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"Offering the Promise of a bright future."

Congratulations New Life Program Graduates!



The New Life Program Graduation Celebration for Tom Murfitt and Robert McClain was held on Sunday, June 29, at Bel Air Southern Baptist Church.

Both men have struggled with alcohol addiction. Tom shared, "I was unable to control my life; I admitted myself to St. John's Treatment Program and began seeking Jesus Christ. Yet, it was through the New Life Program at the mission that I

have gotten to know Jesus in a more profound way. I am truly grateful."

Robert says: "Under the fog of alcohol, nothing mattered to me, but my booze. And, only by the Grace of God, can I say that I am still married. The New Life Program has assisted me in changing my life for the better - placing Christ first always - in prayer and living."

Robert has returned to his family and resumed managing the family business. Tom may continue his education or seek employment. We are very proud of this tremendous accomplishment attained by Robert and Tom. As these men continue to follow our Lord please pray for them.

SRM Benefits From Generosity of Military Families

Colonel Henry of the Kansas National Guard and some of his staff, along with Ms. Cally Aspgrén, a senior at Osage City High School, brought over to the mission 200 pounds of food items donated by the *Kids Camp* participants' families. Prior to her coming to the Kids Camp, Ms. Aspgrén phoned nearly 150 families of military personnel deployed and asked them to help with a food drive for the mission. The families phoned have children ages 9-12 who attended the KS National Guard *Kids Camp* in Salina the week of July 7-11. Ms. Aspgrén was overwhelmed as she witnessed the children bringing in the food on the first day of camp.

According to Dezaree Harding, Kansas National Guard State Youth Coordinator, "The purpose of *Kids Camp* is to allow National Guard kids from all over the state to meet and befriend other Guard kids who face the same deployment issues".

(<http://www.accesskansas.org/ksadjutantgeneral/News%0Releases/2008/08-069htm>)

Colonel Henry says, "This community project is to get our young people involved in the community, and it is awesome to watch the youth respond. A project like this brings value to the community as well as to the children." These items will assist us in serving more than 30,000 meals this year. THANK YOU- Colonel Henry, Cally Aspgrén, and *Kids Camp*!



NLP Graduate Earns High School Diploma



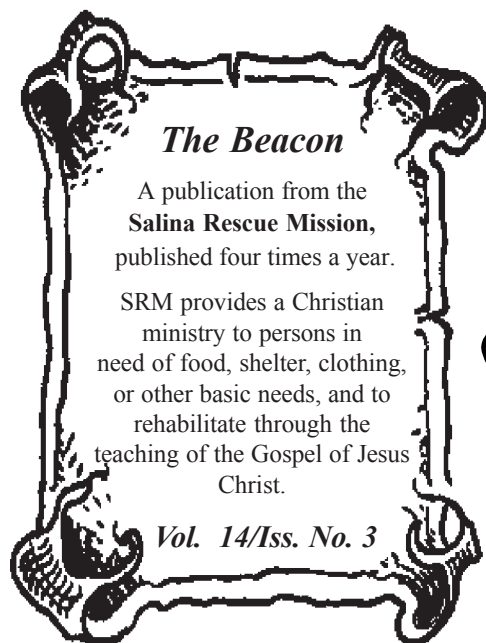
On Thursday, May 22, 2008, Tommy Cargill graduated from the Salina Adult Education Center with a Kansas High School Diploma.

He is the second New Life Program Graduate to complete the requirements necessary for a Kansas diploma. "CONGRATULATIONS" Tommy!

Tommy is faithfully attending his church, working in the audio/visual ministry, and attending Brown Mackie College, working towards a degree in computer networking. He is working on obtaining a certificate for the Microsoft Certified Systems Engineer (MCSE) in hopes of one day accomplishing his dream of designing hardware/software for computers.

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I ask that you remember Tommy in your prayers. He was just laid off from his job, and this has been a huge adjustment for him. In addition to seeking part time work, he has resumed his class work.



Window Replacement Project Update

On June 23, a work-n-witness team from 1st Covenant Church arrived at the mission to continue the removal and replacement of windows on the 1st floor. New thermo clad ones were installed. General Contractor and friend, Jerry Frank led this team of men and women. During the week at least 42 windows were removed and 14 new ones installed. Where it was necessary, new outside walls were constructed. Toward the end of the week, Jerry had the new walls insulated, and the next week several of the volunteers returned to sheetrock these walls.

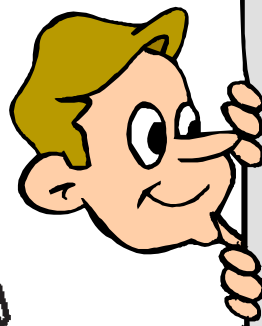
Our hats go out in a great "THANK YOU!" to the following persons involved: Jerry Frank, Ron Archer,

Joe Hodges, Darrell Nitsch, Dave Whited, Tim Lynch, shelter guests Mike and Randy, and the team from 1st Covenant Church: Rod



Fox, Elias Grant, Steve Holmgren, Norm Jennings, Rob and Tina Leiker, Gary and Max McClure, Ed Mueller, Andrea Ring, and Kolten Schulze.

While this large group worked during the day, two home groups from 1st Covenant prepared a delicious supper meal for everyone at the mission in the evening. A Hearty "THANK YOU!" to each of you.



SRM NEEDS

<i>Coffee</i>	<i>Laundry Detergent</i>
<i>Cough Drops</i>	<i>Work Boots, size 10-12</i>
<i>Ibuprofen</i>	<i>Men's Clothing,</i>
<i>Foot Powder</i>	<i>3X or larger,</i>
<i>Paper Towels</i>	<i>Socks, white</i>
<i>Toilet Paper</i>	

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT! 

