

## New Facility Update

In our winter newsletter edition you saw photos of the exterior of our new facility just after the roof was put on, and now we can take a look at the new entrance, as well as a few interior photos. The progress has been so fast, each day something new is added. Currently, all of the plumbing, heating, electrical and sheetrock work has been completed. Our T-Bar suspended ceiling is being installed in the new chapel area, which will greatly enhance the interior appearance. We are so blessed to look forward to the completion of this long awaited project to better serve the folks who are in need in our community. The completion should be early this summer and we will be having a ribbon cutting ceremony and open house for the community to come and be a part of. A fund raising event is also being considered and we will be sure to inform you when we have a date. You, our donors, are a HUGE part of this addition to the Eureka Rescue Mission ministry. Thank you so much for your involvement by supporting us with your prayers and finances. We will keep you updated as the progress continues.



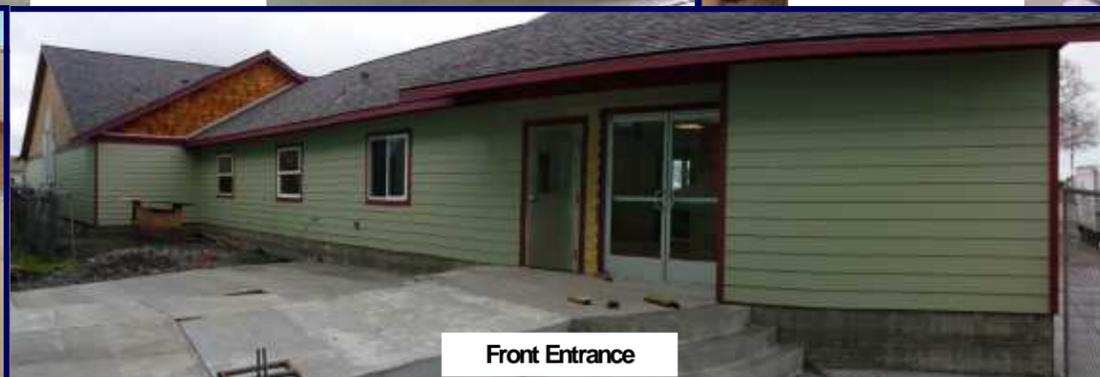
Chapel



Front Desk



Kitchen Tiles



Front Entrance

## Recent New Life Program Graduates



**Gabriel Raqueno**  
02/09/2016  
Gabe is currently working the night desk at the Mission to save up money to go to the College of the Redwoods Training Academy



**Alan Khremke**  
03/01/2016  
Alan has relocated to Washington to be near his family.



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# CHANGED LIVES

## A Glimpse Into a Month at the Women & Children's Shelter

At the Eureka Rescue Mission Women and Children's Shelter, lives are being rebuilt every day through Christ's love and provision. We look at each woman and child that comes into our shelter through the eyes of Christ, seeing the best in them even in the midst of their struggles. This kind of love reminds them they are not alone in their struggles. Yet, even in the midst of that, this month has been busy and full of success stories that we are excited to share with you!

One of our guests (a former co-worker) was able to secure permanent housing with her children. She has been working fulltime for months, saving her money. This last time throughout her stay with us, I could see that she was working hard at doing the right thing for herself and her children, even their behavior and attitudes were much better. She has experienced more than her fair share of ups and downs, but through it all God has never left her. She is a testimony to His strength and grace. She is blessed to have a wonderful church that has supported her through every one of her trials and throughout her stay with us. I believe both her church and the Mission have been key to God working in her life. I am so proud of her. I'm praying that she continues to stay on the path that God has laid out for her and her family.



*Lisa Skidmore*  
Women's Shelter Director

We had several women go to the MAC (Multiple Assistance Center) house, as well as a couple come back to us when things didn't work out for them there. One of our guests that went to the MAC called me very excited saying she found permanent housing and asked if there was any way I could help her get furniture for her new home. I called our Eureka Rescue Mission Thrift Store manager and he told me he would be able to help her with some of her home furniture needs; Praise God!

Another former guest was able to come and stay with us temporarily. Staying at the Mission enabled her to be with her son who was in the hospital, near death due to alcohol abuse. During her first stay with us, she was able to save money and relocate closer to her dad and sisters. At the time, she wanted her sons to go with her, but they chose to remain homeless and stay in the area. It was incredibly hard on her, but through love and good council, she was strong enough to choose the right thing for herself and moved instead of staying here with her adult sons. After her visit this time, and the near-death of her son, both boys went back to live near her and their family. Her son who was hospitalized will be staying in a care home for a time near her and her family. We pray for a full recovery, but even more importantly, that he will find the Lord throughout this time.

I hope in sharing with you our recent happenings at the Women and Children's Shelter you will understand that your support of the Mission is very real and tangible and you are helping change people's lives every day. Thank you so much.

