



Roseburg Rescue Mission

*A Beacon of Hope
for the Homeless*

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Celebrate Christmas



Long ago, a star appeared, guiding three wise men to the place of the Christ Child. They opened their treasures, offering Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. A multitude of angels appeared to shepherds nearby, praising God. The Savior of humanity had been born, God was with us.

Annually, we now celebrate Christmas. The star has turned into a sea of colorful lights, and the gifts to Christ have become giving gifts to one another. We have commercialized the celebration. There is nothing inherently wrong with our traditional means of celebrating, as long as we do not forget Christ in Christmas. The first Christmas, there was one bright star and gifts were for our Savior to acknowledge His identity and provide for His physical needs while in His earthly ministry. May our personal celebration include a gift to Jesus' earthly ministry, even to this very Mission, as we continue to meet needs and preach the same Gospel to the poor.

*Please send a life changing gift today.
Celebrate Christmas!
Lynn Antis, Executive Director*

My Christmas Gift for the homeless

Yes! I want to help homeless men, women and children in need.

I'd like to contribute:

- \$25
- \$50
- \$100
- \$ _____

Please accept my donation by:

- Check:** PLEASE ENCLOSE
- Credit Card:** CIRCLE ONE



Exp.: _____ Security Code: _____

Card Number: _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____



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Thank You!

You will receive a receipt for your tax deductible gift. A return envelope is enclosed.

Dinner Menu Items Needed:

- Turkey/Ham
- Potatoes
- Stuffing
- Gravy Mix
- Yams
- Salad
- Rolls
- Coffee
- Pie
- Cool Whip
- Cranberry Sauce
- Mixed Vegetables

A Crisis From The Mainstream

Matthew's story has no mention of addiction or mental health issues. As a student athlete at Roseburg High School, he abstained from chemical substances so as not to degrade his performance or get in trouble. As an adult when problems arose he said, "I did not turn to drugs or alcohol, because it would not help me to be a productive member of society or help me with my family." His personal crisis was from a matter that has become all too commonplace in our society, divorce. Matthew worked hard in the logging industry as a choker setter, sometimes more than one job, 7 days, too many hours. The problem he stated simply as, "not enough time together." In hindsight, their priority in life had shifted from marriage and family relationships to the mundane task of just making a living. Separating and divorcing then meant providing for two households, complicating life further.

Like a lot of men, Matthew had a limited, close network of family and friends. His father told him that at 33-years-old, he could take care of himself. He said, "It was my dad that suggested the Mission to me. I thought it was kind of ridiculous. It was tough love. I never heard of the Mission. I saw homeless people on the street. I shopped in the Mission store, but didn't know it slept people or fed them."

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When Matthew was together with his family, they attended a local church together regularly. He has been a Christian since he was a teenager. He said, "I think chapel (at the Mission) is a good thing, because it furthered my foundation with God. It taught me to be more aware of the Lord in the day and of people around me, taking into consideration their needs and putting them before myself. Every day away from my wife and kids hurt me like being in prison. My walk with God is closer. If we are listening, we will hear the message. Chapel is a big part of it. The guys need God. If you don't need Him, you are going to be pretty hungry (spiritually)."

Being at the Mission, Matthew said, "Humbled me a lot, helped with budgeting, and made me appreciative of all I have. It helped me to find a new job, and you worked with my work and school schedules. I should have spent more time with God in the home and with relationships would have helped. Now, I wanted to go back to school, work in town, and not have late hours." Matthew is now working at a home improvement center and on his GED through UCC. After 8 months of re-arranging his life and priorities and healing, Matthew is back home with his family again. Rescue operation was successful.



He Sent His Son To Us

A Farmer and His Son were out in the field one day. Suddenly, a great winter storm arrived.

The Father and Son went into the house, a very spacious place. They were warm by the fireplace. Then there was a noise at the front porch. Birds of the field were coming up to the window for warmth. Some were crashing into the window and laid floundering on the porch. Some just sat shivering, others were dying. The Farmer sent a servant to the window to tell the birds to go to the barn for safety. The servant called out and pleaded with the birds, but they could not hear or understand. Another servant was sent to the window to point to the barn, but they did not know the way. Finally, the Father sent His Son. He said, "Go out with the birds onto the porch and lead them to safety."

So the Son went out to a flock that was perishing. He got their attention by stretching His arms out wide. He became like His flock by moving His arms like wings and headed for the barn. All of the birds that followed His lead were saved. Those that stayed in the field or on the porch were lost.

God sent His Son to us on Christmas Day to save us, because we cannot find the way of salvation on our own.

Ideas for Christmas Gifts

- New Hats
- New Socks
- New Gloves
- Deodorant - small
- Body Wash & Shampoo
- Disposable Razors
- Shaving Cream
- Nail Clippers
- Toothbrush
- Toothpaste - small
- Hair Brushes & Combs
- Candy
- Bibles/Bible Tracts
- New Underwear
- Bus Pass
- Cough Drops
- Beard-Mustache Scissors
- Postage Stamps
- Hand Sanitizer Gel
- Shoe and Haircut Gift Certificates (Moms & Kids)
- New Dolls
- Child Pajamas
- Shower Flip Flops
- Strollers
- Diaper Bags
- New Toys
- Fruit Snack Packs

Please do not wrap packages. Items needed by December 21st.

