

GETTING CLEAN AND COOL AT THE RESCUE MISSION



Have you ever gone several days without showering?

You feel dirty and sometimes less than human, especially when you are out in 90 degree heat.

This June, many of our homeless friends will have this dehumanizing experience. They will be out on the streets in the blazing sun. They will have no comfortable bed to lie on and during the day will sweat out the hot summer.

They will be dirty and their body odor unbearable. People will walk by and hold their breath. This is not a way to live.

At the Rescue Mission, your support enables us to help people on the streets who feel shame and are dehumanized in the summer heat. We offer free refreshing showers, new clothes, cozy mattresses, cold water, good food and love. These services help people feel human again and FEELING HUMAN can be the starting point for a new life.

And for the working poor, something as simple as a cool shower and clean clothes can make all the difference. About twenty five percent of our

homeless friends who seek emergency services of meals, shelter, showers and clothing are employed and never enter the New Life Program. These men and women are working their way out of homelessness with the Rescue Mission's help by receiving the basic necessities of life. After all, could you imagine going to work and serving customers without showering for a week and wearing the same clothes?

This summer please continue to support our efforts to help the homeless feel like real people again. A cool drink, a refreshing shower and clean summer clothes will make a big difference in many lives during our months of summer swelter. We are all concerned about our homeless friends freezing to death in the winter, but the summer can be just as exacting with dehydration and exhaustion that can be physically and emotionally draining and life threatening. Visit our website, RescueSaltLake.org, call our donor relations office at 801.746.1006 or use the enclosed envelope to give today.

Join us in humanizing our homeless friends this summer as we work together to restore broken lives and end homelessness, one life at a time.

JUNE 2018 - CHAPEL AND KITCHEN SERVING SCHEDULE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Mt Olympus Presbyterian	2 Bible Baptist
3 Gospel Grace	4 First Baptist of West Valley - Chapel and Kitchen	5 Calvary Chapel of Salt Lake Kitchen: Intermountain Baptist Youth	6 South Mountain Community Church - Chapel and Kitchen	7 RMSL	8 Hilltop United Methodist Church	Kitchen: South Valley Community Church
10 RMSL	11 Intermountain Baptist	12 Unity Baptist Kitchen: Alpha Tau Omega - U of U	13 Northern Utah Mennonite Kitchen: Southeast Youth Group	14 Millcreek Baptist	15 RMSL	16 Southside Church of Christ - Chapel and Kitchen
17 RMSL	18 Bennion Christian Center	19 K2 - The Church	20 RMSL	21 New Beginnings Christian Fellowship Kitchen: Capital Church	22 Midvalley Bible	23 Evangelical Free Church of Salt Lake
24 Grace Community Bible	25 Living Waters Christian Fellowship	26 Canyons Church Kitchen: First Baptist Tooele	27 First Methodist	28 Tooele Christian Fellowship	29 Utah Partnership for Christ - Chapel and Kitchen	30 Faith Baptist - Chapel and Kitchen

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The Monthly Newsletter of the Rescue Mission of Salt Lake



JAMES FRAZIER: God leads another soul to the Mission

I believe God led me to the Rescue Mission so He could change my life.

The jail had just released me after I committed my latest in a long-line of drug-related offenses. With nowhere to go, I ended up on a friend's couch for a couple of days, but everyone in the house was using drugs. I knew if I stayed there I would start using again and violate my probation.

I talked with the other people at the house about the drug issue and they decided they didn't want me around anymore. They drove me down to the public housing shelter and dropped me off. While I had been homeless a few times, I had never stayed anywhere else besides the public shelter.

But I didn't want to stay there this time. There were so many people with drugs in and around the public shelter that I always ended up joining in. I had heard there was another shelter somewhere close by. I had this nagging feeling (now I believe it was God speaking to me in His still small voice) that seemed to be pushing me to find out about that other shelter.

I started asking around and people told me it was the Rescue Mission. I slipped into the Mission that evening and spent the night with a blanket on the Chapel floor. When I woke up I was thrilled to learn they served free breakfast. While enjoying my breakfast I just happened to be sitting by some people who were discussing the Rescue Mission's New Life Program. Again, God directed my path to sit where I could overhear this conversation.



James Frazier found a new life in Christ at the Rescue Mission. He is getting off probation, has a good job, and is making a difference in the lives of others.

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THE PERFECT FATHER WHO KNOWS

This Father's Day my two beautiful daughters (and wife) will bless me with expressions of their love.



During the past several years, my wife and I have had the opportunity to have two wonderful girls. It's been great to be a dad to my kids. It's an amazing experience to love them, care for them, embrace them and, yes, worry and be frustrated over them.

But fatherhood (parenthood) is not just an earthly physical reality, it is a spiritual and heavenly reality as well. God is the father

of all people and all things (1 Cor. 8:6, Eph. 4:4-6). Fatherhood, in all its positive elements, is a glimpse of God's love and care for each of us.

