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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."

Positive Changes for Tommy

Angry, mistrusting, and unforgiving - these are all adjectives that give us a look into the life of Tommy. Rarely in Tommy's young life did he receive the attention young boys need from their fathers and immediate family. Bouncing from group home to foster home to institutions further cemented in Tommy's mind that no one is to be trusted, not even himself.

Tommy came to the Salina Rescue Mission six years ago. Through a series of events that eventually led him through his fourth time in the New Life Program, Tommy finally began to understand the possibilities of a relationship with Jesus Christ and the kind of change it might mean for him.

There is fear in change because it is often unknown, but Tommy is learning that though we may not know our future, we, as disciples of Jesus Christ, know who holds our future and it is in this we can take comfort and courage.



Harry ~ Straight From the Heart



"Straight from the heart" was Harry Helsel's message to an audience of 165 people during our annual banquet, "Rescuing The Lost," which was held on Tuesday, October 9, 2007.

Harry, a graduate of our New Life Program, has discovered the "freedom" from the chains of sin that kept him down for many years. Harry says, "The New Life Program has indeed given me a new life, through the classes and the relationships that I now have with the other participants."

Harry has learned how to pray and ask others to pray for him. Just recently Harry said, "I asked Jim Miller to pray for me concerning my relationship with my son. I thought it was time for me to reconcile with him. Jim prayed with me right there and about a week later, my son and I were sitting down and talking." Harry says, "I listened to my son for several minutes. Having prepared for this conversation for a long time, I was able to ask for forgiveness. I am very pleased that he has forgiven me. Because of this blessing, I have had dinner at his house and I have visited with my grandchildren."

Harry concluded his speech by thanking his church and for all the help he has received. Though Harry's health is declining, he assists the evening supervisor at the Mission by answering the phone and supporting the staff. Please remember Harry in your prayers and also remember to pray for the other Harry's that will come to the Salina Rescue Mission.

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

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

For Men:

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

For Women:

Coats, T-Shirts, Socks,
Stocking Caps, Scarves,
Cologne, Toiletries,
Combs, Fun Hair Stuff,
Jewelry, Make-Up,
Manicure Sets,
Stationery,
Small Fun Items

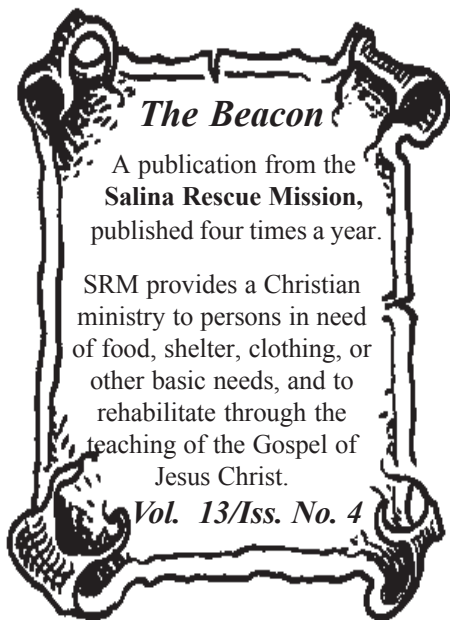
For Children:

Coats, T-Shirts, Socks,
Gloves, Stocking
Caps, Toys,
Puzzles, Games,
Colorbooks,
Homemade &
Wrapped Candy,
Peanuts, Apples,
Oranges, Small Fun Items



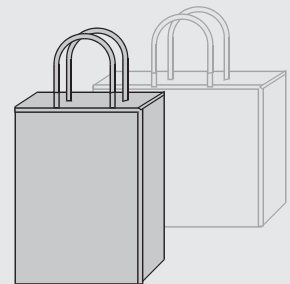
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Please consider remembering the Salina Rescue Mission in your will.



The Annual Food Drive is Fast Approaching!

