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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."

For Gilbert, it was the frosting on the cake!



Gilbert in the SRM Kitchen.

Gilbert Reed cooks at the mission. It's his work therapy, which is a component of the New Life Program. At certain times, it's easy when the day is going smoothly. Then, there are days that don't go so smooth. Last minute menu and ingredient changes are common place at the mission. It can get on a man's nerves, but for Gilbert, it's ok because he likes to cook. Cooking puts him in a healthy environment where he can become sociable.

Talking to people is very difficult for Gilbert, so even though cooking takes him out of his comfort zone, he knows he's becoming a better person because of it. He's learning to overcome his shyness and become a team player with his boss and co-workers. Gilbert enjoys cooking for all kinds of different people. His favorite thing to do is experiment with different cakes and frostings. Work therapy has helped Gilbert in so many ways. He says, *"I've learned to be on time and work through problems. I think I'm developing a good work ethic. I'm hoping, because I'm learning to work with people on a daily basis, I'll be able to get a cooking job when I finish the New Life Program."* We hope so, too, Gilbert!

Need a hug? Then you gotta meet Grandma Hugs!

Connie McCue has been a hugger all her life. She wanted the children at her church to know her by a warm and fuzzy name. That's how Grandma Hugs was born!

One day the Lord said, *"You need to go to the Mission and see what's going on."* She did and she saw she was needed. She now comes on a regular basis to give hugs and a little happiness. She really enjoys seeing the men's smiles and eyes light up after a hug. Some of the men don't feel they deserve a hug, but Grandma Hugs tells them everyone deserves to be loved, because God loves us all, and she hugs them anyway. And they are glad she did. When she leaves the mission she feels so good, *"I have bubbles all the way home,"* she says. *"It's not what I bring here, it's the hugs I get in return. Thank you, Lord, for using me."*



Hugs are Grandma Hugs speciality!

It all boils down to God's love.



Bill is counseling a New Life Program man.

"It is so hard to define therapy because it's different with every person," says Bill Moir, SRM's family therapist. "It boils down to this, I just walk beside them as they get closer to God, understanding God's love for them and how to love God," said Moir. Men in the New Life Program are required to have weekly group and individual therapy. Here are some of the comments from men in the program about therapy: "It helps when we tackle things that trigger anger and we talk about it." "It helps me understand the different healthy approaches on life and helps me stay sane and to apply biblical principles." Bill tries to clear out what interferes in their relationship with Christ and themselves and to help them overcome pain in a lot of different ways. Another man said, "Therapy has taught me that my work matters to God and not so much what other people think."

Helping the "Least of These . . ."

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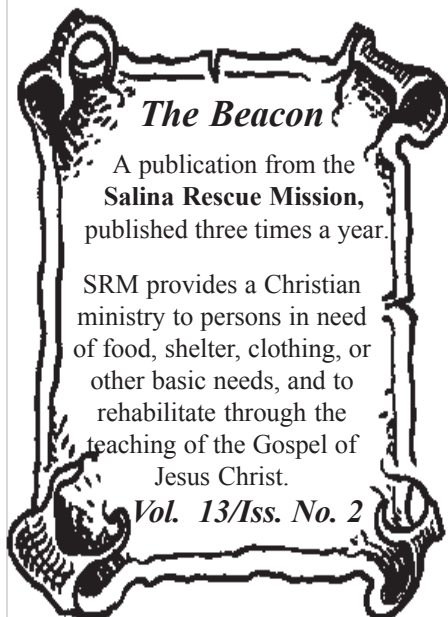
Richard Long was the very definition of homeless. He was stranded in Hays. No one wanted him. Not his family, he had no friends, no acquaintance that would help him in his time of need. We first heard about Richard when he was in the hospital, ready to be released, but needed someplace to go. They called us, asking if we would take him. We said, "Yes, send him to us."

It wasn't an easy decision to make.