Father's Day will ring loud at the Rescue Mission. Many of our students and guests will be celebrating and experiencing God truly becoming their father over this past year. For these men and women celebrating God as their father means they have come to realize that God is a perfect father; perfect in love, patience, kindness and grace. He is a father who never stops loving, even when we do something wrong, and always wants to forgive, heal and help people be what He intends us to be.

One reason God is an awesome father is because "He knows."

A while ago I was visiting one of our staff members, Cassie, who un-expectantly fell sick and landed in the hospital. This was a particularly difficult time for her to be away from home, kids and work. While we were praying together, Cassie expressed to God that "He knows." God knew what was going on in her body, when the doctors did not. God knows, and

because He knows nothing has taken Him by surprise. Because nothing is a surprise to Him, He can work in and through all things to bring good for those who love Him (Rom. 8:28).

Her prayer reminded me that, not only does God know, but also that He is present. God was there the day my oldest daughter was born and I held her in my arms reading the Bible. He was there when I prayed for her, and prayed for wisdom and for forgiveness of all the mistakes I would make as a dad. He was with Cassie in the hospital and He is with our program members and homeless friends in both the joys and struggles of life on Father's Day.

There is no perfect earthly father (parent). Yet God is our perfect Father. The Rescue Mission strives to redeem fatherhood (parenthood) by pointing people to God as the perfect Father and the One who helps earthly fathers strive to be good dads. God showed His perfect love to us by forgiving us and enabling us to forgive others. By believing in Jesus, God's only begotten Son, and trusting our lives to Him, we can enter into God's family and become His children.

This is an amazing thing God has done and the start of our worship of Him.

And as we celebrate earthly fathers this month, let us all remember our true Heavenly Father as the Almighty God who had mercy on us. The Infinite One was and is willing to bring us into His family through His only begotten Son. Because of God's forgiveness, kids can forgive their fathers, fathers can forgive their kids, and all of those in God's family receive His help to be the fathers, mothers, sons and daughters God would have us be.

God bless you,

Chris D. Croswhite
Executive Director

These are not just numbers, they are lives impacted!

	April 2018	YTD 2018
Professions of Faith	32	114
Meals	11,590	52,091
Family Food Boxes	160	1,287
Nights of Shelter	4,629	19,053
Clothing	3,009	18,450
Day Service/Hygiene	1,188	5,762
Jobs Obtained	2	13
Housing Obtained	3	19

Our Stats

how your gift helps

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I kept listening to them talk. They said the New Life Program could help people with drug problems get off the streets and to have a new life. When I finished my breakfast, I went back upstairs and told the house manager I wanted to join the New Life Program.

Since the day God directed my steps into the New Life Program, I have become a changed man. At first, listening to the Bible studies was like hearing a foreign language. I couldn't understand what people were talking about. But slowly I learned how Jesus, God's Son, died for me so I could be forgiven. I gave my life to Jesus and He began to change me all the more.

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As God was changing me, I learned I could help others. One guy who joined the New Life Program felt everyone thought he was a thief and stealing things from others. I would sit down with him and encourage him and let him know not everyone felt this way and that the truth would come out. When I moved to the job phase of the new life program, I got a good job as a server at a downtown restaurant. When my friend reached the job stage of the program, I was able to help him get a job there too.

There was another person in the New Life Program who has a great, enjoyable personality. He was always so friendly to the homeless people who came to receive services at the Mission. I watched him and tried to emulate his attitude. I remember when I was homeless, it seemed like people didn't care. Back then I would've given anything for someone to talk to me or smile at me. I tried to do that at the Mission, to smile and talk to people when they came in for shelter and food.

So, part of what changed me was just trying to help other people, instead of being so self-focused.

Today I am almost off of probation. With my new life in Christ, I have been able to pay off all my fines and debts, get my driver's license back and have been sober for over a year. When I complete probation and graduate from the New Life Program, I plan

James Frazier is sober and moving home to Boise when he graduates from the New Life Program this month. It will be good to have a Jazz fan in Idaho!

to move to Boise. Growing up in Boise I have always felt like Boise is my home. There is a sober living house there where I will stay for six months while I continue to learn and grow. Then, they will help me gain affordable housing on my own.

Most of my childhood was pretty bad. My dad was a drug dealer and introduced me to my first marijuana joint when I was six-years-old. But there was a few years in elementary school when my mom and I lived in Boise that were great. So, Boise just seems like home to me. I have a good feeling when I am there and believe that is where God wants me.

I know it will be hard moving to a new city. I am doing it the right way. I have arranged for my place to stay, learned of a great church and have a lead on a job. So, if you remember, please pray that my move would be a good one and that God would be watching over me. I have made many friends here in Salt Lake and have great church friends at Oasis Church. There is a family there that treats me like their second son, taking me out for lunch after church each week. It will be hard to leave these friends behind, but I want to go where I feel God is leading me.

After all, God is the one who led me to the Rescue Mission. After my "friends" dropped me off at the public housing shelter I had nowhere safe to go. God is the one who showed me the Rescue Mission, the New Life Program and changed my life. I am happy that wherever I go, He will be with me. Thank you for supporting the Rescue Mission. Your support has helped change my life, and I have seen how your support has changed the lives of so many others.

