

The Salina Rescue Mission

The Beacon

Voice of the Salina Rescue Mission

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"Offering the Promise of a bright future."

NLP Men Experience Mini Vacation



We all love to get away from our routines, enjoy being with those we love, and find time to relax by vacationing. As much as we look forward to these times many of us take them for granted. In early September, men in the New Life Program were given the opportunity to take a mini vacation. They spent three days at Wilson Lake camping and enjoying a houseboat belonging to a friend of the mission.

The men spent time fishing, hiking, camping, sharing around the campfire, and even spending time playing Nintendo Wii on the boat. They worked together to create menus and prepare meals for those on the trip, including a grilled catfish lunch. For these three days the men were able to get away from their routines, find relaxation, and enjoy God's creation.

This relaxation is important, but the trip was so much more. Many of the men in the New Life Program face drug and alcohol addictions, and several made the statement that this was the first time they had done something like this sober. Establishing new and better habits doesn't stop with their work and personal habits, but also includes recreation.



During our first night at the lake, we sat around the campfire and shared Scripture, and our hearts. We saw a sense of community develop among the men that proved that church really can happen anywhere, at anytime. As we closed that evening, one of our men summarized the time well when he said, "Being out here in God's creation, and sharing with you guys, I can honestly say, I've never felt a sense of peace like I do tonight."

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Neustrom Meditation Garden



After several years of dreaming, contemplating, and planning, we now have a meditation garden. It is located on the NW corner of our property. This dream is coming to fruition thanks to the generosity of many individuals. Ron Archer is responsible for the skilled layout of the cross, and the construction of the cross was built by a group of military officer candidates. Steve Miller completed the expert backfilling for proper drainage. Tim

Stringer and Bruce Shields shared their craftsmanship in carpentry by building the redwood archways for the entrance and exit, and the icon frames. Landscaping was designed and implemented by two great master gardeners, Sandy Shields and Jane Kramer, and they were aided by a host of men from the mission. A huge "THANK YOU!" to each of these individuals along with the families that provided the necessary funding.

This is a great addition to the mission and will give our men, staff, and volunteers opportunities to spend quiet time away from the hustle and bustle of the mission activities to be alone with our Lord in meditation.

The garden was named in honor of a dear friend, Willys Neustrom (Father Thomas). He and I have spent many Tuesday mornings together over breakfast and coffee, sharing our concerns and praying for one another. He has provided a balance in my life through his friendship. Thank you, Father Thomas. When you need to be alone with our Lord, feel free to come to the Neustrom Meditation Garden.

SRM Building Update

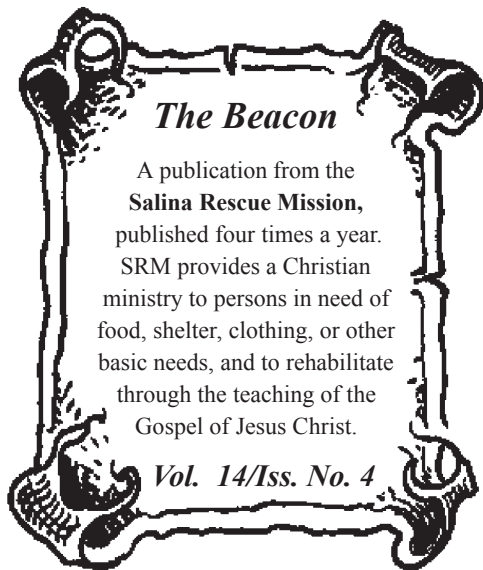


Progress continues on the SRM building window project and the 3rd floor remodeling for the AfterCare Program.

We have removed 120 windows and replaced them with 40 energy efficient windows with low e-gas. Additionally, insulation was added along with sheet rock on the new walls. We have completed one-half of this project.

One of our donors gave generously for us to purchase the remaining windows! All of the windows are ready for installation and we will have more details in coming editions for you if you desire to volunteer next spring with this project.

We are well over 60% complete for the 3rd Floor AfterCare Program remodel project, and we are nearly ready for occupancy. If you desire to volunteer during the next few months contact me at the mission. Or, if you desire to assist by making a financial gift, we still need to raise \$50,000. Contact Steve at 823-2610.



Christmas is Coming!



It's almost time for the SRM Christmas Celebration. Donations of items below are appreciated to ensure the success of this annual celebration that is enjoyed by all in attendance.

Contact Steve if you can help with this year's celebration.

For Men: T-Shirts, Underwear, Tube Socks, Gloves, Stocking Caps, Toiletries, Coats, Sweaters, Sweatshirts, 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, Color Books, Homemade & Wrapped Candy, Peanuts, Apples, Oranges, Small Fun Items.



