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"Offering the Promise of a bright future."

A Family Again

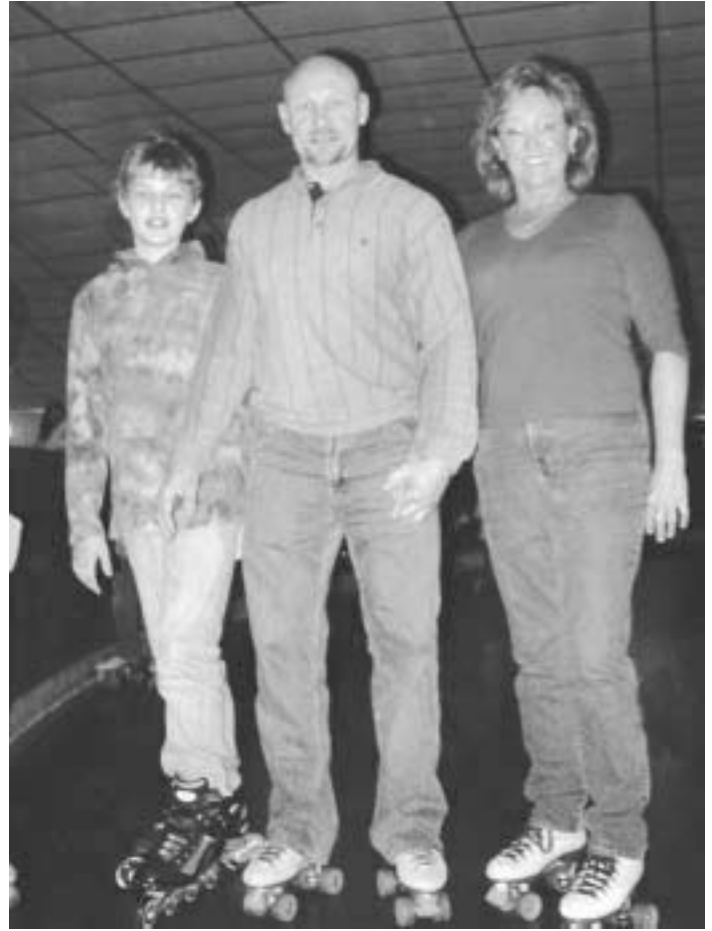
Darwin grew up in a small town in Arkansas. He was very close to his divorced mother and his little sister and they did everything together. When Darwin was 8, his mother remarried and a few weeks later, his sister was hit by a car and died. To deal with the pain, he began smoking pot and raiding his stepfather's liquor cabinet.

He enjoyed family life after he married his girlfriend following the birth of their son, Daithin, but his life began collapsing around him. The relationship with his wife became strained and they eventually divorced. He loved competitive bodybuilding but an injury ended his career. And the job promotion he was sure was his, disappeared. Once again he turned to alcohol and drugs.

He came to SRM following his third DUI because he had nowhere else to go. He was sure he could do things "my way". With a place to stay and food to eat, he worked and saved until he was ready to get his own place. But his doubts and fears surfaced again and he drank all his savings. He realized he couldn't do it on his own. When he came back to the Mission, he asked to join the New Life Program.

Completing the Program has brought many changes in Darwin's life. The most important is restoring the relationships with his family. His mother accepted Christ as her Savior after seeing the changes in Darwin's life and they spend every Sunday together attending church and "talking about everything." And after Daithin complained about how bad his life was, his father admitted his wrong choices had affected his son's life and he asked Daithin to forgive him. Amid their tears, their relationship was mended and they are very close today. Darwin hopes his son will be able to live with him soon. He has moved into his own apartment and has a good job with a company in Salina. He is also completing ministry classes at Emmanuel Bible Institute and wants to serve others as much as he can. "God is the one who changes you. It was essential for me to change my beliefs. It was the basis of me becoming a new creation in Christ and becoming a responsible adult parent. I try to be as obedient as I can to Christ and trust Him."

His relationship with Christ and the skills he learned in the New Life Program have made all the difference for Darwin and his family.



Darwin, center, with his son and his mother



A Few Coins - an Overflow of Blessings

You may have seen a Salina Rescue Mission coin box at a local convenience store or

restaurant. There are coinboxes in over 30 locations around the city of Salina. They are a reminder of the need to help the hungry and homeless in this area.

We need help with this important task. Please pray for the businesses that we have developed relationships with and that allow us this opportunity. And please pray for a committed, responsible volunteer that would consider taking over this coin box ministry. You will be given opportunities to minister to and pray with some of the employees and you will be helping remind others of those in need. For more information, please call Eric Frank at 785-823-2610.

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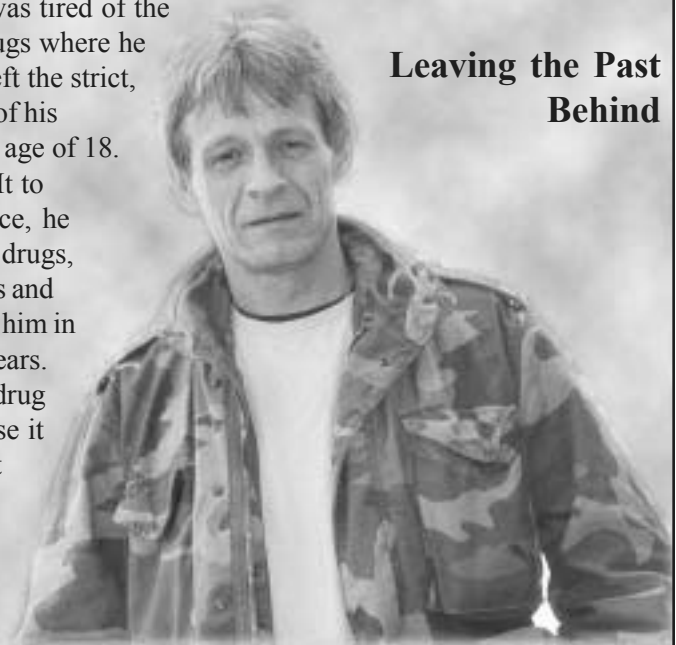
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Richard Cross was tired of the violence and drugs where he lived. He had left the strict, Christian home of his childhood at the age of 18. From a "Leave It to Beaver" existence, he went to a life of drugs, bad relationships and crime which put him in jail for fifteen years. Heroin was his drug of choice because it made him forget the pain he had caused others. His drug addiction caused him to be evicted

