

The Salina Rescue Mission

The Beacon

Voice of the Salina Rescue Mission

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"Offering the Promise of a bright future."

God was Pulling On This Drug Dealer's Strings



Despite being raised by his mother and grandmother who "were in church anytime the doors were open", things changed when Joel hit the teenage years. Money was tight and the guys who really had the money were the drug dealers on the corner. By his senior year of high school, he had turned away from the Jesus he had accepted as Savior at the age of nine and followed the fast life of using and selling drugs.

After a marriage that resulted in four children, a divorce and several prison terms, Joel ended up at the Salina Rescue Mission. Despite his skepticism, he found acceptance and brotherly love as well as food, shelter, clothing, medical care and help in finding a job.

He moved out and was drawn back to drug use even though "God was pulling on my strings. It wasn't the way I desired my life to go. I had to get back there (the Mission) to have any chance at all."

After having his parole revoked, Joel returned to prison. While there, he wrote to Scott McDaniel, the director of the New Life Program. He knew God wanted him in the Program. He was angry, hurt, fearful and full of resentment but he bonded with Scott and the other NLPs and his wall began to come down. He began to let go of the pain and fear of allowing anyone to get close. "I realized there were people who saw me in a positive light. Everyone at the Mission treated me with love and acceptance and encouraged me to keep going in the right direction."

Joel has graduated from the Program and remains in Aftercare while living at the Mission. He will be pursuing a degree in business because he wants to be an

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Homeless Helping the Homeless

The natural disasters that have plagued our country and the world recently have drawn attention to how close homelessness can be. Despite being homeless themselves, several residents of the Salina Rescue Mission were quick to volunteer to help the Red Cross in any way they could. They worked to set up shelters for the possible evacuees and helped prepare meals for the Red Cross volunteers. Michael at right, is working on the Red Cross luncheon. THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who has helped and continues to help the victims of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.



Christmas is almost here! Help us make it a merry one.

Here are some suggestions so Christmas can be bright for men who have to go without:

T-Shirts, Underwear
Tube Socks, Gloves
Stocking Caps, Coats, Sweaters
Sweat Shirts, Sport Shirts, Blue Jeans
Toiletries, Cologne, Combs, Manicure Sets
Small fun items

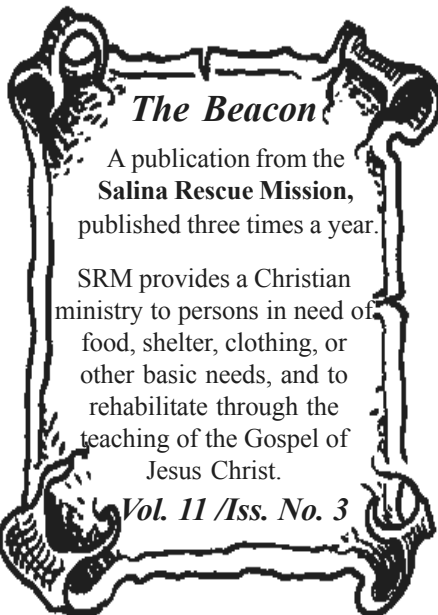
Note: We will not be providing our Country Store this year.



The Mission supplies OCCK passes to any overnight shelter guest who needs transportation to and from a medical appointment. Last year we gave out 1200 passes which cost SRM \$2400. Please consider donating toward this much needed service. Just write "OCCK passes" on your check and return in the enclosed envelope. Or purchase some passes at the OCCK office and send them along to us. We'll make sure it is used to provide the necessary transportation to these men in need.

Thank You, Veterans!

The Salina Rescue Mission honored the veterans that have served our country so well with a special service Friday, November 11 at the Mission. Chaplain (Colonel) Dan McClure US Army Retired from Ft. Riley, pictured at last year's service, was our speaker. Special programs offered by the Sears Portrait Studio and Sprint PCS Express Store also honored veterans who reside at SRM.



Free Lunch!

