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We need your help! A generous Rescue Mission donor has provided a dollar-for-dollar matching grant challenge that will double your donation up to a total commitment of \$15,000 in December. That means any gift you give in December will be doubled.



So please help us meet this matching gift challenge. If you give during December, we can DOUBLE YOUR DONATION and provide twice the nutritious meals, twice the nights of safe shelter, and twice the HOPE—to end homelessness and restore lives. If we meet this match it will mean up to \$30,000 for the neediest people in our community.

Will you help us reach our goal of matching this gift and providing twice the help? The Bible challenges us to “as we have opportunity, do good to all people.” (Galatians 6:10). If you have the opportunity, please help us to do good for to our homeless friends this Christmas season. Thank you in advance for your generous gift that will help twice as many people!

While the pandemic will make Christmas look different from these pictures of our Christmas in 2019, with your support we will make this a Merry Christmas for our homeless friends.



DECEMBER 2020 - OUR CHAPEL SCHEDULE HAS RESUMED, SO LONG AS YOU ARE HEALTHY AND FEEL COMFORTABLE VOLUNTEERING. OUR KITCHEN VOLUNTEERING IS STILL ON PAUSE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Chapel: Calvary Chapel of Salt Lake  Kitchen: Interm. Baptist Youth	2 Chapel: SMCC  Kitchen: SMCC	3 Chapel: RMSL  Kitchen: Email to Schedule*	4 Chapel: Mt Oly Presbyterian  Kitchen: Email to Schedule*	5 Chapel: Bible Baptist  Kitchen: So. Valley Comm. Church
6 Chapel: Gospel Grace  Kitchen: Gospel Grace	7 Chapel: First Baptist West Valley  Kitchen: First Baptist West Valley	8 Chapel: Unity Baptist  Kitchen: Lifeline Community Church	9 Chapel: Northern Utah Mennonite  Kitchen: Email to Schedule*	10 Chapel: Millcreek Baptist  Kitchen: Email to Schedule*	11 Chapel: Hilltop United Methodist  Kitchen: Hilltop United Methodist	12 Chapel: Berean Bible  Kitchen: Calvary Chapel
13 Chapel: Abundant Life  Kitchen: Email to Schedule*	14 Chapel: Discovery Christian  Kitchen: Discovery Christian	15 Chapel: K2 - The Church  Kitchen: Compassion Call	16 Chapel: Mission's Door  Kitchen: Email to Schedule*	17 Chapel: New Begins. Christian Fellowship  Kitchen: Lifeline Community Church	18 Chapel: RMSL  Kitchen: Email to Schedule*	19 Chapel: Southside Church of Christ  Kitchen: Southside Church of Christ
20 Chapel: Abundant Life  Kitchen: Email to Schedule*	21 Chapel: Bennion Christian Center  Kitchen: Email to Schedule*	22 Chapel: Canyons Church  Kitchen: Email to Schedule*	23 Chapel: First Methodist  Kitchen: Salt Lake Christian	24 Chapel: Mission's Door  Kitchen: Fresh Life Church	25 Chapel: Midvalley Bible  Kitchen: Mudita Yoga	26 Chapel: EV Free Church of Salt Lake  Kitchen: Email to Schedule*
27 Chapel: Grace Community Bible  Kitchen: Grace Community Bible	28 Chapel: Living Waters  Kitchen: Email to Schedule*	29 Chapel: RMSL  Kitchen: Email to Schedule*	30 Chapel: RMSL  Kitchen: Fresh Life Church	31 Chapel: RMSL  Kitchen: Email to Schedule*		

# RESCUER

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The Monthly Newsletter of the Rescue Mission of Salt Lake



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## CALEB HANLY: Cooking, surfing, and seven year's sobriety

*Editor's Note: At times we like to update our readers about people who we have previously featured in the Rescuer. This month we check in on Caleb Hanly, who shared his testimony in the Rescuer way back in 2014. We share Caleb's story as an encouragement that many of our grads experience lifetimes of sobriety and success once they leave the Rescue Mission.*

Most of you reading this updated story probably don't remember the first time I shared my testimony in the Rescuer. Back before I came to the Rescue Mission for help in 2013, I was a once-semi popular musician. Our band, Cowboy Robot, had toured around Europe and had some limited commercial success. But the band broke up and alcohol addiction through my life for a loop. In the end, I had nothing and sought help at the Rescue Mission.

