

KLAMATH FALLS GOSPEL MISSION

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Recovery Center

"Ah Lord Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm. There is nothing too hard for you."
JEREMIAH 32:17

Michael...Gone...and Back!



I got out of prison in Texas and came to Klamath Falls and ended up at the Gospel Mission and joining the Life Recovery Program. But after just six months I was sent back to prison for parole violation. I then did three years in Oregon prison, knowing that afterwards I would have to go back to Texas to finish my time there.

I was ready to end my life. I prayed, really prayed, to God for the first time. "God, I don't know what to do any more, I'm at the end of my rope. I'm tired of living my life my way, it's time for you to take the wheel. Please, God, help me because I'm lost and don't know what to do anymore."

The next day I saw the prison release counselor to sign the papers to transfer back to Texas. He said, "Michael, you don't have to go." I thought I heard wrong. I thought he was joking. "Michael, they released you." Then all I could say was thank you, God. I started to cry like a newborn baby.

I came back to the Gospel Mission and picked up in the Life Recovery Program where I left off. I am back in the kitchen as a cook and loving it, and so thankful they welcomed me back.

I guess what I'm trying to say is my faith and hope and most of all love has been restored. I am taking one step at a time to walk with my Lord and keep my promise to him.

I never really knew Jesus because I wanted to live my life my way and no other way. I lived it my way all the way to prison. As many others that get locked up and play church but never really mean it with a full heart, I did the same thing. But I went to Bible study and Bible classes.

The day I received first Communion, I really didn't know what to pray for so I just got on my knees and closed my eyes. I felt a warm hand on the back of my neck and a deep peace like a Father's hug, but no one was by me. I heard these words in my heart and mind...don't give up on Me, because I haven't given up on you. However I put those words aside and still lived my life for me.

Thrift Store NEWS!

Hours Changing

Beginning Tuesday September 3 (after Labor Day) our store will now be

**Monday through Friday 10am – 5pm,
Saturday noon to 4pm / Closed Sunday**

Donations accepted from store opening to 4pm only.

Coats for Kids

The campaign begins September 16. Bring your new or clean/good condition coats to the Thrift Store.

School Supplies Needed

If you bring in school supplies for kids you will receive a discount coupon to apply to purchases in the store. We will be selling those supplies at significant discount to help parents of kids.



FROM THE DIRECTOR

By Ron Hicks,
Executive Director



As the new Executive Director I have a lot of new duties and responsibilities to fulfill that are quite varied and different than in my role as Men's Program Director over the last 8 years. I am challenged by my new role and am absolutely loving being able to make a difference in our community through our ministry to people here at the Gospel Mission.

In this second of my monthly articles I will be writing, I wanted to talk about something that has overwhelmed me, in a good way. It is the financial support of local churches, individuals, businesses, and clubs. It is truly amazing how much community support we have. As Kent Berry, retired Executive Director and my supervisor in my years here always said at every opportunity, "the community support of the Mission is fantastic," I now find myself repeating that at every opportunity I get too. I'm copying him, but because as the Director, I now

see even better the support on a daily basis. This through being responsible for managing the budget and finances, which is a huge challenge. And our Board of Directors, which is ultimately responsible for the budget, is just as appreciative. But we trust God to provide, and I and the staff personally pray for every individual or organization that contributes to the Mission.

I wanted to personally thank all of you who contribute to the Gospel Mission and encourage your continued giving. It is truly needed to complete God's work here. We as staff see His miracles here in many ways, and know that this is His work, and we are just partners with Him.

Again, thank you for partnering with us.

Ron Hicks
Executive Director

Help Us Get Local Beef for \$1 a Pound!

A local rancher is donating an entire beef, about 600 pounds cut & wrapped, and all we need to do is pay for the cut & wrap, which will cost about \$600.

Choose how many pounds you would like to contribute at \$1/lb and then go to our website DONATIONS page and select pounds of beef from the dropdown menu.

Or mail or bring in the donation to our office, Mon-Fri 9am-5pm. Thank you for helping us feed people in need.



Items most needed:

KITCHEN

Hot or Cold Cereal
Coffee & Tea
Pancake & Biscuit Mix
Large Cans (#10) of vegetables
Cheeses
Butter

MEN & WOMEN'S SHELTER

Aspirin
Ibuprofen
Cold Medicine
Gloves (for upcoming weather)



Will you be one of the 300?

Commit as little as \$10 a month to join The 300 Strong!

You choose the level of sponsorship. Choose "recurring" and "300 Strong" from the dropdown menu. kfallsmision.org/giving.php