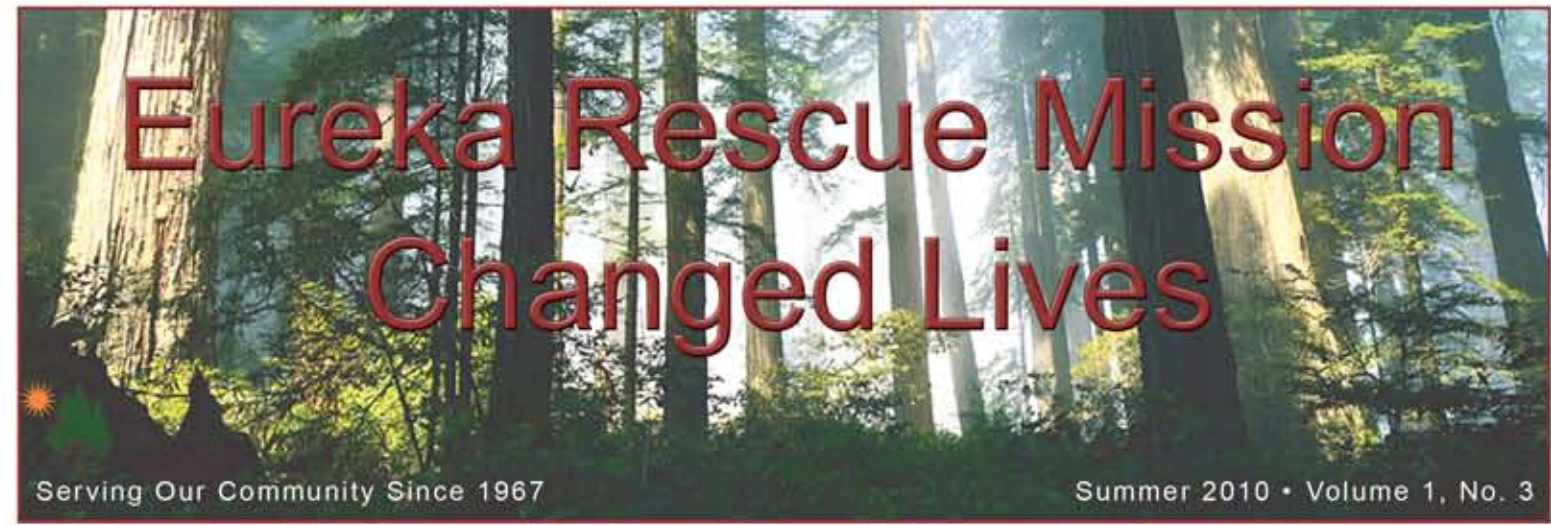




## Bathroom Remodel Completed - *Men's Shelter*

On June 21st the much needed work on our shower and restroom facility began here at the Eureka Rescue Mission Men's Shelter. Many attempts have been made through the years to stop leaks and prevent mold from developing in our upstairs showers and restroom. Our guests and program members were forced to bathe in a less than adequate shower due to the immense cost of renovating the existing amenities. On July 12th our washroom renovation was completed, allowing the homeless population and program members the opportunity to enjoy proper washroom and shower facilities at the Men's Shelter which houses over seventy people nightly. These numbers had overwhelmed the Mission's facilities for the past years but now we are prepared to serve the population with an extremely clean and modernized lavatory. Our new shower has white ceramic tile from the ceiling to the floor with modern water saving shower heads including a detachable handicapped shower head. Our sinks are wall mounted with large mirrors behind. The commode area now has full partitions from the floor to the ceiling for adequate privacy as well. The old vinyl floor has been replaced with a red terracotta tile which makes for easy cleaning. New lighting along with two new weatherized windows turn the once dim lit rooms into a bright and pleasant place to groom. We now have three high powered exhaust fans to remove any moisture that might accumulate from the hot showers. This is one simple, yet vital example of how we can all make a difference together, because not everyone living in this city takes a washroom or a shower for granted. Clean washrooms are a luxury for people living at the margins of our society. Not only are our showers used by our nightly guests and program members, but three afternoons during the week we open our shower facility to anyone needing its use. The average number of showers provided in a month at the Mission is 3,800. When we keep the best interests of our guests, program members and community in mind we inevitably can't go wrong. A much deserved thank you goes out to you, the friends and partners of the Mission, for your financial support toward this project, and Betty Chinn of Saint Vincent de Paul, for the use of their shower facility during the work. We would also like to thank the following businesses for their outstanding workmanship, and donations towards this project. Special thanks to Pat McDonald of Pacific Builders.

