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The Salina Rescue Mission

# The Beacon

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

## Onward to New Life...

Two men have completed the New Life Program at the Salina Rescue Mission. Scott McDaniel, New Life Program Director, gives the following report on Chris Barnett and Darwin Wycoff.



Chris is a man who, throughout life, thought he had it figured out. Schemes, smooth talking, and head games were what he was trusting in to get him through the tough times. It wasn't until he discovered that there were reasons why he was playing head games, and why he felt like he had to scheme to get his way, and how this resulted in substance abuse, poor job performance, broken family ties, a bad reputation, and eventually going to jail that he joined the New Life Program. When Chris discovered life rooted in Jesus

Christ, he found a constant, never ending source of acceptance and forgiveness, resulting in the realization of the need for forgiveness. This is the framework in which Chris is now operating, giving him the freedom to serve, not scheme; be humbly honest, not smooth; and real, not having to play head games. Chris says, "I needed to decide to face the fact that this marvelous potential built into me is not being fully realized. I admit in my past, partly through ignorance, it has been blocked, ignored and neglected. I'm making a promise to myself to rearrange my thought pattern so that the blocks are removed so the power can be surging through like it says in John 1:12." Pray for Chris as he continues his journey.



Assured, self-confident, in control were adjectives that many would have used to describe Darwin, before his drug addiction caught up with him. Because of the profound work of grace brought about in Darwin's life he was able to understand and admit his hidden fears, his desire for the acceptance of others at any cost and his powerlessness over drugs. As Darwin discovered, and then began implementing the principles found in one of the New Life

Program classes, Search for Significance, he learned that he did not have to be bound by other people's opinions of him, but that he was free to be what God needed him to be: a father to his son, a dependable employee, salt and light for Jesus Christ wherever he goes. As Darwin puts it, "Putting God at the center of my world has changed my beliefs and I have embraced a trusting, loving relationship and am building the foundation of my life in Jesus Christ. This has changed my actions and choices to please God and I am striving to be a humble, obedient servant in following God's will for me." Pray for Darwin as he strives to "...press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." Phil. 2:13b.

*As these men have searched for truth and found answers by starting a New Life in Christ, you can do the same. God sent Jesus Christ, His only Son, so that we might have new, everlasting life. The Bible tells us, "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life" John 3:16. If you are struggling to know the truth and want a love relationship with Jesus, please call the Mission and we will guide you with this important commitment. Call 785-823-2610 or e-mail srm@srm.kscoxmail.com.*



Volunteers at the Superstore

Dr. Brad Temple's



Dr. Temple "Stuff the Truck"

5th Annual Food Drive



Volunteer at Southgate

It was an exciting beginning to the 5th Annual Dr. Brad Temple Food Drive when the Salina Media Group radio station, The Buzz, 104.9, pulled up in their van and trailer with music blaring, ready to do a live broadcast from the Dillon's Superstore. The food drive was a great success with 6,774 different grocery items donated. This will provide over 3800 meals to those in need. One of Dr. Temple's hopes for future food drives is to see everyone in the Salina area experience a blessing from giving to the Salina Rescue Mission Food Drive. We extend a warm thank you to all the volunteers who helped us and for the exceptional generosity of our sponsors: Marshall Motor Company; Dillon's; Salina Media Group; Team 1 Real Estate - Linda Hagen; Security Savings Bank; Clark, Mize & Lindville, Chtd.; Temple Chiropractic; Kennedy & Coe; Michael A. Montoya, Attorney at Law; and Martini's Steak & Chop House.