UPCOMING EVENTS:

“Gospel Extravaganza”

I am sorry to inform everyone that we have canceled this event for this year. Please be in prayer for next year.

“Rescuing the Lost” Banquet

Tues. Oct. 21

Holiday Inn Holidome & Convention Center
1616 W. Crawford, Salina

“Dr. Brad Temple Food Drive”

Fri. & Sat., Nov. 21-22

All Salina Dillons Stores

“Thanksgiving Celebration”

Sat., Nov. 22

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We will serve a traditional Thanksgiving dinner free of charge, beginning at 5:00 p.m.

“Christmas Eve Celebration”

Wed., Dec. 24

St. John’s Military School
110 E. Otis Ave.

We will begin at 6 p.m. by playing BINGO, serve our meal around 6:45 p.m. and conclude with the “General Store”. Everyone is invited to attend!



Prayer & Praise



Prayer Requests

Staff Openings: New Life Program Director and a Maintenance Man.

Chad Young, Operations Director - father-in-law is battling cancer.

Donald, Admin. Asst. - aunt has heart, kidney, diabetic health challenges.

SRM Staff and their children.

Praise for Answered Prayers

Mike, NLP graduate has rededicated his life to the Lord.

Miraculous recovery of Mike Tufano’s aunt.

God continues to lead and teach the staff on how to reach out to the less fortunate.

Our 3rd floor West Wing continues to be remodeled for our New Life Program graduates that will be entering AfterCare.

YES! I want to help the Salina Rescue Mission offer the Promise of a bright future for the homeless and needy.

I would like to help the SRM provide food & shelter with a gift of: \$100 \$75 \$50 \$25 \$10 \$_____

I would like to help the SRM “AfterCare” program with a gift of: \$100 \$75 \$50 \$25 \$10 \$_____

I would like to join the SRM “Ambassador Giving Club”.

I plan to make a monthly commitment of: \$100 \$75 \$50 \$25 \$10 \$_____

I would like more information on the Ambassador Clubs.

I want to volunteer! Please place my name in the “volunteer file”.

You may call me at: _____
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Huntsville Alabama Youth Choir Performs at SRM



The mission welcomed the Willowbrook Southern Baptist Church Youth Choir, June 24. These young people traveled from Huntsville, Alabama, and performed a great concert for nearly 75 people at the mission.

The songs were very inspirational and uplifting. The choir, comprised of thirty-two teens, added several theatrical moves during their performance. The audience thoroughly enjoyed the concert.

The choir performed a concert here eight years ago, and we were excited to learn that they wanted to return this summer to give another performance before traveling to Colorado for their teen trip.

After the concert, we all enjoyed a great BBQ hosted by one of the home groups from 1st Covenant Church. “Thank You” for a great evening!



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Become an Ambassador: Help Stretch Mission Funds



We at the Salina Rescue Mission have a wonderful way to reduce our mail to you, and at the same time reduce postage and publication costs for the mission.

Please consider a monthly donation to the mission by joining the “Ambassador Giving Club”. The amount of the gift is your personal choice — the key is that we have donors commit a designated dollar amount on a monthly basis. By becoming a monthly donor we are able to budget the income of the Salina Rescue Mission more effectively, thus being better stewards of your monetary gifts!

Once you sign up for our “Ambassador Giving Club” you will no longer receive our monthly appeal letters. You will receive a monthly “thank you” letter with a friendly reminder of your pledge. “Ambassadors” will continue to receive our quarterly newsletter, “*The Beacon*”, our Christmas letter, and our year-end tax letter. And, through reduced postage, printing, and paper usage, both parties are contributing to being good stewards of our environment.

Interested in becoming a member of the “Ambassador Giving Club”? Check the box on the response form (page 3) and return it with your check or designated credit card indication in the envelope provided. Thank you for your continued faithful support of the Salina Rescue Mission. God Bless!

9th Annual Mulligan Stew Golf Tournament

On Friday, May 23, twenty-one teams participated in the Mulligan Stew Golf Tournament. Now in its ninth year, this annual event benefits the Salina Rescue Mission and the Emergency Aid/Food Bank.

The winning team of Graham Bailey, Raymond Ayala, Brad Moser and Bob Young shot a 61. Way to go MEN!

At the conclusion of the tournament, everyone was treated to a Jim's Chicken dinner that was served by the staff of SRM and the Emergency Aid/Food Bank. Thanks to each of you for your faithful contribution to this worthy event. Mark your calendar for **Friday, May 22, 2009**, the date set for the **10th Annual Mulligan Stew Golf Tournament!**



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A Final Thought . . .

The Salina Rescue Mission continues to witness change. We are remodeling our 3rd floor, replacing the old and worn out windows in our building, and staff transitions have occurred.

With these modifications come reactions from the staff, the NLP men, and the shelter guests. These range from disbelief and denial, to embracing these changes.

All of these revisions have been making me think of how our Lord works. Though **HE** is constant, **HE** orchestrates change on a continual basis. Relocating persons such as Abraham, the calling and equipping of men/women to perform **HIS** duties, such as Ruth and Esther, are a few examples.

Though change in our lives can create stress and other emotions, it does not need to be a negative experience. Think of the scripture found in I Thessalonians 5:17 that says "...give thanks in all things for this is the will of God for your life in Christ Jesus". As I think of the practical application of this scripture, I recognize that I have a choice in the response to the changes that are occurring in my life. I can either adopt one of the above choices mentioned, or I can embrace change with the understanding that I am not in control.

So, the next time something does not go your way and change occurs, prayerfully consider applying this scripture. Pray for us as we continually learn to embrace change. Thank you for your faithful and prayerful support. God Bless!

Steve