

## Thank You

Defend the cause of the weak and fatherless, maintain the rights of the poor and oppressed.

Rescue the weak & needy, deliver them from the hand of the wicked.

Psalms  
82: 3-4

## Thank You

Greetings in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ,

My name is Joshua Haynes and I am a bondservant of Jesus Christ and as in the book of Joshua 24:15 "...as for me and my house we will serve the Lord." I exist to serve, share the gospel and glorify God. I have the great honor, privilege and responsibility of serving our Lord at the South Coast Gospel Mission as the new Executive Director. I thought it appropriate in my first newsletter to share some of my testimony so that you may get to know me and how the Lord has uniquely gifted me for this position and help those in need.

I am a former Correctional Officer who suffered from work related PTSD and was put on permanent medical leave. At the age of 38 I began self-medicating my mental health issues with methamphetamine. I spent one year on the streets, homeless, addicted to drugs and devoid of any semblance of humanity not knowing Jesus.

I thank God for His kindness, mercy and grace that He would call me out of the fire and bless me with a purpose driven life!

I learned how to walk with the Lord at a discipleship program in Brookings OR where we attended bible study twice daily, chapel and spent the rest of our time doing service work. It was the greatest experience of my life. Afterward I moved to Coos Bay and became a resident of the South Coast Gospel Mission and began rebuilding my life with Christ as the foundation.

Praise God for His purpose! I have been a volunteer at College Park Church Saturday breakfast for almost five years now and it was that service work that led to my job at Bay Area First Step where I have worked for the past several years. I worked there leading a team that tested people who suffer from substance abuse issues for Hepatitis-C and HIV. The project was called OR-Hope and after testing we were able to connect them with whatever care they needed whether it was treatment for Hep-C, seeing a mental health provider or inpatient treatment facility for substance use issues.

It is such a blessing to take this next step in life and dedicate myself fully to sharing the gospel with those same brothers and sisters struggling and give them what was given to me. The real solution and ultimate healer that is Jesus Christ. I believe in community partnerships to help our community.

Pictured in this newsletter is my wife, Bonney, who works for Bay Area First Step as a Peer Wellness Specialist. Also pictured is Jonathan who came to us on a Monday. By Tuesday my wife was able to sit



down with Jonathan, find out what his needs are and take him to the Emergency Room. After a successful trip to the ER, she was able to get him a next day Doctor appointment and then sit with him during the appointment to support and advocate for him.

Jonathan does not know Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior, yet. It is really exciting because that's what we are here for, to be ambassadors for Christ, sharing the gospel in love and making a difference in our community. Please help us by praying for Jonathan that he might come to accept Jesus, the only one who can truly set him free.

My goal for the mission is to create a discipleship program inside the mission that will work alongside and for the normal services that the mission will always continue to provide. I desire to develop a program that will produce real soldiers for Christ like the program I was blessed to attend. The mission will be a place where people can go to bible study twice a day, do community service projects, be taught spiritual disciplines all the while serving the Mission and its needs. I can't wait to see the miracles God is going to perform in His house every day!

### **Something of note**

The Mission will no longer be closed to outsiders between 9 am and 12 noon. I also believe in an open-door policy so I encourage those that are interested to stop by if you have questions or just want to share testimonies. We are the Church, the body of believers who have accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and I look forward to working with the Church to serve our Lord and our community.



### **Mission Needs**

- **Chicken Thighs**
- **Lunch Meat**
- **Large Packages Frozen Vegetables**
- **Potatoes**
- **Chicken Broth**
- **Peanut Butter**



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