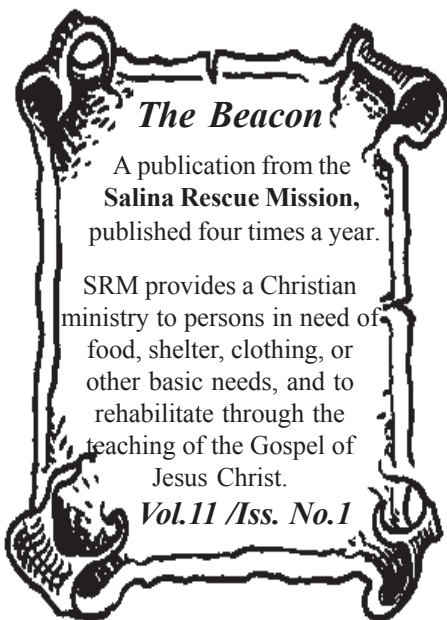


Jeannette Wools storing the paper products

## Thanksgiving Feast

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The annual Thanksgiving celebration, held on Nov. 20, was a huge success. Volunteers helped with everything from the decorating to the cooking to the serving. Before blessing the meal Executive Director Steve Kmetz allowed those gathered the opportunity to share some of the things they were grateful for this year. Many thanks were shared for a variety of things from the Mission itself to health issues. After the blessing, about one hundred people feasted on a traditional Thanksgiving meal of turkey, cornbread dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn and green bean casserole. The meal was finished off with a slice of delicious pumpkin pie with whipped cream. Tea, water and a festive holiday punch whetted our whistles. Everyone involved from the volunteers to those served seemed to enjoy themselves and be truly thankful for all the blessings in their lives.



## Blessings from SE of Saline

In December, Southeast of Saline High School held a food drive for the Salina Rescue Mission for the 10th year in a row. New Life Program Director Scott McDaniel spoke to the students about the work being done at the Salina Rescue Mission before they kicked off the food drive. The students collected more food this year than last. The 2,357 items they collected ranged from canned goods to paper goods to cleaning and hygiene products. The items collected will help us for many months to come and the awareness created among the students during the project is invaluable.

# CHRISTMAS, A Time To Cherish

Christmas Eve, 2004

by Karen Wolf

Christmas Eve with the Salina Rescue Mission--what a tremendous experience! It was a good feeling to be part of an event that makes it possible for others to celebrate the birth of our Lord, Jesus Christ. God performs wonderful things through His faithful servants. I enjoyed the fellowship and the delicious dinner. The Country Store was a delight. Watching people of all ages shop for family and friends was very heart warming. The excitement and big smiles from the children were priceless. I'm looking forward to my third year at the SRM Christmas Celebration next year. My volunteer time at the Salina Rescue Mission and the Country Store is a blessing for me and is my tribute to my loving grandfather, Spencer.

*"Glory to God in the highest,  
and on earth peace, good  
will toward men."  
-- Luke 2:14*

**YES!** I want to help SRM provide food, shelter and also offer the Promise of a bright future for the homeless and needy. My gift is:

\$100    \$75    \$50    \$25    \$10    \$ \_\_\_\_\_

I am a member of the Ambassadors

I would like more information on the SRM Auxiliary.

