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The Salina Rescue Mission

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Voice of the Salina Rescue Mission

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"Offering the Promise of a bright future."

After the Program: Living a New Life

BRYON and his faithful companion "Bubba", a retired greyhound, came to the mission nearly 12 years ago. Bryon received rest from his traveling and Bubba was given dinner scraps that were destined for the garbage. Upon learning that his wife needed him home, Bryon packed up his things and moved on to Colorado. As I said my good-bye, I said, "...Bryon, if you ever come back to Salina, look us up. Come and join our New Life Program".

Fast forward to the year 2005. One evening I noticed that Bryon Howard returned for services at the mission. Shortly after, he joined our New Life Program and was assigned to work with Harold, the Mission's maintenance man, in performing maintenance around the building.

Bryon applied himself to our program and graduated in 2006. He obtained a job at Tony's Pizza Service working the 3rd shift, completed their probation period and soon applied for a better position in the plant. He was successful in securing a position in the electrical maintenance department and obtained some education that resulted in promotions.

In visiting with me, he shared his desire to move out west and be reunited with his family. So, he made a plan and just a few weeks ago, Harold took Bryon to the bus station, and he is now living in Colorado. Bryon has remained the sensible, witty, "caring for the other person" that I remembered over 12 years ago.

One of the many lessons Bryon learned during his time on the NLP was to slow down, especially when life becomes tense and stressful. Work through each issue as they come. You know something - this is a good reminder for us to apply the same wisdom when our lives are stressful...SLOW DOWN!

Will you pray for Bryon Howard and the other men that graduate from the New Life Program? And, I want to THANK YOU for your great support for the Bryon's of the world!

"Rescuing the Lost" Banquet Date Set

It is not too early to mark your calendar for our annual "Rescuing the Lost" Banquet. It will be held on **Tuesday, October 21**, at the Holiday Inn Convention Center, 1616 W. Crawford, Salina.

We will begin at 5:30 p.m. with the silent auction and the dinner will be served at 6:30. Our guest speaker will be a NLP graduate who lives with his family in a nearby community. More details will be made available as the date gets closer to this important annual event. Thank you for your awesome faithful support for this special time.



“AfterCare” Program Moving Forward !

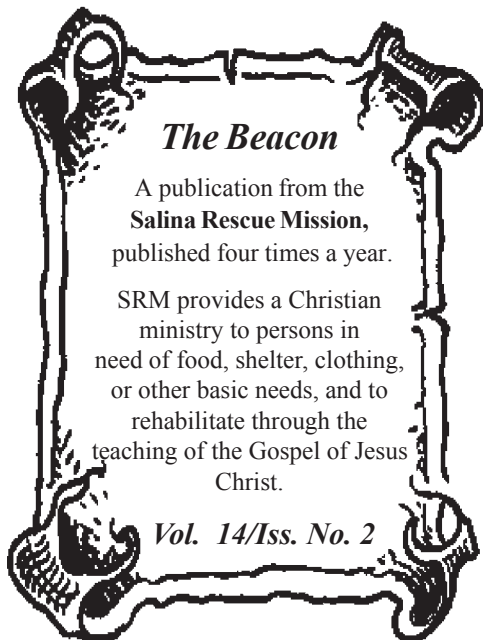


We have determined that there exists a huge gap for many of the men graduating from our New Life Program (NLP). Failing to remain clean, sober, employed, and connected with their church, coupled with a lack of accountability, is a very real statistic. With this conclusion, our Board of Directors, with the aid of our staff, have developed “AfterCare”.

The purpose of “AfterCare” is to help NLP graduates shift from a structured environment to life outside of the Mission. The program will assist participants in employment, finance management, life discipline, and Christian maturity. Our facility will work with up to eight men when the program is implemented.

Remodeling of the West Wing of the 3rd floor is more than 50% complete. Praise the Lord! We have developed the curriculum, written a job description for the manager of the program, and we are interviewing a qualified candidate for the position. I ask that you pray for this important program as we move forward. If you desire to assist financially please mark your check “AfterCare”.

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Flower Sale Benefits SRM

The rainy and windy weather didn’t deter Salina and surrounding communities from attending the annual Salina Rescue Mission Fund Raiser held at Stutzmans Greenhouse & Garden Center, Ninth & Cloud, April 16-19.