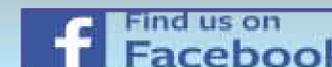
*Lisa*



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## Easter Meal

A line of hungry people greeted us at the Eureka Rescue Mission Saturday afternoon, March 26th, for our annual Easter Meal. The Mission's New Life Discipleship men, along with volunteers from our community, prepared and served approximately 200 hungry men, women and children a hot holiday meal. This year we offered a choice of ham or corned beef along with mashed potatoes, mixed veggies, hot rolls and pie. The meal was free to anyone in the community, from the homeless to those who just didn't want to be alone this Easter Holiday. Easter is the time of year that we focus on the hope that we have because of the resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We believe in the truth of the resurrection and find it such a blessing to share the hope we have with all who come through our doors, especially at this time of year. Being grateful for this day and the hope it brings to our guests, program men, and volunteers is something that will last for eternity. We want to express to our community, that without your help, none of this would be possible. Thank you so much for your generosity.



## A Playroom Remodel



The children in our shelter have been completely blessed, thanks to the Soroptimist of Humboldt who redecorated our playroom and filled it with all kinds of wonderful things for the children to play with and explore. First up, new carpet and a fresh coat of paint. Then the fun really began as the play room came alive with a new DVD/TV player to watch movies and Veggie Tales, dress up clothes and Barbie dolls, stuffed animals, blankets, warm fuzzy socks, books, crafts and a child-size table. There was already a Noah's Ark mural on the wall, and that theme was kept throughout the remodel. It's not just a playroom, it's a place where moms can cuddle and bond with their children in the safety of the shelter, a place that the children know was made especially for them. It's a place where our volunteer book readers can enjoy reading books and doing crafts with the children in the evenings while chapel services are being held. Mothers and their children will certainly enjoy the blessings of this new playroom for years to come. We are so grateful for the Soroptimist of Humboldt for their generosity and hard work to make a world of difference in the lives of the children who come through our doors.

## A hand up for our guest, William Griffin, III



Born in Washington D.C., William was raised by his grandparents, and loved fishing, hunting, boxing & softball. When asked what it was like being raised by his grandparents, he said, "My grandparents were the best!" William has had many different jobs throughout his life-security guard, package handler, construction worker, food processing, landscaping and an operating room orderly. He has always held a job and has no history of alcohol or drug abuse. In 2014, he lost his housing in San Francisco due to a company buy out of the apartment building where he lived. William found himself with a job, but no housing which eventually led to losing his job. He moved to a few places before coming to Eureka on the promise of employment in Humboldt County. The promised job fell through, but that didn't stop William from continuing his search for employment, which led him to a position as a security guard with a local company. William is now working full time and saving money to purchase a vehicle. When asked how he likes staying at our facility, he said, "The Mission has been a very stable and structured environment which allows me to get on with the rebuilding of my life. I am treated very well with respect and dignity by the staff and program members." We asked William what he would like to say to the supporters of the Eureka Rescue Mission and he said, "You have my deepest gratitude, thank you so much!"

### "Because of you I have hope & faith."

Gary was born in Texas. Like most kids, he dreamed of being everything from a pro athlete to a doctor. Gary has suffered from serious depression since childhood, which eventually led to a suicide attempt. When he was 15, he had his first taste of alcohol. Gary said, "It medicated my severe depression and gave me a false feeling of security and happiness that I longed for even though it was only temporary. I drank alcohol as often as I could." Gary became homeless in 2008 and over time he ended up here in Eureka where he found the Rescue Mission and decided to enter our yearlong program. He joined the program because, "The homeless life is a selfish life. I was tired of living that type of life and I wanted to learn how to serve God. By learning to love Jesus, and reaching out and helping other people, I have finally found fulfillment and happiness in my life." He continued, "The quality of my life is great. I am responsible now and I have purpose and standards that I didn't have before. I like to have fun now." In his new life with Jesus he has finally found peace. He would like the supporters to know, "You are a hero. You saved my life. Because of you I have hope and faith. I have a lot of gratitude and respect for everyone who supports the Eureka Rescue Mission." Gary's is a story of the love that God has for all of us, and the length God will go to reach one lost soul - to the ends of the earth and back.



### "All I want is to be a faithful man of God."



Dave was born into a family where alcohol and drugs were abused. Dave's parents divorced when he was 7, and he was placed in a group home from the ages of 10-18. Growing up, Dave wanted to be a farmer, but became a talented cook, instead. At 17, Dave gave in to peer pressure and tried drugs. He never thought it would rob him of his freedom. At 19, he was sent to prison for 2 years due to methamphetamines and poor choices. At age 27, he again found himself in prison - this time heroin was to blame. Dave became homeless in 2007 and ended up in Humboldt County. Dave said, "I've tried clean and sober homes but my addiction to alcohol and drugs has always gotten the best of me." In 2010, Dave died from drug use and was brought back to life by medics. "I knew I needed to make some changes but I didn't know how to do it. I heard about the program and gave it a try. The program is where I accepted Jesus as my Savior. I eventually left, I am back now for the second time. Jesus wasn't finished with me, He wants me to live. All I want is to be a faithful man of God. My life right now is great and Lord willing it will stay that way." Dave is now full of hope and humbleness. To our supporters he says, "Thank you so much. Your contributions saved my life. You have given me a chance to learn about God and provide me a place to change my life, thank you so much."