I want to volunteer! Please call me at \_\_\_\_\_

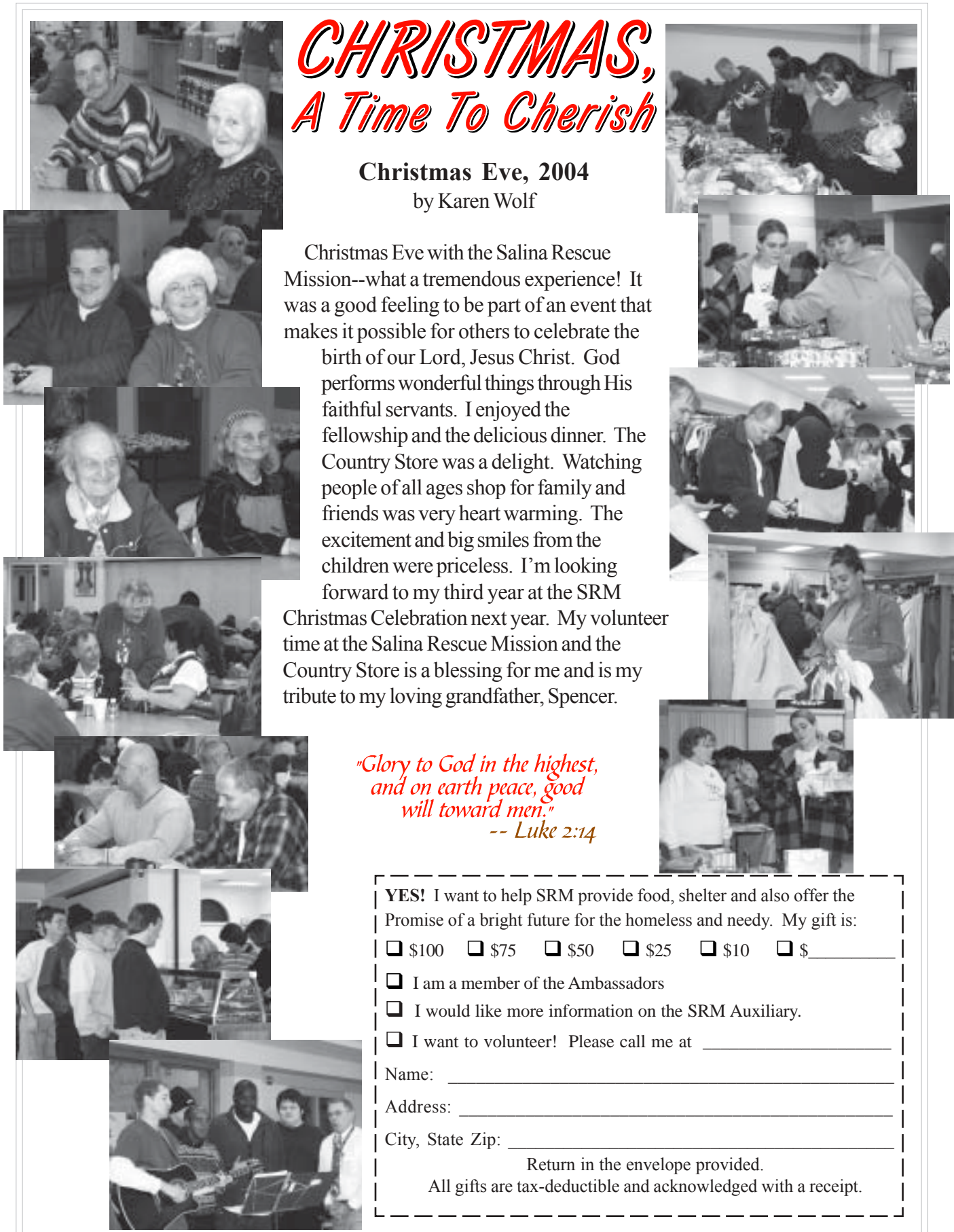
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Return in the envelope provided.

All gifts are tax-deductible and acknowledged with a receipt.



## There've Been Some Changes Made!

We want everyone to have as much notice as possible of a couple of changes for Salina Rescue Mission events this year. The Mulligan Stew Golf Tournament is now a spring event and will be held on Friday, May 13th. The Annual Banquet is moving to a little later in the fall and will be on Tuesday, October 11th. Please put these dates on your calendar and look for more information in our next newsletter. If you have questions about these events, please call Eric Frank at the Mission, 785-825-2610.



## Attention All Golfers!

### 6th Annual Mulligan Stew Golf Tournament

New Date  
**May 13, 2005**

## Rescuing the Lost Banquet

### Salina Rescue Mission 2005 Banquet

October 11, 2005



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Harry Helsel, one of the veterans  
honored

## Veteran's Day

On Nov. 11, the Mission celebrated Veteran's Day by honoring homeless veterans. The day started when the Mission provided transportation to Sunset Park for the veteran's service at the War Memorial followed by a free meal at the Salina VFW. In the evening Barbara Miller shared a musical tribute followed by Ft. Riley Chaplain LTC Daniel A. McClure. As a man with over 42 years of service, he honored and encouraged the veterans at SRM and uplifted everyone else in his audience. Everyone sang the Star Spangled Banner and each homeless veteran was prayed for and recognized for his service. The celebration concluded with a delicious meal prepared by SRM Food Service Manager, Jeannette Wools.