- Pacific Builders, Contractor
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- Tim's Plumbing, Subcontractor
- Schweigert Electric, Subcontractor



## Fourth of July at The Eureka Rescue Mission



Food



Family



Fun



Fellowship

We are blessed by God to live in such a wonderful country. Fourth of July celebrates our country's freedom to govern our own future, and reminds us of the price paid for that freedom and peace. Our founding fathers, led by God, established our great nation, a nation unlike any ever seen before, and to our founding fathers we are very grateful. As Christians, we have an even greater freedom in Jesus Christ, that came at an even greater price. The American flag represents our nation's independence from tyranny, and the cross on Calvary represents our soul's independence from sin, an even greater liberty purchased with the death of God's only begotten son. As Americans we are no longer slaves to foreign rule, and as Christians we are no longer slaves to sin - through our belief in the finished work of Jesus Christ on the cross at Calvary. Now that's something worth celebrating!

So on this Fourth of July, the Eureka Rescue Mission re-instated our annual celebration of those freedoms. We held our festivities at the Women's Shelter playground. We rolled out the grill and assembled a stage while the sun shined brightly. The Mission supplied free hot dogs, chips, and cold sodas while also providing free balloons and face painting for all the children. There was live music provided by the Sound Doctrine Band, Michael Stanley and the Faith Center Worship Team. Even though the wind picked up along with some minor technical issues, the day was a huge

success! Approximately 200 - 250 smiling faces enjoyed the BBQ, the music, and the love of Christ echoed throughout the entire area. We look forward to putting on this event next year - God willing!

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## *A Hand Up Not A Hand Out*

March 1967. "The first night the Mission opened only one man came for the service and a meal. The service was informal with only four Christians and this one stranger in attendance. The songs, testimonies, and short celebration message were Spirit led. At the close, this one visitor came forward seeking Christ. He was invited to stay at the Mission and learn more about God's Word. The joy of the Lord was present in his life as he listened and worked for a week before going back to his home and family." Today, this message is still carried to those who enter our doors. Many people arrive here from many different situations; fire, job loss, family difficulties or simply being homeless, people come. Some are lost, many are suffering. Yet each person receives the salvation message in words and in actions. People arrive at the Mission to discover that they are also given a chance to rebuild their lives and recover from the present situation that they are in. In the last three months, fourteen men and eight women along with two of the women who brought children with them to the shelter have gainfully found permanent residences. This is not a hand out, but simply a hand up. People come to the Mission desperate. People leave the Mission hopeful. They leave with a deep inward sense that people really do care. God works powerfully through the staff and volunteers to lift them up and encourage them. Who knows what kind of impact that man received being the first to enter this Mission as he saw the love and compassion from others that affected him so deeply that he would stay a week and volunteer. That is the same impact that so many others receive today as they are given a chance to recover their lives and have their hearts mended. We truly see people change. But for the grace of God, there go I.

### **Homeless to Housing Statistics**

In 2009, 22 single women, 30 single men, 11 families and 20 children went from our emergency overnight shelter, at the Mission, to permanent housing.

So far in 2010, 17 single women, 18 single men, 2 families and 5 children went from our emergency overnight shelter, at the Mission, to permanent housing.

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## *From the Women and Children's Shelter*

### *Jervell's Story*

"I am a mother of six children; two of them are Humboldt State graduates. A family misunderstanding left me homeless. Being a believer of the Lord Jesus Christ I went to him in prayer. Then a man on Third Street told me about the Mission. I found my way to the Mission where Kaci was there to receive me in love and kindness as she brought me in. There were things in my life that are not allowed at the Mission. They did not send me away for it. They encouraged me to surrender it to the Lord. With the staffs help I was able to quit smoking. The structure of the Mission helped me to get on a good schedule with my medications. I enjoyed going to church at Calvary Chapel and attending bible studies at the Mission. I am so grateful to the Eureka Rescue Mission and the Women's Shelter staff for helping me rebuild my life. I now have my own apartment and television. This is the first time in my life I have lived on my own. I am happy and doing well. Thank you." - Jervell



Jervell

### *Darlene's Story*

In the still of the night a woman was awake with excitement. She was going to be moving into her own apartment after staying at the shelter for three months. She was sharing with me how it was for her before she came to our shelter. She had been thrown out of her own home after an abusive situation and tried living with her daughter and son-in-law and was asked to leave from their home with no where to go. She was cold and hungry seeking shelter and found it here at the Women's Shelter. She felt so alone and said she thought even God had thrown her away because she couldn't hear Him any more. She went on to tell me after being in the shelter for awhile she started to hear the Lord speaking to her again. Her faith was growing and her hope had returned. She spoke wonderful things about the shelter and the staff that was running it. She thanked the Lord for showing her the way here and restoring all that she thought she had once lost. It was a quiet, precious time of sharing with her and the Lord. - Lisa, Women's Director



Darlene



Fresh paint at the Women & Children's Shelter

*"I appreciate the time that the Mission's staff invested in my life, it allowed me time to get my life together, to save money, get strong, and to believe in myself once again. It prepared me to face the world again." - Darlene*