You see, Richard suffered from dementia and post-stroke activity. He had no bladder or bowel control and he was confused much of the time and needed to be watched so he

wouldn't wander away. He required constant care. Richard could be a handful. But we served him gladly because of that often used, worn out phrase that still rings true: *What Would Jesus Do?*

As a veteran, Richard was entitled to VA benefits, but he didn't have any identification. We helped him get his birth certificate and with that in hand, we coordinated with the VA in Topeka. Richard is now at the VA hospital getting the care he deserves. Yes, he was a handful, but we're glad we were there when he needed us.



Bob Highgate, lead supervisor, clipping Richard's toe nails.

Prayer Petitions and Praises:

Petitions to God:

- *For shelter guests to take that first big step during Chapel to accept Christ as their Savior.*
- For Salina Rescue Mission Board of Directors.
- *For Salina Rescue Mission Staff.*
- For shelter guests with special needs physically and mentally.
- *For the good health for our shelter guests and the end of the flu bug around the Mission.*
- For our third floor remodeling.
- *For the men on the New Life Program. We pray that the Lord will bless each one with the strength to overcome their problems and addictions.*
- For the health of Doug Asbridge, an evening supervisor, who suffers from the effects of cancer. We pray that the doctors, through God's grace, will find the root of Doug's problem and find a solution.
- *For Chaplain Willie and his recovery.*
- For Sheila McDaniel, NLP Director Scott's wife, for her continued recovery from eye surgery.

Praises for God's Answers:

- *Over 40,000 pounds of buffalo meat was given to the Mission. And we were privileged to share it with area Missions, ministries and organizations with feeding programs.*
- Through the continued support of our friends and donors, our finances continue to hold their own. God bless you all!
- *Recent NLP graduates are staying strong in their faith in the Lord and their ability to make the right choices for their lives.*
- Sheila McDaniel's last report from her doctor was very good and positive in regards to her last eye surgery.
- *Chaplain Willie continues to make very slow, but steady, progress.*
- Ken Jennison, a SRM Board Member, underwent successful hernia surgery recently.

Your prayers, on our behalf, are so appreciated.

We know they are a direct link to our success in the past and our hope for the future.

Thank you.

Upcoming Events

May 25:

Mulligan Stew Golf Tournament

July 19:

Ambassadors Night of Appreciation

September 6:

11th Annual Gospel Extravaganza

October 9:

Rescuing the Lost Banquet

November 16 - 17:

Dr. Temple's 8th Annual Food Drive

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 Ambassador Clubs.

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.

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SRM NEEDS:

YOUR PRAYERS	Pocket Combs
Adult Size Shower Shoes	Sneakers (9-11)
Antihistamines/Cough Syrup	Socks (White)
Boxers/Briefs (M,L,XL)	Trash Bags (55 gal)
Black Dress Slacks	Wooden Rolling Pin
Canned Fruit	Work Boots (10-12)
Dymo Label Maker	USDA Approved:
Men's Toiletry Items	Pork, Bacon,
Sunscreen	Dairy, Eggs

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The Director's Dialog

I read this poem by Maya Angelou some time ago, but it's message is timeless and a wonderful definition of what is a Christian. I claim this definition as my own. I don't think Miss Angelou would mind.

Christians -- By Maya Angelou

*When I say . . . "I am a Christian," I'm not shouting "I'm clean livin'."
I'm whispering "I was lost, now I'm found and forgiven."*

*When I say . . . "I am a Christian," I don't speak of this with pride.
I'm confessing that I stumble and need Christ to be my guide.*

*When I say . . . "I am a Christian," I'm not trying to be strong.
I'm professing that I'm weak and need His strength to carry on.*

*When I say . . . "I am a Christian," I'm not bragging of success.
I'm admitting I have failed and need God to clean my mess.*

*When I say . . . "I am a Christian," I'm not claiming to be perfect,
My flaws are far too visible, but, God believes I am worth it.*

*When I say . . . "I am a Christian," I still feel the sting of pain.
I have my share of heartaches, so I call upon His name.*

*When I say . . . "I am a Christian," I'm not holier than thou,
I'm just a simple sinner who received God's good grace, somehow!*