My life changed at the Mission. I found faith in God and discovered that I could deal with life's problems on life's terms. I didn't need to escape to alcohol but through prayer, God's Word, and fellowship with other believers, I could live life sober. And when I moved to the employment phase of the New Life Recovery Program, I discovered my artistic talents carried beyond music.

I started working as a chef at the Bambara restaurant inside the Hotel Monaco in downtown Salt Lake City. Over the next three years I grew to become a solid chef, rising to lead saucier chef in charge of all the sauces, stews, and soups. The creativity I had for music



Caleb Hanly has been sober for seven years, since graduating from the New Life Program in 2014. Now, Caleb and his girlfriend are planning for marriage and a family.

spilled over into cooking and I succeeded in my new career.

My roommate and I, who attended church at Missio Dei downtown, even started using my cooking prowess as a ministry. Every few weeks or so we would gather up a half dozen or so people that we knew from the streets and treat them to a luxury dinner at our apartment. I would cook up some of the fancy meals I was preparing at Bambara and we would have this expensive feast.

I was an off-and-on participant on our church's worship team and when I told some people at church about the meal outreach we were doing, the church adopted it as a ministry. Soon, we were hosting the meals at our

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## REACHING THE CAMPERS WITH THE LOVE AND GOSPEL

*While there are many terrible things about the COVID pandemic, one thing it has done is helped the Rescue Mission get beyond our walls.* Understandably, there are many



homeless men and women who are skeptical about entering a shelter during the pandemic. They fear that in tight quarters they will be exposed to coronavirus and, because of their existing health problems, they may have adverse reactions to the virus.

With this trepidation in mind, the staff and volunteers at the Rescue Mission have turned our eyes to those who are choosing to live outside, and we have considered how we might reach them. We have identified 10 camps in the Salt Lake Valley. These camps are each unique with their own culture and set of rules, almost like mini cities. There is one in the foothills that is kept immaculately clean and the people share some limited transportation, such as old, but running cars.

There are other more urban camps that are less well-kept and not as tightly knit. Leading up to Thanksgiving and through the Christmas season our staff and volunteers have developed an outreach ministry to these unique camps.

The ministry is led by Cassie Warner, one of our counselors, and “Chino,” who joined our New Life Program five months ago. Chino used to live in one of the camps on the West Side of Salt Lake City and has an informed perspective into their culture and people. Together Cassie and Chino, along with a small army of Mission volunteers and staff, visited the camps during Thanksgiving and delivered over 500 hundred meals. This outreach was informative as it gave our staff and volunteers more information about why our homeless friends are choosing to stay in camps.

Chino told me that most of the men and women living in camps are “sweethearts” who have had difficult lives. They are heartbroken people whose children died early or unexpectedly. They are people who were abused by family members or people they trusted and loved. They are people who had no real support system to fall back on when tragedy struck. By joining a camp, these

people have a sense of family and community. “They have each other’s backs,” Chino said.

I am proud of Chino and how he has helped us come up with ideas of how we can reach the camping community. Chino is an ex-gang member who has been sober now for five months. He joined the New Life Program because he wanted to have a relationship with his kids again, and he knew that he would not be able to reconnect with his kids unless he got sober and off the streets.

