



The Beacon

Voice of the Salina Rescue Mission
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"Offering the Promise of a bright future."

Life After the Mission

Nearly 9 years ago, Jeff Seybold came to the Salina Rescue Mission because, like so many of our clients, he had nowhere else to go. He came here to put his life together, joined our *New Life Program*, and on November 19, 2000, he graduated.

Working a brief time at Wal-mart, Jeff then went to Exide Technologies and was employed there for nearly 7 years. During this time, Jeff got married, and has two children, Samantha and Emerson.



Jeff Seybold greets customers at Kwik Shop.

Not long ago, while making my rounds collecting the mission coin box donations, I happened to be in the Kwik Shop on South Ohio. I was greeted by Jeff, who was behind the counter, and we had the opportunity to visit for a brief while.

Sadness was evident on his face as he began to share concerns about the divorce that he has been through. But, he says that he and his ex-wife share joint custody of the children, and they get along fine. Jeff says that he left Exide in order to be with his children on the weekends. He enjoys taking his daughter Samantha shopping—what little girl doesn't like to shop! Emerson and his dad play 18 holes of golf every chance they get—by the way Emerson is 6 years old.

Jeff has been at Kwik Shop since October 2008. He has been promoted to assistant manager, and will enter training to be a manager of a store, which is the next goal he has set for himself. I asked how he likes his job and he said, "WOW! I love it. I am with people all day, and every day is a brand new challenge - no two days are alike. I have been discovering skills I did not know that I have - like managing people and keeping track of inventory. I work for a very good company." One day he hopes to be a district manager.

When I asked how his walk is with the Lord, here is what he had to say: "My relationship with God is good, I have time every day to communicate with HIM; I am learning to walk and trust in HIM daily."

So, when you need that cup of java or a cold drink, drop by the Kwik Shop on South Ohio and say "hi" to Jeff. I want to thank each of you that have contributed to the "Jeff's" that seek to put their lives together by coming to the Salina Rescue Mission. Your faithful support ensures our ability to provide Christian ministry to those individuals that enter our doors. God Bless!

Steve

Coming Events



"Rescuing the Lost Banquet"

Tues., Oct. 13 -- Ramada Convention Center, 1616 W. Crawford

"Brad Temple Food Drive"

Fri. - Sat., Nov. 20 & 21-- All Salina Dillons Stores

"Christmas Celebration"

St. John's Military, (Date & more details to be announced)

Bountiful Harvest !

Beets, cabbage, cantaloupe, carrots, cucumbers, lettuce, okra, onions, potatoes, squash, tomatoes, and watermelon are among the vegetables and fruits from our mission garden's first harvest. The SRM cafeteria and others in the community are reaping the benefits of all the hard work that has occurred to date.

Contributors continue to play a big part in this program. Special thanks to: Jerry McKee for all of the work and advice he has provided, Stutzman's for the fertilizer and chemicals, and Sunrise Mariners, who graciously contributed funding for a nice tiller that has helped tremendously with weed control.



Produce from the garden is kept fresh in the mission cooler.



Our freezer holds some of the okra and squash that will be used at a later date.

The most impressive part of the project is the work that the men have given to weeding and care of the garden. They are proud of

this project and the contributions they have made throughout this development. If you have time, drive by and take a look at this project.

SRM Banquet

The annual "Rescuing the Lost Banquet" will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 13, and will be at the Ramada Convention Center, 1616 W. Crawford. The doors will be opened at 6:00 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Our banquet committee is planning for a great evening!

Come and enjoy great fellowship and hear the stories of "RESCUE". Mr. Fred Porter will be our guest speaker for this evening. Fred graduated from our New Life Program several years ago. He is employed at Tony's Pizza, and is growing in the Lord.

Make plans on hearing how God is working in Fred's life, and be challenged in assisting the mission in "rescuing the lost". Thank you for your faithful support.

Golf Tournament The Best !!

Blessed with perfect weather, 22 teams participated in the 10th annual Mulligan Stew Golf Tournament, May 22. Several men told me this year's tournament was "THE BEST"! Mark had the course in great shape, the sky was deep blue with no clouds nor wind - I just say that GOD made the day. What a privilege we have in serving HIM. In addition, we had 68 hole sponsors. Thanks to each of you who made this a great event to benefit the Salina Rescue Mission and the Emergency Aid/Food Bank!

