



February

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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Risen!

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

I would like to share with you a couple of victories our Lord has had in several people lives here at the Mission. The first one is Joy and like her name she brings the joy of the Holy Spirit with her. Normally I sit down and interview people before writing about them in the newsletter. Joy is different. She penned me a letter before that could happen and I thought I would share with you that letter verbatim.

'Joy Trigg

In late August I lost both my jobs and my rent was upped all at once in the span of two days. A ball of fear formed in my stomach as I realized homelessness was likely on the horizon. I had obeyed what I felt the Lord had me do last summer to sort and empty my storage unit. "Get your affairs in order," I felt Him impress on me. "Am I dying?" I asked God. "No, but I want you to get your things in order."

Almost immediately I called Stacy at the S.C. Gospel Mission, where I had been volunteering as a musician. At the sound of her hopeful and encouraging voice some of my fears abated. Funny, but my biggest fear was sleeping on the floor, or a top bunk! I called two more times while the homelessness loomed. Finally, I was ready to enter the Mission! But they were closed due to Covid. So I experienced couch surfing with kind hearted relatives, sleeping on the bare floor with a friend and flea bites with another. If you have never experienced homelessness, it's hard to imagine how hard it is! Food is often expensive because you don't have a refrigerator or way to cook it. It takes gas and time to go around gathering the information and things you need. Discomfort becomes a way of life and as a believer you discipline yourself to be grateful no matter what.

Finally, the Covid threat lifted and I entered the Mission, a bottom bunk! I was excited about that bottom bunk. The two ladies on either side of me were welcoming and nice. It was like a whole new life.

Being in close quarters like this with other adults exposes your strengths and weaknesses. I never knew how fearful and anxious I was before the Mission experience. There are so many places in the Bible where it says "Be not afraid." (It is a commandment!) I was ashamed of myself for being anxious and afraid. Through the help of the consistent leadership of Jesus, Josh, Bonney, Stacy, Claude, (our fabulous cook!) and the resident staff I stepped out of a sea of fear. Like the parting of the Red Sea when the Israelites left Egypt, fear on one side and anxiety on the other had to go, so I could walk through. I will be moving into an apartment very soon right here in Coos Bay. I will still be volunteering at the Mission as a musician, so blessed for having been here. I can't say enough to express my gratefulness to the S.C. Gospel Mission. A place where the lost are found. A refuge that feels like family. A home where leaders are raised up.'

January

Meals: 1879  
Overnights: 797



## Mission Needs

Food; Egg Noodles,  
Ketchup and Mustard,  
Cereal,  
Ranch Dressing

Clothes; Mens' Jeans 30-34  
Inch waist

Other Items; Ibuprofen,  
Acetaminophen,  
Band-Aids

*Thank You!*

When Whitney first got here DHS had her son Connor and she didn't know Jesus. Since coming to the Mission she learned who Jesus is, was baptized, successfully navigated DHS, now has full custody of her son, just this week got her own apartment (Praise God!) and is currently attending Certified Recovery Mentor Training. After Certification she will be able to use her lived experience to help others achieve the same victories she has found through Jesus Christ. Whitney is a shining example of what can happen with true repentance.



## *Easter Dinner*

**March 31, 2024 from 1:00 - 2:00 pm**

Here is a list of some of our needs for Easter Dinner

- Spiral Cut Hams
- Frozen Hash Browns
- Shredded Cheese
- Cakes and Cookies
- Sour Cream and Frozen Greens Beans

Thank You and God Bless!



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