



# Roseburg Rescue Mission

*A Beacon of Hope  
for the Homeless*

**48** *Years*  
1964-2012

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## Mommy, Everything Is Going to Be OK

Beverly was in the middle of a custody battle with the father of their 6-year-old son Malachi. The father had never been a part of Malachi's life until he filed for custody. She said his lawsuit was never about her son. Still, he was granted custody. Beverly then moved to Roseburg temporarily to fight for full legal custody from what she calls an unfit father because of a criminal history. At the time, she was short on money and they were getting along well enough that she accepted his offer to stay at his house. She wanted to be with her son and protect him. It was not a good situation. Beverly and Malachi were living in the same house with a virtual stranger with a violent background while fighting with him for custody of their son. She had prepared for an exit by setting up a safe house for Malachi to run to. When she received full custody, the father was enraged. She said, "He burned all our things in the backyard burn pile, clothing, ID, medical records, even Malachi's toys." In fear, they ran to the safe house as he chased them. He was arrested. Technically, she

was not a battered person, because he never touched her. She did not qualify for that kind of housing. She was referred to the Mission's Samaritan Inn.

"The first day at Samaritan Inn, Malachi and I were a wreck," she

said. "I couldn't stop crying. I had no belongings. I didn't know anyone; yet, everyone welcomed us. It felt good, safe. I met Jamie (another mother of domestic violence) and we became fast friends." Kim, the manager, helped her organize and get to court dates and counseling appointments. They received three meals a day, clothing, shelter, a bus pass, new toys. Beverly said, "Staff helped with



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fear and ugly feelings. Malachi would not sleep in his own bed at night. He was afraid someone would come and take him. They helped us work through that. We started with him sleeping alone for ten minutes at nap time. We got a schedule going. We had a safe environment. We got back out into

**Easter Dinner and a Message of Hope**  
Life is hopeless in worldly terms. That is why the Lord of Life personally entered into His own creation in human form, died for our sin and rose to new life on Easter. Hopelessness can become homelessness. That is why the Mission preaches Christ resurrected on Easter as our only hope in life and in the darkness of depression, addictions, domestic violence. The Mission is "A Beacon of Hope for the Homeless," sharing the Good News. Our lighthouse logo is a symbol of shining God's light into a dark, hopeless world. He entered life to lead us out of the darkness and into the light and hope of a new life today and forever.





## My Easter gift for the homeless

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**"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."  
Philippians 4:13**

the community, into living, because we were afraid to walk on the street and be seen in Roseburg. We volunteered at the Mission Thrift Store parking lot sale last summer and knew we were safe.

Before going to Samaritan Inn, Beverly had accepted the Lord and was baptized. She credits Malachi for encouraging her, even being relentless, to take him to church and Sunday school. In the bathtub at home, he would pretend he was getting baptized. Even after their terrifying ordeal, little Malachi kept his faith. At Samaritan Inn, they both were in Bible Studies and he was paying attention. One day after singing "Amazing Grace", he said, "See mommy, God broke the chains, everything is going to be OK."

After three months, they moved to a safe location. Beverly used her college degree to get a good job. She said, "Thank you. You helped pull us out of a horrible, frightening situation, the worst of my life, and got us through it. We never referred to it as a shelter, always as our house. It was our place of recovery." Her favorite Bible verse is now, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13.

### BASIC SERVICES

For men, women and children

**Food:** 3 meals every day

**Clothing:** Available to all

**Recovery Program:** ..... 20

**Transitional Housing:** ..... 36

**Client Shelter:** ..... 120

**Emergency Shelter:** ..... 24

**Total Beds Available:** ..... 200

**Dayrooms:** Open all day

Laundry, showers, phone, etc.

**Thrift Stores:** Items vouchered to those in need, sold to others

**Chapel:** A part of our daily lives.



## First Service In New Chapel

This photograph of the first service in our new men's chapel was taken February 28, 2012. Winston Assembly of God happened to have their regularly scheduled fourth Tuesday position that evening. The following morning, Roger Horton our staff chaplain, had the first chapel for our New Life Program and others. Women and children have their own chapel and dayroom at our Samaritan Inn.

The new facility greatly increases and improves the same social services that we already had available to the homeless. The room is a combination chapel, dayroom and emergency sleeping area. If our dormitory bunk beds were to fill up, we have camp mattresses to use on the floor here. There is a secure baggage storage room, a laundry room, restrooms, showers, US Mail, a telephone, a supervisor's desk and information about social services at the Mission and in the community. There is an office, for our House Manager John Roy, that is also a classroom and computer lab for our program.

## There is no reason for homeless men to be getting in trouble loitering in the downtown area.

The dayroom is a place to be off the streets during the day. We just have the condition that they not be under the influence of drugs or alcohol. The Mission does not attract those under the influence, we greatly reduce that population by providing a hopeful, sober environment. We are a place of recovery and rehabilitation.

When our existing dayroom and chapel moved into this new facility (that used to be a thrift store) it left open the room next to our dining room. That room is now an extension of our dining room, doubling our capacity for serving meals.

We praise the Lord for blessing us with this new facility. It was a challenge and was delayed several times for various reasons. There were cost overruns because of code issues and unforeseen circumstances many of which came from the age of the building. We thank you for supporting this project and ask for assistance for the remaining portion of the cost not yet covered.

*Lynn Antis, Executive Director*



**Easter Dinner**  
**Items Needed:**  
**Hams      Turkeys**  
**Potatoes   Gravy Mix**  
**Stuffing      Yams**  
**Salad      Rolls**  
**Pie      Coffee**  
**Mixed Vegetables**  
**Cranberry Sauce**

**Easter Dinner at 1pm**