Special thanks to the following companies that provided the sponsorship for this year's tournament:

American Boiler Co.	The Furniture Store of Kansas
Bamford Fire Sprinkler Co.	Lance Billings - Waddell & Reed
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Kansas	Long McArthur Ford Lincoln Dealership
Cox Business	Nex-Tech
Crestwood Cabinets	Salina Media Group
Frisbie Construction, Inc.	Tom Arnett CPA



*1st Place in the 1st Flight: Score of (59)
Curt Syring, Norm Eilert, Jerry Matson, Ron Lindholm*



*1st Place in the 2nd Flight: Score of (62)
Larry Harris, Bill Lovewell, Brian Lovewell, Jeff Rupp*



*1st Place in the 3rd Flight: Score of (67)
Kim Brundige, Jim Bridges, Kevin Hazelton, Steve Fagerburg,*

WANTED

Denture Cream	Laundry Detergent
Disposable Razors	Napkins
Foot Powder	Sun Lotion/Sun Block
Ibuprofen	13 Gallon Trash Bags
Shower Shoes	55 Gallon Trash Bags
Toilet Paper	Paper Towels
Triple Antibiotic Cream	Men's Blue Jeans W-30 to 44, L-30 to 34
Men's Clothing, 3X & Lgr.	Work Boots, Sizes 8.5 - 14



**Thank You
for the Donations!**



Prayer & Praise

Prayer Requests



Mission guests continue to seek the Lord.
Upcoming "Rescuing the Lost" Banquet.
Leadership for our board of directors and staff.
SRM staff and their children.
For our country.

Praise for Answered Prayers

Vegetable garden is producing bountiful harvest.



2 large storage tanks have been buried for our cistern.

22 replacement windows have been installed.

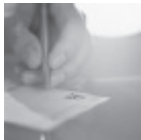
Staff has moved back into their offices with the completion of windows being installed.

One NLP man had successful knee surgery.

Staff continues to be challenged to grow.

A Letter to Share . . .

To: Steve and all the Staff
Salina Rescue Mission



On April 13, 2009, I was released from Federal Prison. I came to Salina to start my one-year probation period. When I arrived in Salina, I did not have any place to live and no family to help me.

I came to the Salina Rescue Mission and talked to a guy named Chad. I explained my situation to Chad, and he said, "no problem, come back at 4pm". When I came back to the Mission, the staff was friendly and got me into a bed right away. Bob explained the Guest Employment Program and the Rules of the Mission. He said that all I had to do is follow the rules, attend an evening service, and do a daily chore. I said, "is that all?" He said, "yes, and also get a full time job." I could not believe that was all I had to do. For the next three weeks, I went out every day and looked for work. I then got a full time job. The mission gave me the chance to have a place to live and food to eat each day. One day a guy named Darwin said, "Hey, you want to go to a great church tonight?" I said, "Sure, why not", and that was the start of my relationship with Christ. I went to the church each week.

I just want to thank you and all of the staff of the Mission, for all that they do for me and all the men who stay here. I don't think I could have made it on the streets and come this far, this fast, without your help. GOD BLESS ALL WHO WORK HERE!!!

By George Hansen

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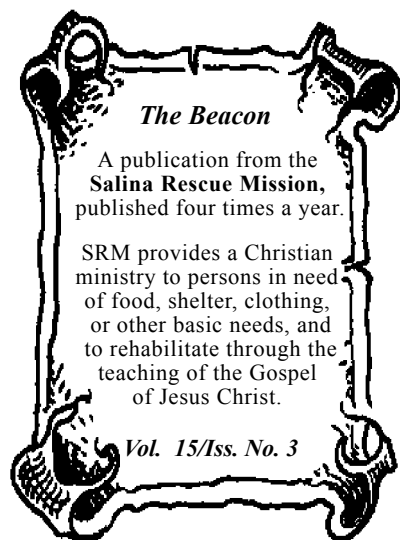
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A Final Thought . . .

A popular phrase, a few years ago went something like -“Who’s your daddy”? I have been pondering this phrase for some time, along with, “Whom do I trust?” The Bible verse that is smack dab in the middle of His Word says: **“It is better to take refuge in the Lord, than to trust in man.”** (Psalm 118:8)

Have you ever experienced a tug in your heart to go deeper in your relationship with our Lord? To bury yourself in him for everything - not for just the necessities for life, but for joy, contentment (you know, that deep settled peace in your soul)? As I grow older, these longings do swell up from deep inside and I ponder them from time to time. In light of the direction of the world and our country, it gives me great comfort that I am on the right track.

I have more questions than answers. However, I am beginning to become quiet before our Lord, and not be so anxious to pray with words, but with my heart. And as I grow, I am witnessing my trust in HIM grow in areas that I only dreamed of ever happening. I have not fully arrived, but I feel like a young child learning to walk all over again.

As I learn to trust HIM, I surrender control of areas that I always thought that I could control, and I desire to follow HIM more today, than yesterday.

As you grow, I invite you to turn to Psalm 118 and read not only verse 8 but also all of the other verses that comprise this wonderful chapter. Thank you for your faithful support!

Steve