsible for unlocking the front door at 6am. Residents trust us with their safety so it is important that someone is always available at the desk when the door is unlocked. They are also responsible for coffee and getting breakfast ready for the residents. Breakfast is 7-7:30 and then we do cleanup. Some households wash their dishes after every meal and some do not. Because the cafeteria serves for so many different functions here at the Mission we wash our dishes after every meal and the rule is if you eat you help clean.

At 8am the whole Mission gathers in the cafeteria for morning devotion and announcements. This is an opportunity for resident staff to grow spiritually as they read the daily devotional (Our Daily Bread) and lead the Mission in prayer. Proverbs 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it.

After morning announcements, the Mission turns into a whirlwind of planned activities some of which are mandatory. Bible study and laundry both happen at 9am. Laundry is mandatory, super important in a communal living environment, but residents have the option to go out for the day or stay for bible study. Dale Cooper is a member of Shoreline Church and leads the bible study on Wednesday’s.

By 10:30 all the regular staff are present and we have our daily staff meeting. This meeting always starts with prayer and gives each staff member a chance to describe their schedule and to check and see if anyone needs help. It is also a time to talk about the residents and what their individual needs are. The goal at the Mission is for everyone to navigate to victory over homelessness with Jesus as their rock and that takes many different forms. Some individuals need treatment for substance use, help with mental health trauma, help with budgeting or filling out housing applications. Whatever the case may be the Mission is here to facilitate those victories.

At 12 o’clock the Mission opens up for new check-ins and lunch. Throughout the day the Mission

December

Meals: 1868
Overnights: 708



Desperate For

Food; Veg/Olive Oil
Ranch Dressing
Brown Sugar

Other Items; Shampoo
Hairbrushes

receives many visitors. Community partners like Bay Area First Step and Adapt are regulars picking up treatment clients but we also see DHS, Advanced Health and Coos Health and Wellness.

The Care Coordinator wears many hats one of which is leading a biblically based twelve step program at 1:30. This is a program that is attended to by current residents and also by former residents that have been blessed to receive housing but still need to stay



connected to the Mission and Jesus to remain sober.

Sometimes people have to start with the basics when it comes to learning life skills and one of the most basic is household chores. Three days a week the Mission gathers in the lobby at 3:30 to do chores. The floors get swept and mopped, the windows get washed and the bathrooms get scrubbed floor to ceiling. This is mandatory. At the Mission if you helped make it dirty you get to help make it clean.

I looked on the attendance sheet the other day and it had recorded that we had handed out thirteen sack lunches to people coming to the front door hungry that day. It may not be five thousand but if you are hungry and can't wait the Mission will feed you. For those that can wait or are perhaps hungry enough to eat both the Mission serves a hot dinner to anyone from 5 to 6pm. Last night Chili and homemade cornbread were on the menu. Thank you Lisa!

After the dishes get washed the Mission has the most important event of the day, Chapel at 6:30pm. Chapel happens Monday thru Friday and gives the residents the opportunity to hear about Jesus. It is also a time for those that know Jesus to strengthen their relationship with Him. The Mission is about discipleship in all its stages.

After Chapel there is an 8pm snack time that happens before the front doors get locked back up at 9pm. 10pm the lights go out and all electronics are required to be off.

After writing this newsletter I realized while this gives a list of the days events at the Mission I'm not sure it describes how truly busy this place can be and how grateful I am to all the staff, paid and unpaid that handle the one thousand and one things that are required to make this Mission, His house, a place of healing and hope.

The South Coast Gospel Mission would not exist without your support.
You can help us share the gospel while making a difference in our community by giving.
It's easy, just go to www.southcoastgospelmission.org or mail your gift to
South Coast Gospel Mission 1999 N 7th St. Coos Bay OR 97420
Or call 541-269-5017

South Coast Gospel Mission
1999 N. 7th St.
Coos Bay, OR 97420

NON-PROFIT ORG.
U.S. Postage
PAID
North Bend, OR
97459
PERMIT NO. 92

