



# Roseburg Rescue Mission

*A Beacon of Hope  
for the Homeless*

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## Finding Completeness

Annie had a good job and a place to live, but she was alone. She had a natural need for companionship, even a spouse. What attracts one person to another is a story as old as humanity and filled with all kinds of romantic tales and consequences. She was at a car cruise watching all the entries pass by. There stood Rick in all his scruffy charm. She asked about the bottle of window cleaner hanging on his backpack. His response of cleaning car windows and panhandling for a living did nothing to break the attraction. Annie said, "It was love at first sight." Rick was homeless and dependent on alcohol. She was searching for completeness. She admits, they had a codependent relationship from the beginning. They shared each other's worlds. Over the many years together, he would get jobs that he would keep for a year or more at a time; she became his drinking companion. They would split up over legal issues or alcohol problems, but go

back together to fill the void that it left. Her need for him was greater than anyone's ability to get him to stop drinking.

This was to be a tragic tale; perhaps, it had already begun before they met with his service connected disability.

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He tried the veteran's recovery programs, but to no avail. Sadly, Rick died on the streets of Roseburg, alone. Annie was a widow, living at the Mission's Samaritan Inn. She was comforted here. She was

incomplete.

She had already begun to face her dependency on alcohol at Samaritan Inn, now she needed to deal with the loss of her codependent relationship with her husband. She needed to build on her dependent relationship with her Creator and Savior. She had accepted the Lord years before meeting Rick, but the issues of her marriage totally distracted her from her spiritual marriage to the Lord. When her vertical relationship with the Lord was not right,

**"Come to Me,  
all you who  
are weary  
and burdened,  
and I will  
give you rest."  
Matthew 11:28**

**Daily Averages  
July 2011**

**Chapel, Bible  
Studies: 101**

**Meals: 237**

**Beds: 124**

**Voucher Items**

**Clothing: 464**

**Household: 18**

**Furniture: 3**

**Items Needed:**

**Toothbrushes**

**Razors**

**Towels**

**Pillows**

**Deodorant**

**Elbow Macaroni**

**Spaghetti**

**Garden Produce**

her horizontal relationships with other people were not right, nor was her personal identity right. Today, she is able to quote a favorite verse, "Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts" Psalm 139:23. Annie had found her completeness begins in the Lord, not the bolstering of a friend or even one's spouse. *Her sense of self begins with the image of the Lord in her, not the reflection of herself given from other people.*

She is in recovery, building on a new foundation. She has successfully moved out of the Mission and transitioned into a local church family, even their women's discipleship program. She is a student at UCC. Annie now has a new completeness for today and eternity. Developing relationships will now be based on her identity and relationship with the Lord.

**Dear Friends,**

We have a contract to purchase 527 SE Cass Av. We made this decision based on the following reasons: 1. Homelessness continues to increase. 2. The property became available. 3. The price was very reasonable. 4. We were able to repackage an existing mortgage on another property, not increasing our monthly payment. 5. We can rent the property. 6. We will own the whole block. 7. We will be able to use the additional parking spaces to negotiate future Conditional Use Permits. Really, not buying it would have been poor stewardship. We will need to do some repair work on the building and find a

renter. Thank you for your support of this ministry.

*Lynn Antis  
Executive  
Director*



**Chapel-Dayroom Expansion  
Work Has Begun**

Men from the Mission are working on removing existing walls and fixtures. It is a great work project for them and saves on contractor costs. We need more room for an increasing number of homeless individuals. There will be larger restrooms, showers, laundry facilities and baggage storage. Our Men's Chaplain, Roger Horton, will have a larger office and classroom for our New Life Program. Our Program Day Supervisor will now have room for a desk in the larger Dayroom to more directly help homeless men with social service needs. Our Chapel will be large enough to seat everyone and not leave anyone standing.

When this project is complete, we will move our existing Chapel-Dayroom from across the street into this new facility. The vacated space will then become a much needed extension of our Dining Room.

Funds for this project have mostly come from individual donors in our community. Some foundation grants have been received. No government money is received by the Mission. Thank you for your help in this Project!

**Chapel Volunteers - September 2011**

6:30 PM

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Grace Presbyterian Church	2 Open	3 Wellsprings Bible Fellowship
4 Bible Holiness Church	5 Dennis Klassert	6 Melrose Community Church	7 James Witt	8 Garden Valley Church	9 Roseburg Christian Fellowship	10 New Beginnings
11 Grace Presbyterian Church	12 Sutherlin Christian Assembly	13 Church of God of Prophecy	14 James Witt	15 Bible Holiness Church	16 Old Fashioned Baptist	17 First Christian Church
18 Wayne Brown	19 North Roseburg Free Evangelical	20 Hucrest Community Church	21 James Witt	22 Tri City Baptist Church	23 John & Robin Prather	24 Redeemer's Christian Fellowship
25 Linda Swift	26 Linda Swift	27 Winston Assembly of God	28 James Witt	29 North Roseburg Free Evangelical	30 Dennis Klassert	