This is the 8th year for
the Dr. Brad Temple
Food Drive. The dates
this year are Friday,
November 16, and
Saturday, November
17. It will be held at all



the Salina Dillons stores. Please be reading your
church bulletin for more details or you may call
the Mission at 823-2610 and ask to speak with
Donald. **THANK YOU** Salina for the wonderful
support! May you have a grateful Thanksgiving.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

November 12:

6:00 p.m. Veterans Day Celebration
at the Mission

November 16 & 17:

Dr. Temple's Food Drive
at all Dillons Stores in Salina

If you would like to help, call 823-2610.

November 17:

5:00 to 7:00 p.m. - Thanksgiving Celebration
at the Mission (Traditional Thanksgiving Dinner)

December 24:

6:00 - 8:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Celebration
at St. John's Military School

110 E. Otis Ave., Salina

Fun, Dinner, and the Country Store.

Free meal - Public is welcome.

We need your donations for our Country Store.

Call 823-2610 for details.

May we respond like, "the deer that pants for streams of water, so my soul thirsts for you, O God." Psalm 42:1

~ Prayer Requests ~

- † For the health of Staff and guests as cooler weather moves into our area.
- † That the new men in the New Life Program will grow in Christ and unite with those already in the program.
- † The 8th Annual Dr. Temple Food Drive which will be held on November 16th and 17th.
- † That all of our volunteers will be faithful and serve God and SRM with humility.
- † That our chapel speakers will faithfully and boldly preach the power and love of God to change lives.
- † That our guests will have ears to hear the gospel message and accept Christ as their Savior.
- † That the staff will accept and adjust to the many changes going on in the ministry and operations policy of SRM.
- † That the Board of Directors will continue to seek God's wisdom as they guide the Mission into the future.
- † That God will continue to bless our finances and our donors.
- † Healing for Bill's feet. He is in the New Life Program.
- † Continued healing for Dr. Emmanuel Labi, a recent guest who had a stroke.

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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.

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: _____

An Unlikely Visitor

During the month of September, the Salina Rescue Mission had an unusual guest. Dr. Emmanuel Labi is a professor of Music Theory and Composition and lives in Newark, New Jersey. As a full time professor, he is allowed to enroll in courses at a university without going through the normal registration process.



Having decided to take a class in World Music at the University of Washington in Seattle, Washington, Dr. Labi was traveling there by Greyhound Bus because he wanted to see as many sites as possible. After traveling for thirty hours, he noticed that he could not lift his left arm. At the next stop, he got off of the bus to do a little shopping, but realized that his left leg would not move in coordination with his right leg. As he returned to the bus after finishing his shopping, his left leg gave out and he collapsed on the bus steps. The driver asked about his condition and decided to call 911.

The paramedics examined Dr. Labi and decided that he may have had a stroke. They recommended immediate hospitalization and he was taken to the Salina Regional Health Center, where a stroke was confirmed. He stayed in the hospital approximately ten days. When he was released from the hospital, the doctors recommended an extended stay in the Salina area for rehabilitative therapy. Since he had no place to stay, the Salina Rescue Mission was contacted. Dr. Labi stayed with us at the Mission for fourteen days.

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Dr. Labi was born in the African nation of Ghana. He was raised in a Christian home and received a good English education. He came to the United States to pursue higher education. He completed studies toward a Bachelors Degree in music and decided to continue his studies toward a Masters Degree at the University of Illinois. After completing his formal studies, he decided to stay in the United States. He believed that the greatest musicians in the western world were located in the United States and he could gain more experience by staying here and learning to collaborate with them. He also decided it would be easier to be involved in various conferences if he lived here.



He has lived in the U.S. for thirty years and is now in the process of becoming a United States citizen. He lectures at various universities in the U.S., but also travels back to Ghana on occasion to teach. However, his main occupation is composing music. He concentrates on the basic components of African music and then builds upon them to form what he calls an “African Alternative.” The piano is the main instrument used in his compositions.

Dr. Labi says that his experience of having a stroke was frightening. As a musician who needs the use of both hands in his work, it was also a life-altering experience, as he could lose his livelihood. Another frightening aspect of his experience was not knowing if another stroke might occur. He eventually decided to delay his plans for further studies and returned to the East Coast to stay with his sister in Pennsylvania.

