



August

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

I am truly grateful that I get to see the miraculous things God does in people's lives first hand and that I still see them as the miracles that they are. Every morning as we do our daily devotional I am blown away by all the residents that are intently listening to the word and praying with all their heart. Some are heeding a call to repentance for the first time, still learning how to walk with Jesus while for others they are returning to our Lord and heeding a call to repentance that they have been ignoring for years.

Cody is a brother that has known Jesus Christ for many years, but, Cody will tell you that he walked away from God. When Cody first walked through the Mission doors he looked like a wild man that hadn't shaved or had a haircut in years. He also looked like a man who hadn't been sober in years. That was the state he was in. Lost, broken and cutoff from God by his own choice. He had been living in the woods drinking for six years.

Psalm 103 2-4, Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits:

Who forgives all your iniquities, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from destruction,

I am so thankful that God has brought my brother here to the Mission so I could see that restoration first hand. Cody has been at the Mission nine months and has been healed from the disease of alcoholism. While at the Mission Cody has obeyed the call to be of service performing various staff duties and sharing his testimony during speaking engagements. Pictured is Cody after being sworn in as a CASA, Court Appointed Special Advocate for children! He has an apartment opening up in a few weeks but plans on still performing volunteer work at the Mission after he moves out.



Gem did not know Jesus before she came to the Mission. She started using drugs at the age of fourteen when her father passed away. Shortly thereafter she ran away. She gave me permission to share her story and write about what a life of using drugs was like for her. But that is not who Gem is now. Gem is a light at the Mission who always has a smile on her face.

Luke 5:32 "I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

When she first came through the door DHS had custody of her baby boy Carter. When he was born she had entered a treatment program but only lasted two weeks so she called DHS on herself wanting a better life for son. A mother's love is an unfathomable well because she didn't give up, checking herself back into a thirty-day program called Crossroads. Her first day out of



July

Meals: 1687
Overnights: 839

He raises
the poor out
of the dust,
and lifts the
needy out of
the ash
heap, That
He may seat
him with
princes-
With the
princes of
His people.

Psalm
113:7,8

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He
IS
Risen!

Desperate For

Food; Salad Dressing,
Potatoes, Sugar

Clothes; 30-34 Men's Jeans
Women underwear & Bras

Other Items; Bar Soap
Deodorant
Razors
Bus Passes

Thank You!

Crossroads was her first day at the Mission with only supervised visits allowed with her son. Our Care Coordinator, Bonney, was able to become the Safety Service Provider for Gem which allowed Carter to move into the Mission and after just a few short months I am blessed to announce that Gem has full custody of her son with no supervision required. For Gem restoration followed repentance. I am hopeful that I will be able to have pictures of her baptism in next month's newsletter.

Last year during our torrential rains the Mission flooded, inside. On August 12 God sent us workers to help fix the problem and as a caveat we were also able to start redoing the front landscaping. I would like to say thank you to Impact Coos County for bringing thirteen Christian youth from different churches to the Mission to clean out the French Drain. Which means they shoveled rock. A lot of rock. We praise the Lord for all your hard work and to all the donors who made it possible.



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