

## Recent New Life Program Graduates



SHAN FOWLER  
GRADUATED ON  
AUGUST 24, 2011



JIMMY JOHNSON  
GRADUATED ON  
SEPTEMBER 7, 2011



BARY JONES  
GRADUATED ON  
OCTOBER 12, 2011

## Where are they now?



**Bill Hensel** graduated the Men's New Life Program on May 6, 2009. Since that time, Bill has been working at the Men's Shelter. He has been growing in grace, and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ, each day while ministering to the needs of the guests of the Shelter.

**Benny Broyles** graduated the Men's New Life Program on April 13, 2011. Since then, Benny has secured employment at the Mission Thrift Store, and has been doing a remarkable job! Last month he was voted 'Employee of the Month', and has proven himself to be a true asset to the Mission Thrift Store.



**John Ulrich** graduated the Men's New Life Program on April 3, 2010. After graduating, John landed a job at a local trucking company hauling milk. Since then, he has relocated to Idaho, and is driving truck for Idaho Milk Transport. John calls periodically to let us know all is well.



On September 21, 2010, Jimmy Johnson arrived at the Eureka Rescue Mission's, yearlong, New Life Program. Jimmy's life was in disarray, and he had lost the respect, and trust of his family. During that year, Jimmy accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord, and Savior.

On September 6, 2011, Jimmy Johnson went to the hospital with back pain. On September 13<sup>th</sup>, Jimmy was diagnosed with terminal bone cancer. Jimmy's final words were, "I'm fine I have my faith." On September 17<sup>th</sup>, Jimmy passed from this life into eternity, loved, and respected by family, and friends. A memorial service was held at the Mission on October 5<sup>th</sup>, to celebrate Jimmy's life. Family, and friends were present, and it was a great time to reflect on God's amazing grace, and mercy in Jimmy's life.

### OUR CURRENT NEEDS THIS QUARTER

- Fervent, continual prayer for our volunteers, chapel providers, and staff.
- Turkeys are needed for Thanksgiving.
- Canned items, like vegetables and fruit, will refresh our depleting supply.
- Please consider donating your gently used items to our Thrift Store.
- Your financial donation, of any amount, is an effective and welcome tool.

*Together, you, and your Rescue Mission, are having a positive impact on those in need. Thank you for allowing us to be the bridge from despair to hope.*

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## New Playground for Women and Children's Shelter!

It seems recess is the favorite class for most kids in school! There is nothing in this world more wonderful than to hear the sounds of children laughing, and playing. When most young children go to the mall, it isn't the shopping or eating they enjoy, it is usually playing at the playground, in the middle of the shopping mall, they enjoy the most. The children on the women's side of the Mission are no different. Unfortunately, our playground area was nothing for those kids to get excited about. All in God's timing. For two years the staff at the Women and Children's Shelter has been faithfully praying for a new playground for our children. All of the playground equipment was old, and broken down. There wasn't really anything for the children to do outside to enjoy themselves. The answer to our prayers came from Apache Junction, Arizona. A wonderful, retired special education teacher, named Karen, would bless us by buying a new, awesome, and fun play yard.

On August 7, 2011, we started our much needed renovation on the play-

ground area. We removed all of the decaying wood chips, and old railroad ties in order to prepare a level area for the new equipment. Keenan Supply donated 8" plastic drain pipe, and 90° elbows for the perimeter. Miller Farms donated 300' of weed barrier, and Green Diamond donated a dump truck load of chips. Charlotte, through Eureka Main Street, arranged for additional chips to be donated from another company, which ended up being all we needed. Thank you all, so much, for your generous donations!

We are sure the children were aware we were building them a new playground, and that it would have new play equipment, just for them! The waiting must have been the hardest part for the kids. Just like waiting for Christmas morning to open their presents. When the day finally came, you could hear the wonderful sounds of children running, sliding, and swinging at the new playground. Jesus just loves little children, and I'm sure He's smiling while watching them play in their new playground, on their new play equipment.



A good foundation was needed first.



Next came the construction of the playground.



And finally the goal - The sound of happy kids!



