

Message from Jennifer

How to begin..... within the first few years of beginning my journey here, 3 different people gave me an identical message. This past February, I was given instructions that fulfilled that message: my assignment here has finished. I'll still be working until the beginning of June.

It's such a joy to see scriptures come to life. Eccl. 3:1 says – To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven..... So, just as I followed His will for me to move from San Diego to Coos Bay, so I will follow His will into my next season.

Please know that I have been truly blessed by so many loving and giving people in this ministry. You couldn't imagine how encouraging and supportive your notes & letters have been to me over these many years, especially being here as a single woman, and without family. I'm so grateful for those who have supported me in thought & prayer. Still, my heart is sad knowing that goodbyes are near.

My prayer for you --

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you, and give you peace. Numbers 6:24-26.

With love & gratitude, I thank you. Jennifer



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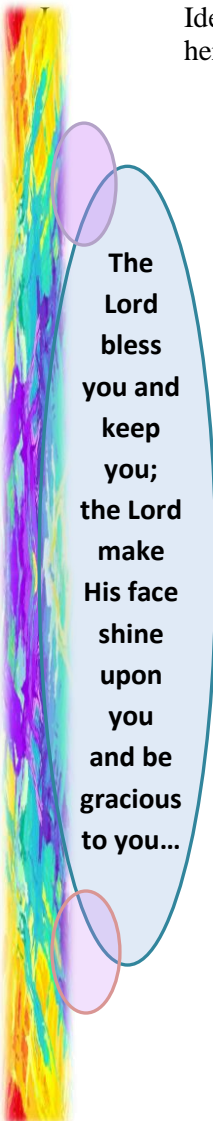
Jamie grew up in various small towns around Oregon, and has a troubled past. She says, she still carries painful feelings from her past, from an incident she witnessed. One day as a young child, she followed her daddy to a neighbors house. She saw him use a needle to shoot drugs into his body. She later realized..... that was the reason daddy disappeared for long periods of time.

After her Dad left for good, feelings of abandonment overwhelmed her. As a teenager, she too got ensnared into the dark hole of drug addiction. She's been clean these past 14 years, but says she continued to struggle with "wrong thinking". I asked what that meant and she said her former boyfriend, would constantly belittle her, and had convinced her that people were out to hurt her. On top of that, she also "sees things" occasionally due to her schizophrenia, which also runs in the family.



Per www.addictioncenter.com -- Children who see a parent addicted to drugs are more likely to develop substance use disorders. This exposure can create learning & development delays, and make a child feel emotionally and physically neglected, and unsafe. Children may also develop extreme guilt & self-blame for a parent's substance abuse, and develop feelings of unworthiness or have dysfunctional attachments in adulthood.

We talked about toxic relationships, about meeting with a counselor, and, who could solve every problem there is on earth: **JESUS.... we're praying.** Jamie's just excited to start her new job, and start saving money for her own apartment. Side note: As I was literally writing her story for this newsletter, a donor (who himself had been homeless) walked into the Mission and asked what we needed. I explained Jamie's situation and that we needed a used bicycle. Her's had been stolen from our bicycle rack. Who would be so desperate to steal from a homeless person? Anyway, within 1 hour a bicycle appeared. Thank you Lord.





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Easter....Forever a Success

A recurring thought that keeps me awake sometimes is..... how we can invite more people to share in the AMAZING benefits we have in the Lord. For starters, His retirement benefits are out of this world!

Flyers, websites, radio ads, and other such gimmicks won't bring others to truly grasp or understand that Jesus is the answer for any question or problem.

I know our supporters are pretty smart cookies (the Easter variety)..... perhaps you have an idea you'd like to share.



So Long, Farewell

Some of you have been listening to me for over 11 years..... and to be honest, that makes me worry about you (a bit)!!!

I know the Lord has my replacement all figured out, and he/she will be wonderful. You can look forward to reading more about this ministry perhaps from a fresh perspective --- perhaps someone with a sense of humor that's only mildly spicy! Farewell my friends.

Blessings,

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