



# Roseburg Rescue Mission

*A Beacon of Hope  
for the Homeless*

**48** *Years*  
1964-2012

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## Couch & Internet Surfing

Surfing has taken on new meaning. Kenneth was couch surfing, that is, going from couch to couch or the homes of family and friends as it worked out for a place to live. He was also internet surfing, going from website to website looking at job postings. He found his job through a private site that lists jobs and items for sale. He surfed couches and the net, but had no means of surfing a ride to potential employers for an interview or to go to work. He had landed in the good home of a relative, but it was too remote. He needed to be able to walk, ride a bike or take the bus from a central location. So he came into town to live at the Mission. Kenneth said, "Three weeks later, I got a job cooking in a restaurant while living at the Mission."

Kenneth is pictured here cooking hamburgers for dinner at the Mission. He is used to restaurant style cooking, not being homeless. When the paycheck is not enough or not there at all to cover the rent, most Americans, like Kenneth, have a safety net of family and friends



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to catch them from falling into homelessness. Sometimes the safety net breaks or only holds together for so long. Sometimes the rent is paid by a mutual rent fund of roommates sharing the expense. When even one fails to pay his or her part, the rest suffer, or they are all put

out of their home. Kenneth was paying more than his fair share of the rent, not able to save much. He wanted out. He invested the last of his money to repair a trusted friend's car. They were going to share the car and an apartment, until that friend chose another roommate. His investment went bust, putting him on the street a couple nights. Then he went to a new job and home with relatives that did not pan out either. He surfed to other relatives unemployed, ending up at the Mission.

Kenneth is a Christian. He said, "The Mission has some good chapel preachers. The messages have been addressing exactly what I have been asking God to the point of wondering if they have a microphone on me. It's not a coincidence that God is using the preachers through His Spirit." Kenneth is truly perceiving the conviction of the Holy Spirit, convinced of the Lord's presence, aware of his conscience telling him what is right, admitting the Gospel Truth, understanding the Lord's commands, reflecting on the path his own life has gone.

Hopefully, this whole experience has put on end to his couch surfing days!

## Items Needed:

Oatmeal  
Cooking Oil  
Powdered Milk  
Laundry Soap  
Motel Bar Soap  
Pajamas  
Bicycles  
Computers  
Electronics

## DONATE A CAR OR TRUCK



Donations  
are tax  
deductible

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

There are many ways to be  
"A Beacon of Hope for the  
Homeless".

Here are some of our current  
needs:

**Samaritan Inn**  
Chapel Services  
Bible Study  
**Men's Mission**  
Chapel Service  
Thrift Store  
GED Tutors

Apply on our website or  
in our office.

## 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.



## Program Cooking Class

Cindy (far right) is teaching a cooking class at the Mission's Samaritan Inn. The women in our New Life Program are learning not just cooking and baking but also about nutrition. They are finding that a healthy meal does not have to take a lot of time and money. Families living on a limited means are more likely to eat fewer fruits and vegetables that can cause health problems. Poor nutrition can also cause mood issues and affect decision making abilities. Learning and cooking can be fun, interacting and developing relationships.

Cooking classes are a subject in the life skills course of our program. They are designed to be practical skills that apply directly to everyday life. They help to take doubt away and instill confidence in taking on tasks or challenges. Thank you Cindy!

## Dear Friends,

Numerous men and women that have lived at the Mission are now working in a myriad of jobs throughout our community and beyond. We see them all the time, work with them, even depend on them to be there. They were homeless, now they have assimilated back into society unrecognizable from the rest. We might just be surprised at the successful people that have also been on our guest list. They were in a captivity of sorts and have now been set free. Jeremiah wrote regarding the Israelite captivity in Babylon. In his prophesy from God, he said,

***"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11***

That promise was for a rebuilding in this life and in the resurrection to come. Rebuilding lives, and the structural elements of them that give us order and sustenance, takes work and hope. At the Mission there is both. And there is more – leaders have emerged from the captivity of homelessness with experience and a passion to follow the Lord and to keep themselves and others from ever returning to captivity again.

Lynn Antis, Executive Director