Leaving the Past Behind



from his home and many good paying jobs have come and gone. When he arrived at the Salina Rescue Mission, he wasn't expecting anything however he found a quiet and calm environment--it prevents him from returning to his lifestyle of drug addiction and troubles. He is grateful for everything he has received from the food and laundry service to the help with medications. He is encouraged in his job hunt and hopes to find fulltime employment and a new lifestyle.

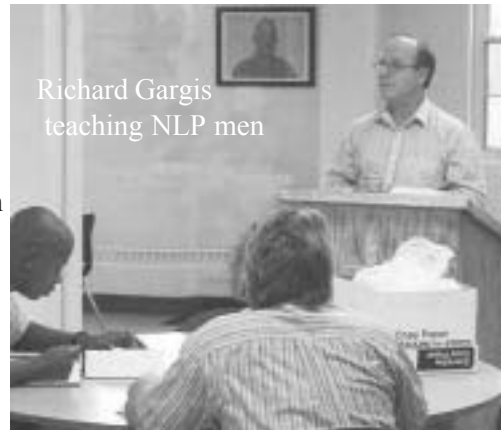
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Homework?



Each man in the New Life Program takes classes to deepen their faith and open their hearts to look at themselves and their predicaments. Life in Christ, Step by Step, Search for Significance and Your Work Matters to God are all classes that provide the men with a foundation that can be practically applied to all life situations. It takes committed Christian men like Richard Gargis, the Life in Christ teacher, to communicate Christian principles in a manner that is both culturally relevant and doctrinally sound. Each class meets once a week for one hour. Each man is expected to participate in the class with insights that come out of their time of prayer and reflection. Some classes have workbooks to fill out and some require looking up and memorizing Scripture. In other classes, written papers are required. Each class is different but each requires time and commitment from the men. And, YES, they do have homework.



Richard Gargis teaching NLP men

God Answers

- Our new volunteer chaplain - Willie Spear
- God's continued provision for the work at SRM
- A client has graduated from Brown Mackie College

Please Pray

- Breakthroughs for the men in the New Life Program
- Good health for the men at SRM
- God's continued provision for the work at SRM
- 3rd floor remodeling

Coming Events

- May 12 - 13 - Wal-Mart Hot Dog Fundraiser
- May 19 - Mulligan Stew Golf Tournament
- June 8 - 11 - Lighthouse Concessions trailer at the Smoky Hill River Festival
- August 12 - Beef Up the Mission at the Tri-Rivers Fair

Thank You

To all our wonderful, loyal supporters.

Meet the Board

You may know SRM Board Member Ken Jennison from his career in radio--from founding KSDB at K-State to his current job as Public Service Director for the Salina Media Group.



Ken Jennison, at the mike at KSAL.

In 1997, he became involved with the Mission when he slept in a cardboard box for two nights helping to raise \$18,000 which was used to purchase the Mission's concession trailer, The Lighthouse. He joined the Board of Directors in 1998. Helping hungry and homeless men locally is important to him. It is important to Ken that the community's donations stay here and are used in Salina. Helping men in a Christ centered mission is also important to him. Ken says, "A lot of places hand out food and shelter but very few places like ours share about Jesus and offer food for their soul...that's a real mission."

Ken is involved with many other worthwhile projects including his church, the Prostate Cancer Support Group he started, the Tammy Walker Cancer Center, raising funds for 4-H camp scholarships and presenting programs on Native Americans. He is in the Broadcasters Hall of Fame and recently was awarded the Kansas Outstanding Older Worker Award. Ken and his bride of 50+ years, June, have three children and six grandchildren.

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 would like more information on the SRM Auxiliary.

I am a member of the Ambassadors.

I want to volunteer! Please call me at _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State Zip: _____

Return in the envelope provided.

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SRM NEEDS:

YOUR PRAYERS

Razors, toothbrushes, deodorants, foot powder

Beef, pork, bacon, milk, cheese, eggs

Coffee, tea, hot or cold cereal

Vegetable oil, shortening, sugar

Spaghetti, egg noodles, elbow macaroni

55 gal. trash bags

Backpacks

OCCK bus passes

Aspirin, ibuprofen, antacids, sunscreen

Disposable latex gloves

Commercial high speed floor buffer

Copy paper, legal pads, highlighters, post it notes

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The Director's Dialog

A few weeks ago I witnessed large raindrops fall into mud puddles and the next day huge snowflakes falling to the ground changing the green grass to a white blanket. WOW ; He is awesome!! His creation is breath taking. I immediately turned to His Word and read Psalm 95:1-6

O come, let us sing unto the Lord:
Let us make a joyful noise
To the rock of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence
With thanksgiving,
And make a joyful noise
Unto him with psalms.
For the Lord is a great God,
And a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the deep places of the earth:
The strength of the hills is his also.
The sea is his, and he made it:
And his hands formed the dry land.
O come, let us worship and bow down:
Let us kneel before the Lord our maker.



May our Lord keep you in touch with himself through his creation as we worship and praise HIM.

Steve