



"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

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April 2023

March

Meals: 2128  
Overnights: 949

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

I would like to dispel a myth, that all the residents at the Mission are homeless drug addicts. It just simply isn't true. While we do get quite a few individuals with substance use disorder the Mission is made up of a variety of different faces as you will read in this newsletter. We house children, expectant mothers and retired grandmothers.

Janine didn't want her picture taken but she said it was okay to tell a part of her story. She is 68, a retired administrative assistant and like many out there she was one check away from homelessness. Then homelessness struck three months ago. She has never been an alcoholic nor has she ever done drugs. In fact, her first memory is holding her dad's hand walking into church and Jesus has been her reality her whole life.

Then we have Cody pictured right. He is an alcoholic. Cody was brought here to us by an associate pastor from the Reedsport Church of God. When he got here he looked as though He had been living as a mountain man for the past ten years and Cody said that's not far from the truth. At present Cody has one hundred and twenty-six days sober!

Both of these individuals work as staff at the Mission and have become a vital part of keeping the Mission running. They are amazing. Janine took over in the women's dorm and Cody is everywhere all at once.

Next we have Amanda and the Mission's first baby shower! Amanda came to us seven months pregnant. She had been living in such a rural part of the Oregon coast she was not able to get the medical care she needed so she came to the Mission looking for God's help. She has been working very closely with Bonney who has been making sure she is getting the medical care she needs. Bonney also helped put together the baby shower.

Amanda says she is blessed to be here. She attends the Nazarene Church in North Bend. She is due in the beginning of May. Her daughter's name is Violet-May Star. Some of the items she still needs are;

- Baby grooming and hygiene kit
- Baby backpack (the kind you carry a child in)
- Diapers and baby wipes

Then we have Laurie. We don't have an official graduation ceremony or diploma but if we did Laurie would get one.



## Mission Needs

Food; Shredded Cheese,  
Salad Dressing  
Cereal

Clothes; 30-34 Mens' Jeans  
Womens underwear

Other Items; Bar Soap  
Deodorant  
Razors  
Bus Passes

*Thank You!*

The road to recovery wasn't easy for her and it included a short relapse but she did manage to find her way into the arms of Jesus.

While at the Mission she was baptized, became laundry staff and then made female dorm manager. She was an absolute blessing to the Mission and will be missed.

She is pictured here with one of our Board Members Steve Plinski who helped her move to her very own apartment in Northern California. No more homelessness!

She had been a long-time resident of North Bend but felt moving closer to family was best for her continued sobriety. She said her first goal after getting settled in was starting a womens bible study, Praise God!

Then there's the children. When I was asked if the children at the Mission could color easter eggs I had some misgivings. I feel this time of year should be approached with the reverence its due as we reflect on what our Lord and Savior has done at the Cross. I am super glad they did as they came up with this on their own. The Easter egg on the right reads 'I love God'.

So many different faces all coming seeking Gods help. I am blessed to be able to work at a place where *all* those that call upon His name are answered.



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