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# The Beacon

Voice of the Salina Rescue Mission

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*"Offering the Promise of a bright future."*

## Life is More Than Work



Bryon Howard at work

Hard work has always been a part of Bryon's life. It helped him escape the pain of the abusive home he left when he was 11. Hard work with a carnival made him feel hidden and free from restrictions. Work helped him through his marriage and divorce. It helped him beat drug addiction but he was missing something.

Eleven years ago, he stopped at the Salina Rescue Mission on his way to a new job. Executive Director

Steve Kmetz persuaded him to join the New Life Program, but problems at home forced him to quit and take custody of his 11 year old daughter and raise her.

Still he knew "certain things in my life weren't right. God was a better thing." A year ago he asked if he could return to the Mission and join the Program again. He had to learn who Jesus is and how He works in our lives. It was hard -- Bryon is a loner. He had to learn to open up to people. He was used to fighting with others rather than getting along. He wanted to quit and go back to work because he could hide there.

However, he stuck with the Program and it has made a big difference in his life. Before, he wanted to fight, now he prays and lets God take care of the problem. He has learned to let "the little voice talk and not the raging voice. The quiet whisper -- it's God talking."

Since completing the Program, he has a good job in Salina and now he is active in church. And he desires to help in the community so he volunteers "in a Christian way and not a selfish way." Thanks to your support, Bryon sees the light.

"(The New Life Program) brought me out of a dark hole to see light. Work isn't everything. Life is living for God." Bryon Howard



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## Education - Key to the Future

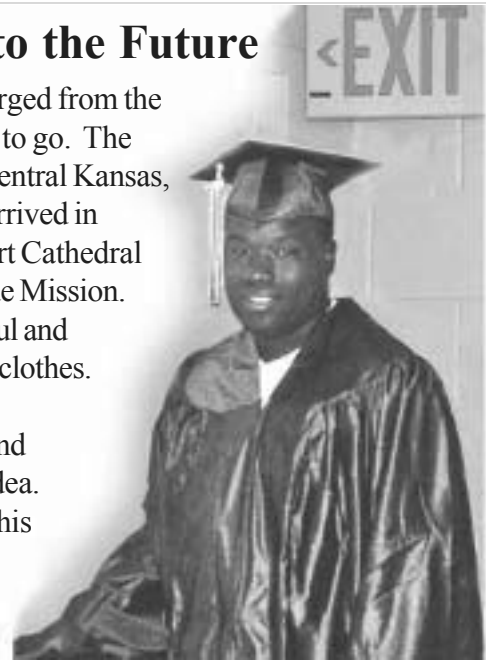
When Leroy Clark was discharged from the Army in 2004, he had nowhere to go. The Army gave him a bus ticket to central Kansas, and he was homeless when he arrived in Salina. The staff at Sacred Heart Cathedral directed him to the Salina Rescue Mission. At the Mission they were “helpful and friendly. They fed me, gave me clothes. It made me feel good.”

The Mission requires men to find jobs but Leroy had a different idea. Would he be allowed to pursue his education instead of work? He had the GI bill to pay for his schooling but he needed a place to stay. Executive Director Steve Kmetz agreed to the plan and Leroy enrolled at Brown Mackie College that fall. This April, he graduated with an Associate Degree of Applied Science in Accounting.

With his degree, Leroy has found a job as an assistant manager. With a good job he will be able to support himself and never be homeless again. He says about his time at SRM, “I got to know Jesus better than I knew Him before. I have the confidence of going out to the real world with an education and God on my side.” Thanks to your support, Leroy has a future with promise.

**“The Mission taught me to be positive and move forward -- to take the challenge head on. I can do it!”**

Leroy Clark



Leroy Clark graduates

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Thanks to Long McArthur Ford-Lincoln-Mercury for donating this beautiful car for the Mission’s use.

## God Answers

- New desk supervisor - Jerry Nichols.
- Several men are completing the New Life Program.
- Compassion Kansas and their guidance in planning our future

## Please Pray

- New windows project -- favor with the city building department to approve the plans.
- Peace and calm in the Mission during the HOT weather.
- Program Director Scott McDaniel's wife, Sheila, as she recovers from eye surgery.

## Coming Events

- July 20 - Ambassadors Night of Appreciation.
- Sept. 7 - Gospel Extravaganza.
- October 10 - Annual Banquet.
- Nov. 11 - Veterans Day Celebration
- Nov. 17-18 - Dr. Brad Temple Food Drive
- Nov. 18 - SRM Thanksgiving Meal

## Thank You

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# Look How Far We've Come



From This

To This



## And We're Still Going Strong Thanks to YOU.

2006 celebrates 25 years of serving the homeless  
at the Salina Rescue Mission.

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milestone during the month of October.

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Fresh beef, pork & bacon  
Dairy products such as milk and cheese; eggs  
Tea  
Bread  
55 gal. trash bags  
Backpacks  
OCCK bus passes  
Volunteers!

#### YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

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## The Director's Dialog

The other morning one of our overnight shelter guests asked me to pray for him. In listening further he shared that he does not trust God or anyone because of previous experiences in life. This young man has been battling this huge area for a long time. I assured him of God's love and care for him as I prayed.

As I think back on the encounter, I am reminded that as I (we) struggle with doubts, fears, struggles, circumstances that are beyond our control, and sometimes our past comes roaring into the present as a ferocious lion—God's word is every bit as true for us as for the young man in my office. The difference is that we are "successful" and we for some reason (a lie of Satan) believe that our situations are different.

Actually we are not different, each of us has the same emotional needs and make ups—just packaged differently in our unique bodies. God has designed his creation to depend upon **HIM** and as we are independent and exclude God from our lives we experience emptiness, lonely abandonment and despair.

Each of us has options of choosing whether to believe the lies of Satan or we can choose the "**AWE-SOME**" freedom God provides for his children. Let us become reacquainted to the scriptures of promise—such as Proverbs 3:5,6 and Hebrews 5:13.

Let us choose life and life abundant. May you have a wonderful and blessed summer.