Fresh Veggies Coming in 2009!



The mission is developing a garden located on the North side of the property. It will be approximately 110 x 110 feet and should provide a bountiful harvest of an array of vegetables this next spring and summer for the mission residents and guests.

The community has been extremely supportive of this project. We extend sincere thanks to the following individuals, companies and organizations, which have contributed either money and/or materials to the garden effort. Waters True Value will provide all the plants and seeds; Sunrise Presbyterian Church groups are providing monetarily; Pat Tomlins contributed a rake; John Divine contributed a pitch fork; Carol Duggan and Clay Thompson contributed Round Up; The City of Salina Sanitation Department is providing grass clippings and leaves; Kim Brown, Smoky Hill LLC, has plowed the ground; and Star Lumber has donated wire for the tomatoes. A huge "THANK YOU!" to Mr. Clay Thompson who is the brainchild behind this huge operation!



When you happen to be out and about, please drive by the lot and look at the progress that is being made. Soon a huge pile of leaves will be turned into the soil and the ground will be put to sleep until awakened next spring in preparation for a garden of harvest. Anyone interested in contributing items or donating monetarily can contact Clay Thompson (826-0588) or the Salina Rescue Mission (823-2610 - ask for Steve).

UPCOMING EVENTS:

“Dr. Brad Temple Food Drive”

Fri., Nov. 21 & Sat., Nov. 22

This annual food drive is held at all the Salina Dillons stores.



“Thanksgiving Celebration”

Sat., Nov. 22

We will begin serving our traditional Thanksgiving dinner at 5:00 p.m. here at the mission.

“Christmas Eve Celebration with the Country Store”

Wed., Dec. 24



Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and will be held at St. John’s Military School 110 E. Otis Ave.



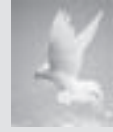
“NFL Super Bowl Party”

Feb. 1, 2009

Come join the party at the mission complete with chili dogs and brownies. Party begins at 4:00 p.m.



Prayer & Praise



Prayer Requests

The mental health of the mission men as we enter into the Holiday Season.

The Holy Spirit turning the hearts of the men toward God in our Chapel services.

Our financial needs.

Praise for Answered Prayers

We received nearly 5,000 pounds of frozen buffalo meat.

Rev. Tom Davis and family have arrived and he is our New Life Program (NLP) Director.

Several of the NLP men are growing in the Lord concerning addictions.

Clay Thompson and his church are working on next year’s veggie garden spot.

We had a great “Rescuing the Lost” Banquet.

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 to join the SRM “Ambassador Giving Club”.

I plan to make a monthly commitment of: \$100 \$75 \$50 \$25 \$10 \$_____

I would like more information on the Ambassador Clubs.

I want to volunteer! Please place my name in the “volunteer file”.

You may 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 No: MC VISA DISC AMEX
(Circle One)

Card No: _____

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Donation Amount: \$ _____

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SRM NEEDS

<i>Cough Drops</i>	<i>13 Gallon Trash Bags</i>
<i>Ibuprofen</i>	<i>55 Gallon Trash Bags</i>
<i>Foot Powder</i>	<i>Pillow Cases</i>
<i>Paper Towels</i>	<i>Work Boots, sizes 8.5-14</i>
<i>Toilet Paper</i>	<i>Men's Clothing, sizes 3X & Larger</i>
<i>Laundry Detergent</i>	



***THANK YOU FOR
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A Final Thought . . .

As I watch leaves change colors from deep green to fiery reds and deep browns I cannot help but think that this is a season for us to stop and smell the fragrances in the air. These include the cool moist air in the evenings, the lingering smell of burning wood coming out of fireplace chimneys and even the distinct odor of the trees' decaying leaves. We may also notice small creatures scurrying about, busily gathering the different items that they will require for the coming winter.

As I prepare to hunker down for the winter, I plan to have several good books to read, several cans of roasted almonds, plenty of coffee to drink, and a list of minor indoor repairs on the house/garage to complete. I will take time to analyze how I am responding to my life situations and the world events that continue to explode on the scenes of my life.

I will go to my favorite chair and read God's Word, write in my journal and intentionally think about relationships that I have with our Lord, my wife and daughter, friends, and other acquaintances.

No, I have not arrived at spiritual maturity, however as God continues to hone me for HIS WORK, my desire is for each of us to continue to grow in the Lord and in HIS MIGHTY POWER!

May each of you experience the best from our Lord! God Bless!

Steve