## Spring is Coming!

Can you smell the flowers? Spring is in the air! Plan now for SRM's spring fund-raisers. Easter is early this year and the order form for Easter Lilies is below. Fill it out and return it with your payment no later than Mar. 4th to enjoy beautiful Easter Lilies in your home or church. The Annual Flower Sale at Sam's Club is Apr. 13th through Apr. 16th from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm each day. Plan your spring plantings with that in mind. All plants for both events are high quality and greenhouse fresh from Stutzman's in Hutchinson. Rich, fertile compost from Salina's own Kanza Organics will also be available at the Flower Sale.

Order by 2 pm,  
Friday, Mar. 4,  
2005.

Pick up at SRM  
on Friday,  
Mar. 18, 2005.  
Call 785-823-  
2610 for more  
information

**I have enclosed my check made payable to the Salina Rescue Mission confirming my order of \_\_\_\_\_ Easter Lilies at \$10.00 each. (No Limit)**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_



## God Answers

- The hearts of the men in the New Life Program have been softened and they are becoming receptive and allowing God to work in their lives and change them.
- Many meat donations have been received.
- The new staff office has been completed.
- Work has begun on the 3rd floor. Many volunteers are helping to finish rooms for the Aftercare Program.
- A shelter guest who had reverted to his cycle of drinking has returned to the Mission.



## Meet the Board

Jim Miller first came in contact with the Salina Rescue Mission six years ago when he was teaching an adult Sunday School class. The class wanted to reach out in some kind of mission work and someone mentioned SRM. They contacted Steve to see what they could do and he suggested they provide, prepare, and serve a meal once a month and do the chapel service. They liked the idea and the group continues in that work today. Four years ago, Steve asked him to serve on the SRM Board. He knew he wanted to do more because of the great need that had presented itself over the 2 years he had been helping at the Mission. "My mind recalled the scripture found in Matt.25:31-46. That was what the Mission was doing and I wanted to be a part of it so I became a member of the Board." Jim currently serves as the vice president of the SRM Board and is also active as a lay counselor to Mission clients. He also heads the group which provides the meal for the Christmas Eve celebration.

He and his wife, Barb, pictured with him at right, have 3 children and 8 grandchildren. Jim has worked as a route salesman for Sara Lee Baking Co. for 26 years.



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Executive Director

## ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

### SRM NEEDS:

#### YOUR PRAYERS

Deodorants, pocket combs, foot powder  
Antihistamines & vitamins  
Cough drops & cough syrup  
Paper napkins & Kleenex  
Dry cereal, fresh fruit, lettuce, tomatoes, coffee  
Dairy products-eggs, milk & cheese  
Fresh beef, pork, poultry, bacon & sausage  
Sugar, baking powder, baking soda, spices  
Ketchup & mustard  
French, Ranch & Italian salad dressing  
55 gal trash bags  
6-foot fiberglass ladder  
Bath towels  
Large 50-cup coffee urn  
Commercial vacuum cleaner

#### YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

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## The Director's Dialog

How often do you say to yourself, "Nobody likes me, I'm going to go eat worms?" For those of us who may experience life out of control, let me encourage you to read Psalm 146. In portion it says ...

"...God made sky and soil, sea and all the fish in it.

He always does what he says – he defends the wronged,  
he feeds the hungry.

God frees prisoners – he gives sight to the blind, he lifts  
up the fallen.

God loves good people, protects strangers, takes the side of  
orphans and widows, but makes short work of the wicked.

God's in CHARGE -- ALWAYS. Zion's God is God for good! Hallelujah?"

As you read, we learn that HE handles everything. May 2005 be the very best for you and your family. God Bless!

*Steve*