Women and Children's Shelter - Homeless Guest Services  
New Life Discipleship Program - Thrift Store  
Rebuilding broken lives ... One life at a time





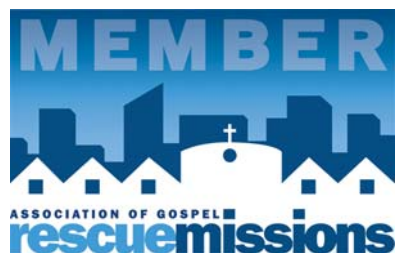
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## Triumphant Life Camp Men's New Life Program Getaway



The program members, and staff at the Mission, have had a very busy summer. We've set up many festivals, worked on many community, and or-



Dave Anderson enjoying himself, serving BBQ

ganizational projects, and have been faithfully taking care of the guests that come to the Shelter each day. We all needed a break from our normal routine, even though we absolutely love what we do. So on Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, sixteen of us rode out to Triumphant Life Camp for a much needed getaway. It felt great the minute we pulled into the driveway. The camp included cabins for sleeping, a full kitchen, as well as some of the most beautiful mountain scenery around. Our gifted cook, Dave Anderson,

was blessed to be surrounded by such a beautiful, large kitchen facility. The dining room also had an area for us to play ping pong, which we all did every chance we could. Sometimes, when we're in a hurry, we don't have time to get out of our routine. This getaway was a great opportunity for us to do just that, and to see God with refreshed eyes. We woke every morning to coffee, sunshine, and morning devotionals. A program member led the devotional each morning. The days were full of basketball, air hockey, hiking on the trails, and swimming in the creek. Every evening we had worship, and teachings by staff, from the Gospel of John, at the beautiful

amphitheater. Afterwards, we all sat around the campfire exchanging stories, discussing the Bible, and just having great fellowship. Our key was slowing down our pace, taking off our shoes, and experiencing God, right then, and there.

On Thursday morning we gathered our gear, prayed, and prepared to head back to the Mission. We cleaned the TLC camp thoroughly. We all felt very blessed to have had the opportunity to be there, and we gave a special thanks behind to keep the Mission going in our absence. Looking back now I can plainly see; change of place + change of pace = change of perspective. We came back refreshed, a closer knit group, and excited about all that God has done for us!

## Men's Shelter Painting Project



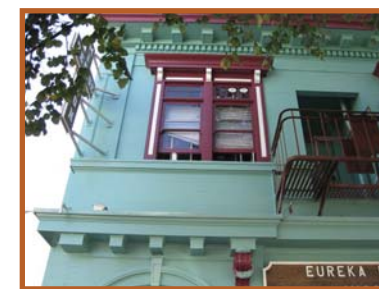
A work in progress - Men's Shelter

We have to admit that the Shelter looked like a typical homeless shelter, but we are proud to say the appearance has changed. A lot of times when you see homeless facilities, they are thought of as not being well kept, but if you can apply a new coat of paint, it's amazing how you can brighten up the facility, and make it look like home. That is exactly what we have done with the Men's Shelter.

One of our program men, Richard, pressure washed the whole building, caulked the windows, and secured any loose pieces of siding. On September 16<sup>th</sup>, he applied a primer coat of paint, which took him about a day, and then the next day started with the finish coat. He paid special attention around door, and window casings in order to create a

very smooth, professional appearance. The front has a lot of structural detail, which provided an opportunity, not only to contrast the green with the burgundy trim, but to trim some of the historic architectural design with bright white. Overall, the Shelter looks absolutely immaculate, and matches the color pattern of other buildings here in Old Town.

We would like to thank an anonymous donor for providing the funds for this project. Earthly words cannot convey an accurate description of the impact that all of your support provides, for the least, the lost, and those in need. It is a privilege, and an honor, to be called into this ministry, and you are the ones the Lord has called to make it possible. Thank you.



Completed front section of Shelter



## Thrift Store Floor Waxing

On the evening of Saturday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, a group of program men stormed the Mission Thrift Store to clean, and wax the floor. First, we moved all of the furniture, and shelves to one side of the store. Then we utilized a cleaning solution to scrub the floor, rather than using floor stripper, which saved a lot of money. Being good stewards of what we have is extremely important to us, and all of the program men truly took pride in the task. Later that evening, after moving furniture, and scrubbing floors, we laid two coats of wax in the furniture area. Sunday, after church, we arrived, and laid another couple coats of wax, and then got started on the rest of the store. We worked until evening, and

accomplished the majority of the job. Monday, Labor Day, we arrived early, and finished up by late afternoon. The floors are dazzling, and now all we will need to do is burnish the floor, throughout the year, to keep it looking shiny, and new. Overall, it was a complete success, and the floors look great!

Projects like this help the men, in the New Life Program, learn what it means to develop a stable work ethic, which is a valuable asset. We have seen men transition, from living a life of severe drug, and alcohol abuse, into clean, sober, responsible, productive members of society. It is a blessing to work with these men on a daily basis, and to witness the change in their lives.



Another job well done! Thank you Men's Program.