This summer, we at the Mission had the opportunity to give back to the community. From June 1 through August 12, we teamed up with Heartland Programs for the Summer Food Service Program. This program provides free hot, nutritious lunches to children in the community. Food Service manager Jeannette Wools and volunteers Barb Archer and Bernice Lilly prepared the meals at the Mission. The meals were delivered and served by volunteers at three feeding sites: Schilling Grade School, Sunrise Presbyterian and Immanuel Lutheran. Thanks to all those involved we were able to serve over 3000 meals to children who might otherwise have gone hungry.

God Answers

- The men in the NLP have developed the closest bonds of any group. They are supporting one another and are accountability oriented.

Please Pray

- For all the guests during the holidays. They are often disconnected from their families and it is a very difficult time for them.
- Financial needs of the Mission to be met each month.
- Beef, pork or poultry for the freezer.

Coming Events

- Nov. 18-19 - 6th Annual Dr. Temple Food Drive.
- Nov. 19 - Thanksgiving Dinner at the Salina Rescue Mission.
- Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Celebration
- Feb. 22 - Administrative Professional Dinner
- April 6 - Easter Lily Pre-Sale
- April 12 - 15 - Flower Sale at Sam's Club.

Talent Contest Winners

Individual: 1st - Sylvia Wolcott; 2nd - Richard Hays; 3rd - Miranda Basinger.
Group: 1st - Sweet Assurance; 2nd - Franklin Sisters; 3rd - St. John's Missionary Baptist Church Choir.

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entrepreneur. He is active in the Living Word of Christ Christian Center where the "Men of Standards" group helps him maintain a strong relationship with God. They have sponsored him in classes in TV production at Community Access so he can take charge of their TV ministry.

Joel says about SRM, "It influenced my life by being an example that you don't have to allow a bad past to maintain influence over your present life. You can change so your future will be better than your past." Scott McDaniel says, "Joel has opened himself up to healing. His confidence in God has been renewed--he can trust Him again!"

Are you having trouble trusting God? He loves you because He made you and He wants the very best for you. God promised that He would never leave nor forsake you and His promises you can rely on. Joel held on to God's word and you can too. Please call the Salina Rescue Mission if you want to know Jesus and need help. We want the best for you so call us at 785-823-2610.

Do You Promise.....

In June, the First Covenant Church sponsored 8 New Life Program men to attend PromiseKeepers 2005 at the Quest Convention Center in Omaha, NE. The men, who come from varied backgrounds with many different ideas about God and church, were able to hear sound teaching, experience praise and worship, and fellowship like they had never before experienced.

Many of them were challenged in personal areas of life and responded to the various invitations that were given. This has now become a part of their testimony, and spiritual development that they can always look back on and remember when God spoke. This, and other opportunities, are given to the men on the New Life Program to help them understand Christian character development and commitment. If it were not for churches and individuals like First Covenant Church, these men would not be afforded these opportunities. A sincere thank you to all who invest in eternity.

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 want to volunteer! Please call me at _____

I am a member of the Ambassadors

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State Zip: _____

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

If you are receiving more than one newsletter, please contact us at 785-823-2610 so we can correct our records.

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SRM NEEDS:

YOUR PRAYERS

Fresh beef, pork, poultry & bacon
Dry cereal, fresh fruit, coffee, salad dressing
Brown sugar, powdered sugar, baking powder,
baking soda, spices, pancake mix, eggs, milk
Toilet Paper, paper towels, Kleenex
Deodorants, foot powder, razors, toothbrushes
55 gal. trash bags
6 foot fiberglass ladder
Jeans - Sizes 30, 32, 34, 42-48
Work boots, bike locks, backpacks
Vitamins, 8 1/2x11 spiral notebooks

YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

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The Director's Dialog

During difficult times in my life, I have found that I can find additional comfort from songs. Recently, I took a hymnal and turned from page to page reading the words of the songs. Many of them spoke directly to my soul.

Yet, a song that got to the point of pain/sorrow was not in my hymnal, however, with some help I found the words on the internet. The song title is **"Got Any Rivers"**, and the words are:

Be of good courage God spoke unto Joshua
When O'er the river God pointed the way
Jordan uncrossable, things seemed impossible
Waters divide as they march and obey

(chorus)

Got any rivers you think are uncrossable?
Got any mountains you can't tunnel through?
God specializes in things thought impossible
And does the things that others cannot do.

May the words of this song bring hope and
courage during difficult times in your life.
God Bless!



Steve