



# Roseburg Rescue Mission

*A Beacon of Hope  
for the Homeless*

**49** *Years*  
1964-2013

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## A Change of Seasons

Henry was a local real estate appraiser for six years, until that market had a significant downturn. During that time of adjustment, he lost his career and his house. He did the work that was available. For three seasons, he was employed at a winery seven months of each year, not all at once. In the off-season, he had his own landscaping business. At the winery, he trimmed vines, fertilized, replaced trellis posts, mowed grass. After a special crew came in to harvest the grapes, Henry then helped to make the wine. He dumped the grapes into a de-stemmer, then to a crusher, fermentation bin, mixer, screener. Then the grape juice went into tanks or barrels, where he added ingredients. And he cleaned all of the equipment. They were long, hard days, when he had work. He was a proven survivor, having adapted to the shifting economic conditions. But, he was not thriving within himself.

The stress of the transition in his life was causing Henry to experience some depression. His ex-girlfriend filed a custody suit against him. He isolated and drank. He lived in a camper in the woods for a while. There was even a scuffle with the law in the midst of redefining himself. His mother convinced him to go to the Mission.

Here, he connected with the sheriff's department work crew program to work off some court fees. After a few months, he did such a good job, that a private reforestation company hired him. It's a full-time, year-round job. He plants trees, hacks and sprays hardwoods that compete with fir seedlings, traps boomers (a rodent that eats seedlings)

and fights wildfires. That is how this former real estate appraiser came to fight the Douglas Complex forest fire.

Henry's path of restoration is similar to one he had experienced earlier in life. He was raised by his single mom, and as a teenager was influenced by older, troubled guys. His grandma took him to church and he remembers being baptized in her small, aboveground pool when he was about 8-years-old. As an adult, his career had helped to settle his life, but when it was removed, the weak foundation was exposed. He returned to that previous restless life. He needed a home and a solid rock on which to build his future. He said, "The Mission is a place of security, a base, structure, a place to keep my head straight. Chapel services keep me close to thinking about God. Its too easy to let Him get out of my thinking process. I want to renew my faith." He said the chapel volunteers are a great encouragement because of the hopeful messages, their joyful attitude and the uplifting music. When he gets panicked or really scared, he recites what he remembers Psalms 23, "Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil..." His fiancée, Debbie, is a great inspiration to him now, and together they attend a local church.

He has experienced a change of seasons in employment and a time of renewed relationship with the Lord and improved personal relationships.



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## 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

Men's Barber

*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.

**Items Needed:**  
**Elbow Macaroni**  
**Potatoes**  
**Pancake Mix & Syrup**  
**Oatmeal**  
**Disposable Razors**  
**Flat Twin Sheets**  
**Pillowcases**  
**Diapers #2 & #3**  
**Women's Nightgowns**

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Roseburg Rescue  
Mission in your  
Estate Planning**

# Seasons of Hope

There are seasons of the year and seasons of our lives. We can have periods of fortune, others of great challenge. There are times of hoping for employment and for meaning to life. That search for labor and for purpose intersect here. The Mission is a gateway to careers and of evangelism.

Divisions of the year create seasonal employment opportunities that are essential to the community, economy, individuals. Without it, many necessary functions would go unmet. Our productivity, safety and quality of life are at stake. Some seasonal work requires specialized training and for experienced people to return every year.

Seasonal work is an important part of the homeless condition; however, most seasonal workers are not homeless. Some migration to temporary work is a natural occurrence, and a need for the basics of food, clothing and shelter follow. Where would we be without those willing to do the chores at hand? Our national parks are dependent on them; some homeless move directly from a mission dormitory into a national park dormitory. They work at state and county fairs, traveling carnivals. Some do the difficult task of working commercial fishing boats and canneries. They pick and process fruits and vegetables, cut Christmas trees. Some work farms and ranches, like during haying and lambing season. They work seasonal telephone call centers and tourist areas in restaurants, stores, camps. Some risk safety and life to work in the forests, planting trees, maintaining land, fighting wildfires. Some work natural disaster relief. They work at wineries and hops vineyards.

Day labor is another important area of temporary work. When a pool of labor is needed, the homeless at the Mission are here. When a large truck breaks down or spills its load, several men are needed for just a few hours. Help is needed to unload moving trucks and seasonal merchandise. Day laborers help dig ditches, roof buildings, landscape, paint, cut firewood, yard work, clean gutters.

For some, seasonal work is a way of life, moving from job to job, or one annual season to the next, or a summer job and a winter job. For others, its just as temporary to their lives as that season, and they use it as a means to find more stable employment. The Mission supports seasonal workers, managing around their schedules, encouraging their opportunities.

**"Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes, and look on the fields, that they are white for harvest. Already he who reaps is receiving wages, and is gathering fruit for life eternal; that he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together." John 4:35-36**

There is a season for planting (that is preaching God's Word), a time for watering (that is nurturing or disciplining), a time for harvesting (accepting Jesus for our salvation). No one can possibly take credit for the whole historical process of mankind's salvation, except the Lord of the Harvest. At the Mission, we plant, water and harvest, but the credit or glory is the Lord's. If we plant and a local church harvests, we rejoice together.

Many of our homeless guests have had a youthful season of church attendance, followed by a time of adult liberty. The seed was planted years ago. Now in a period of re-evaluating life their way, many are open or even anxious to return to their roots. Some will really hear the Gospel for the first time. There can be seasons of being more receptive to the conviction of the Holy Spirit upon us, often times because of change, especially difficult circumstances. It can be a lonely, heart searching time. There is a reason there are Bibles in motel rooms and chapel services in missions. There is a contemplation of life; its meaning and purpose. The Mission is an outreach or even a temporary church for some in that season of hope. Missions have become an integral part of communities, both for seasons of employment and of the heart. The fields are white for harvest.

Lynn Antis, Executive Director