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Living in the Mission “has been extremely helpful,” Dr. Labi told Chad Young, Director of Operations. He said that the Mission protected him and provided for his needs more than adequately. Dr. Labi continued, saying that the great thing about the Salina Rescue Mission was not just the meeting of physical needs, but meeting his spiritual needs as well. The spiritual aspect is one of the most important elements of life.

“The constant reminder that we are spiritual beings and part of something greater than ourselves makes everyone uphold themselves appropriately,” Dr. Labi said. He appreciated that daily reminder provided by the morning devotionals and the evening chapel services.

When asked what he would say to supporters of the Salina Rescue Mission, if given the opportunity, Dr. Labi responded that it was a good deed to support the Mission. “Whatever we want, we must give away (whether service or money) before we can receive. As I give, it opens the door for me to receive,” he said.



When asked about any other thoughts on his ordeal, he expressed the thought that we are not alone. “Though we may feel alone physically at times, nothing happens to us without the knowledge of the heavenly beings. Prayer is dialing heaven to seek and receive help from God,” he said. “We can trust that Christ is in control and we can ask for help from Him through prayer.” He concluded that we all need the constant reminder that we can be in touch with God and call on Him for help. If we realize this, then we are never alone.

Praises & Blessings!

Jeannette Wools, Food Service Manager, is a new aunt. Her sister, Kim, recently gave birth to a baby girl, Julia.



Sheila McDaniel continues to receive good reports on her recovery from eye surgery.

SRM had another successful annual “Rescuing the Lost” Banquet and Silent Auction.

Steve Kmetz, Executive Director, has recovered from his extended illness.

Several men have entered the New Life Program.



The most recent painting project on the second floor is completed.

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THANK YOU!

We extend a tremendous THANK YOU to the community for already helping us with many items of great need!

Your donations and volunteer hours help to feed and care for the hungry and homeless. It also stretches our general fund dollars farther. Please help. Your donations can be dropped off anytime at the Salina Rescue Mission at 1716 Summers Road in Salina, Kansas. You may also call us at 785-823-2610.

For more information, visit us online at:
www.salinarescuemission.com

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SRM NEEDS:

YOUR PRAYERS	Shower Shoes (Adult Size)
Toothbrushes & Paste	Boxers / Briefs (M,L,XL)
Antihistamines/Cough Syrup	Socks (White)
Antacids	Sneakers (9-11)
Deodorant, Foot Powder	Work Boots (10-12)
Disposable Razors	<u>USDA Approved:</u>
Pocket Combs	Pork, Bacon, Eggs,
Toilet Paper	Dairy
Paper Towels	Milk & Cheese
Napkins	Cold Cereal
Trash Bags (55 gallon)	Noodles
AA Batteries	Instant Potatoes

YOUR FINANCIAL SUPPORT

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A Final Thought . . .

We believe in the power of prayer and that prayer changes many things. However, how often do we take time to pray? I mean to be alone with God in our prayer closet and speak our heart to HIS HEART and for us to listen to HIS soft voice.

This is an important time in developing our relationship with HIM. I know for me, there is often reluctance on my part for the fear of many things: will He listen to me?, how will He answer?, will I choose to obey?, (just to name a few).

I would like to encourage us to recognize our fears and then lean on HIM for the strength to take HIM at HIS WORD and then go to the throne of his GRACE boldly. Find a verse from the Bible that speaks to you, begin focusing on the words, and begin "Thanking HIM" for everything that you can think of. Oh yes, for the air that we breathe, for the bananas that we enjoy daily, for our families, for the inconveniencies in life—actually for everything that occurs is to offer praise to HIM.

And finally, put Proverbs 3:5 into your life by following Scripture. "Trust in the Lord with all of your heart, and lean not on your own understanding." I am confident that our Lord will see each and every one of us through the toils of life.

Rev. Steve Kmetz