Cassie and Chino have developed a plan for our December outreach to the camps. Our initial goal is to build relationships. One thing we know is that our camping homeless friends have a hard time getting soda, so they love soda as a treat. We are bringing packs of Mountain Dew and Pepsi and other sweet drinks with us to help us break the ice. We have also planned a worship service near one of the larger camps that our camping friends can attend. Additionally, we will be distributing hats, coats, gloves, scarves, fresh food, waterless soap, and other necessities.

While the Rescue Mission discourages our homeless friends from camping, we realize some will choose to do so. With this realization in mind, we hope that by building these bridges now, when our camping friends—like Chino was five months ago—are ready to get off of the cold streets, we will have built enough trust that they will come to us and ask for help.

I look forward to our new outreach to the camps this winter and will give you an update on our December outreaches—headed up by Cassie and Chino—in next month’s newsletter.

Thank you for continuing to support this critical ministry to the hurting and broken people in our community. We could not do what we do without your support and God’s enabling help.

God bless,  
Chris D. Croswhite  
Executive Director



A vase may be the only toilet campers have this winter. Pray that these campers would desire a changed life in Jesus.

## CALEB: Continued from Page 1

church and people in the church were stepping up to cover the cost of the meal I would cook. It was a cool time and a three-year period that helped me stay sober and on the right track after leaving the Rescue Mission. I am so thankful that while I was at the Mission, I was able to plug into to a good solid church that supported me.

I had made a conscious decision during those years that I would not date. But as time went on many of my friends started getting married and I felt the desire to see if God had marriage in mind for me. At one of my friend’s wedding I met a girl and we started dating. Her roots, like mine, were in California. I moved back to Orange County so I could be closer to her and discover if we might be meant for each other.

I did well in California and for the past few years was working at the Laguna Cliff’s Marriott Resort & Spa as the lead banquet chef, doing weddings and other events. In 2019 we even won a gold medal for best wedding venue. It was a great job and I would’ve worked there for my entire life, but in March 2020 the coronavirus pandemic largely shut our facility down and most of us were laid off.

While such a setback may have thrown me for a loop in the past, with God’s help I am riding out the unemployment storm. God did provide me with several months of unemployment insurance and a few friends and acquaintances have hired me to cater private events like small weddings. So, I have been making ends meet, even as I continue to be nervous about the future. I would love to stay in the cooking business and feel I have a knack for it, but, at the same time, there are no jobs right now. I could use your prayers that God would lead me and guide my steps in terms of employment.

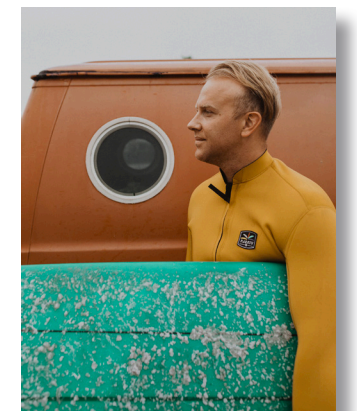
One good thing is that during the past five years I was able to pay off all my debt and I now have good credit. I have considered taking out a loan to start my own food truck or other venture. I am curious to see how I could do on my own, if I could build my cooking

into my own business. But I am still praying about my options.

I am happy to report that my girlfriend and I are discussing marriage and starting a family and may even travel back up to Utah to have our wedding.

I have stayed away from alcohol for seven years now, and even through pandemic worries and unemployment I find I can still trust in God to help me. I stay in His word and talk to Him in prayer and this helps me deal with life’s uncertainties. It’s also been nice living in San Clemente and being close to the water. I love to long board and surfing in the beautiful ocean God made has also brought me much peace. It’s a great natural high, better than any drink.

While it’s been seven years since I was at the Rescue Mission, I still can’t thank you enough for providing a place where I could get the help I needed. I was broken and lost; God used your support of the Rescue Mission to rescue me. My new life could not have happened without you helping to make a place for people like me who had nowhere else to turn.



Cooking and surfing - two of Caleb’s favorite things. Above left: a antipasto tray he made for a recent wedding. Above right: Caleb and his long board.

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