

Lives Change, Because You Care.



Before I came to the Klamath Falls Gospel Mission I lived in a cycle of addiction and instant gratification that left me hollow and empty. This cycle was my life. Like many who find themselves on this path I wanted out, but lacked the strength to admit it. I realized that the strength to fight addiction did not have to be solely

from within myself. I wanted a relationship with God, but did not know where to start. The Gospel Mission provided the element that was missing in my previous life.

The Mission provided a calm oasis away from the influences of the secular world that was keeping from the truth of the Gospel. I joined the Life Recovery Program and the year I spent in the discipleship program caused me to make the changes I needed on inside. This peaceful time allowed me to: study the word of God, implement change it in my life, and practice living healthy.

A class on love taught me to implement God's love into my life. Another class showed me how offense takes root within us and tears apart our relationships and leads to my own destruction.

Towards the end of my Program, I applied to the community college, was accepted and started school with the desire to being a part of helping the homelessness in our community. While in school I flourished by the grace of God.

After leaving the Mission I continued to volunteer because I believe in the Gospel Mission's goals. During this time a live-in house supervisor position opened up and I considered going back to help in this capacity. I will not lie, I struggled with pride and the desire to have the freedom away from a demanding schedule, but through prayer and the counsel of other believers I accepted the position and was gladly received. The driving motivation was to help the Mission and learn the skills needed to alleviate homelessness and deal with the day to day conflicts within such a complex social problem.

Now in my second year of a full time school schedule, I am doing well and keeping very busy.

~ Wallace

How do we Measure Success for the Homeless we Serve?

The structure and order in daily activities, plus the requirements to give back 4 hours a day of work to keep the ministry going, offers consistency, predictability, calm, quiet, peace and safety few of our guests have experienced for a long time, prior to coming to us.

Over time, we begin to discern those who are serious about choosing increased wellness in their life from those who are just wanting to meet their immediate need for food and shelter. For those who are not wanting or willing to change, their stay with us is short. For those who continue to choose things that will bring them increased wellness and life, their stay and building back time is much longer.

One of the first areas we begin to challenge is helping them regain their hope. Most have given up on hope as a self-protective survival mechanism. Our guests aren't likely to change unless they believe such change is possible. It is equally important the staff of the KFGM maintain high expectations about our guest's ability to change and God's willingness and delight to intervene and transform their life.

It comes down to small steps....1 choice at a time. "Choose you this day life". Each time a guest makes a choice for life, a choice of change which separates them from where they were, we consider that a great measure of success and will rejoice and celebrate with them. We cannot control the extent, or duration of each one's choices towards life and wellness. We cannot take responsibility for their choices, for they have been given free will. But we can be that consistent voice of hope and believe the goodness and life found in God is for them and to convey that message clearly and consistently.

"Choose you this day life".



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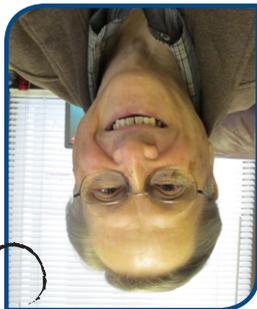
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Just Thinking...

Many women, men, and children are searching for ways to stay warm and dry. We've having to turn away women and children this past month because of having no space to house them. We can offer food and clothing but it's hard on us to have to say "no space, try tomorrow." Your donation to our Capital Campaign is needed more than ever to help these folks. We depend on your faithful giving and prayers for this ministry. For His Glory, Kent



Capital Campaign Update:
Goal: \$2.3 Million
Received: \$1,232,000.00

"God, along with the Gospel Mission, saved my life..."
 With your continued support along with the help of regional foundations, we will raise the \$2.3 Million to construct our Gospel Mission Recovery Center so that others can say "God, along with the Gospel Mission saved my life."
Help us in making this become true for many others in years to come!
 Consider giving cash, stock, property, and gifts-in-kind.
"The greatest things that will ever be done, will be done together!"
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