There was a huge selection of quality annuals, perennials, vegetables, potted plants, and garden supplies to choose from. The mission received 20% of the total sales of those three days. Thank you to Ben Miller, owner of Stutzmans, and also to Marti Kruckemyer, Linda Hassler, the Salina County Master Gardeners, SRM board members, other volunteers, as well as everyone that made purchases in support of the mission.



Ben Miller, owner of Stutzmans
and Steve Kmetz



SRM Needs

Antacids	Cereal, Sugar
Deodorants	Powdered Sugar
Foot Powder	USDA Stamped &
Disposable Razors	Approved: Bacon,
Shaving Cream	Cheese, Eggs,
Triple Antibiotic Cream	Milk, Pork
Adult Size Shower Shoes	Tylenol/Advil, etc
Boxers & Briefs	Napkins
Pocket Combs	Paper Towels
Sneakers in sizes 9-11	Toilet Paper
Socks, White	Trash Bags, 55 gallon
Work Boots, sizes 10-12	

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Mulligan Stew Golf Tournament

Friday - May 23
Salina Municipal Golf Course
2500 E. Crawford

Outdoor Concert

featuring Youth Group from Huntsville, Alabama
Tuesday - June 24 at SRM

Ambassador Night of Appreciation

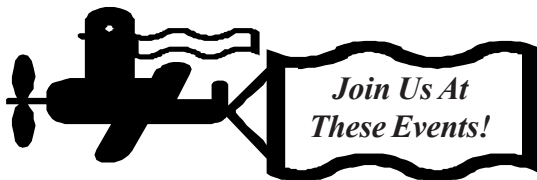
Thursday - July 17 at SRM

“Gospel Extravaganza”

Thursday - Sept. 4
First Nazarene Church, 1425 S. Ohio

“Rescuing the Lost” Banquet

Tuesday - Oct. 21
Holiday Inn Holidome & Convention Center
1616 W. Crawford



Prayer & Praise

Praise for Answered Prayers:

God continues to lead and teach the staff on ways to reach out to the less fortunate.

Remodeling of the 3rd floor West Wing is progressing well for those NLP graduates entering AfterCare.

Several New Life Program men are beginning to accept responsibility for their lives.

1984 Buick Skylark (Buford) was retired. SRM received a 1999 Chrysler mini-van.

SRM supervisor is receiving dental care.

Several staff have been blessed with safe journeys with their families.

Successful flower sale fundraiser held at Stutzmans Greenhouse & Garden Center.

Prayer Requests:

Shelter guest's daughter is struggling with self-destructive behavior.

Several shelter guests are in need of a wake-up call by God.

Staff person's family member is overcoming cancer.

New Life Program men are struggling on accepting Christ as Lord and Savior.

We are seeking a Food Service Manager - prayerfully a Christian man.

The start-up of AfterCare Program for New Life Program graduates.

YES! I want to help the Salina Rescue Mission offer the Promise of a bright future for the homeless and needy.

I would like to help the SRM provide food & shelter with a gift of: \$100 \$75 \$50 \$25 \$10 \$_____

I would like to help the SRM "AfterCare" program with a gift of: \$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.

For your convenience, you can now make a donation with your credit card:

Card: MC VISA DISC AMEX
(Circle One)

Card No.: _____

Expires: _____

Donation Amount: \$_____

Signature: _____

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A Final Thought . . .

Like many in the area my home and trees received damage from the December ice storm. I made a claim for the repairs to be done, paid the deductible, and most of the repairs are complete. With spring upon us, I continued to pick up the limbs and twigs that were lying on the lawn. As I completed this task, my eyes surveyed the tops of the very tall trees. One tree has a large broken branch wedged between other branches and, of course it is up nearly 40 feet above the ground. And yes, if and when this branch falls- it will land on the tree house and most likely destroy it.

I phoned my home owners insurance agent and asked about the possibility of this being covered. The short answer is yes - the tree house is a structure on my property. The long answer is they will have to get back to me.

As I think of the above situation in my life - of uncertainties, possibilities, what ifs and so on I am very grateful that our Lord does not have to get back with me when my life needs help through tough times. I can go to **"...the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need."**

My prayer for you is that you will continue to apply *HIS Word* to your life in the days ahead. May our Lord continue to richly Bless and Keep you!

Steve