"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

HALLELUJAH!

He IS **Risen**!



**April** 

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

Someone asked me a few days ago how I have been personally blessed by the work that is done here at the South Coast Gospel Mission. The blessing is this, that He, the Alpha and the Omega, would let me be a part of and witness to the spreading of the redemptive power of the Gospel. That happened several times this month at the Mission and it is with great joy I get to report that we had two baptisms. This story however began over a year ago.

When Scott came to us straight out of prison he knew who Jesus was. In fact, Scott used to lead a bible study many years ago. But he had walked away from God and spent more than twenty years in active addiction that would lead to a

short prison sentence. Then God called him to the Mission and repentance and seeing Scott grow in the Lord has been amazing.

Scott has a gift for sharing the Gospel and it was with full confidence in his ability to be scripturally accurate that I asked him to bring a message this month at a Friday

Chapel service. I could tell he was both nervous and excited. It would be the first time he would create and present a full message on his own.

The message was both Holy Spirit inspired and Holy Spirit delivered and was the best Chapel service this Mission has ever had. The overarching theme was that you, too, can be accepted by Jesus and your sins forgiven. He used an illustration from Matthew 15:27 And she said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table."

2Peter 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

After Scotts' plea for those who did not know Jesus to repent and turn to the Cross he asked that if anyone wanted to accept Jesus he would be available after Chapel to pray with them. Holy Spirit inspired, Holy Spirit delivered and the Holy Spirit was accepted.

Cody accepted Jesus that night as his personal Lord and Savior. Cody and his mother had only recently checked into the Mission. They had been living with a family friend that had passed away and left them both homeless. Neither Cody or his mom, Tonya, had a substance use issue. They simply needed shelter. They also needed Jesus. Cody had been looking for someone to lead him to Jesus for some time but couldn't find the support or guidance until he got to the Mission.

## March

Meals: 2181 Overnights: 770



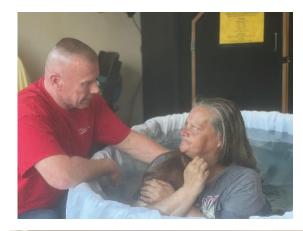


Immediately after accepting Christ Cody wanted to be baptized at the Mission. When I pulled him into the office I asked him why he wanted to get baptized and he gave me the best answer.

"I just want to follow Jesus," he said.

Tonya, Cody's mother, sought me out a few days later to say that she, too wanted to be baptized. Tonya had known Jesus as teenager but had walked away from Him by the age of seventeen. Without a biblically based foundation to draw from Tonya and Cody's relationship was strained. Tonya was ready to commit her life to Christ and let Jesus heal her and Codys' relationship.

So I am blessed to a part of and witness to the miracle of Jesus healing touch on a mother and a son.



## **Desperate For**

Food; Breakfast Cereal
Unsalted Butter
Peanut Butter & Jelly

Other Items; Razors

Men's Deodorant
Shampoo

I would like to say thank you to Ruth Barker and the resident staff who served dinner on resurrection Sunday and put on display the love of Jesus.



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