



# GOOD NEWS FROM THE MISSION

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## Upcoming Events...

**Save the Date!!  
October 22, 2011**

The annual GNRM Banquet is scheduled for October 22! And we have a special treat in store this year, with our very special guest speaker, Ron Hall co-author of the bestselling book *"The Same Kind of Different as Me"* ([www.samekindofdifferentasme.com](http://www.samekindofdifferentasme.com)), co-authored with Denver Moore. You'll be inspired by this this transformational story that shines with unexpected, life-changing love, and you won't want to miss the chance to hear Ron tell his story in person, so mark your calendar now! For ticket & sponsor info call 530-242-5920

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## Director's Chair - by Cesar Partida



Cesar Partida

Last month I was privileged to attend the annual Association of Gospel Rescue Mission's (AGRM) conference in San Diego. There were at least 500 people in attendance from all over the country, Canada, Germany and Haiti. It was a great time of refreshment and encouragement. To be able to sit with other Directors and hear the great things that God is doing across the world is always so exciting! To be able to gather new ideas, perspectives and contacts is invaluable.

A common thread that I picked up on was the theme of "prepare" both spiritually and physically. To be personally and spiritually prepared myself means that I need to be prayed up, so I can focused on what God would have us do and to be ready to do battle with the evil one. As we continue to do the Lords work, we can count on Satan trying to undo what God is doing. So please keep us all in your prayers! The physical is more in terms of the campus. I do not know what is in the future with

the economy, given the condition it is in, all I know is that God has placed a sense of urgency in me that we should prepare for what is to come. To that end we continue moving forward on projects that will allow us to serve those that God has entrusted to us with dignity. We are doing everything we can to rescue those in need by stewarding the resources that God has provided.

We recently completed the repairs to the third floor men's bathroom. We can be proud of those efforts. The men can now use those facilities with a sense of dignity. It is strange how some thing like that also

shows them the love of God through simple acts of kindness. As always the things we do here at the Mission cannot begin to be accomplished without your continued support! Next month we begin the work of repairing the kitchen in the House of Hope!

In His service

Cesar Partida  
Executive Director



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# You changed my life - by Tamara Bautista



The first thing I'd like to do is thank you for making my recovery possible. I'm 46 years old and I graduated from the New Life Recovery Program just about

2 years ago. I spent most of my adult life shuttling between prison and life on the outside doing whatever was required to support my addictions, using meth, cooking it and generally ruining my life. After serving 8 years of a 10 year sentence the

4th time I was incarcerated, I was finally ready to try a different way. I had plenty of time to notice that those who left prison with a plan, and especially those who went into a program, didn't come back. So I made my plan and started looking for a program.

There are many programs out there and I'm sure they are good programs, if you happen to have \$10,000 (or more!) to spare. As I did not, I was happy to find the Good News Rescue Mission program, the only free program I could find. As I prepared for the opportunity of parole, I kept on calling the Mission every month, waiting for a free bed, and to my great relief, a spot opened the week I was released.

So I was able to get right into the New Life program and start working on my plan. I wasn't too thrilled about the program lasting a year; at the time I thought 6 months would be just fine. But now, looking back, I can see how much transformation occurred and how important that whole year was

for me. During that time I learned how to ask for help, and how to accept support, and how much harder life is without it. I graduated in June 2010, and moved into the House of Grace at the Mission. I worked hard to re-establish communication, and to build a stronger relationship, with 4 of my 5 children. I

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speak regularly to the two adults, who live out of the area, and I am actively involved in the lives of my two teen sons (one is currently living with me!). I have an effective working relationship with their father, my ex. I lost my youngest child, a daughter, to adoption, and I haven't yet re-connected with her but that is also part of my plan.

I keep busy these days, as a full-time student with 3 jobs. I'm proud to report that I am a straight-A student, and while I am working toward a degree in Psychology, I work 25 hours a week at the Mission, as house-manager at House of Hope. I also work part time (10-20 hours a week) at a local dog groomer, and do gardening and yard clean-up projects for a local resident.

I am getting ready to get my own place to live, and I own my own car, which is a great freedom. Now I can give others a ride, just as so many others helped me to get around, and even just to get through the day, when I didn't have any resources. "Giving back" is the other half of learning how to rely on others for their support.

I know that your donations made my recovery a possibility and I am forever grateful for the chance you gave me. I

could never have afforded a 'full price' program and without you, I would not be here, I would not have God in my life, I would not have made the recovery I have made.

Thank you!

## On Deck

### House of Hope Kitchen repair

Our next project is to repair the kitchen in the House of Hope. The current kitchen is original from the early seventies when the House of Hope was built, so it is really ready for an upgrade. We are working on the project budget right now, which will depend greatly on your contributions. To do the full project we'll need \$50,000 to replace the antiquated appliances and refresh the interior. If you feel called to contribute specifically to this project, just include a NOTE indicating you want the donation to go to the Capitol Projects Fund: House of Hope Kitchen Repair. You can also donate on line at [www.GNRM.org](http://www.GNRM.org) or call us today at 530-242-5920!



# Said & Done

## Men's Shelter Bathroom Remodel

*We're happy to report that the Men's Shelter bathroom remodel is complete, and paid for! We're not sure how long it's been since the last improvements, but the best guess is 13+ years – and much of it was original from 1969! The remodel added 3 new sinks on a newly tiled wall outside the bathroom and also upgraded the interior from the old 'open' layout by adding stalls for the three toilets. Capping it off with new tile and fixtures (mostly donated from Lowe's and Home Depot), and the Men's Dorm is looking better than ever!*

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## Before Construction...



## After Construction...



# Ministry Tip - The Greatest Stewardship

When it comes to stewardship, our lives are full of responsibilities. We are called to be good stewards of so many things; money, property, possessions, all sorts of things!

When Jesus was asked what the greatest commandment was, He broke the Ten Commandments down to two important principles; love God with all of our being, and love each other as much as we love ourselves. Jesus always demonstrated His love for people over all else. His ministry on earth, as well as in heaven was, and is people. He hard wired us for relationship when He said that it was not good for man to be alone.

At the Good News Rescue Mission

we believe self-worth is paramount when it comes to helping broken and lost people. When life has stripped a person of everything, and hope is only an idea, then self-worth is lost. That is where the rubber meets the road in ministry, because the individual is the greatest, most important stewardship God will ever entrust us with.

Whenever God places a broken and lost person in our path, perhaps He is telling us to redirect our day and invest ourselves into that person's life. In the parable of the Good Samaritan, a man was ambushed and left for dead. Stripped of everything, he had lost all hope. A priest and a Levite (temple priest) walked around him as they

traveled by, but a Samaritan stopped. He obeyed as God redirected his day and his agenda. He invested himself in that man's life.

Perhaps God is also asking us to make lost and hurting people our greatest stewardship! How can you answer this call today?

-Pastor Dave Honey  
Director of Guest Services



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...that we have celebrated over  
**150 graduates in the last 10 years?**

...that we have increased mens'  
graduation rates from 5% to 45%  
over that timespan.

...that today, we have more 4th  
(final) phase participants than  
ever before?

## The New Life Program works!!!

## Congratulations to our 2011 graduates:

*Christina Archer*

*Donald Barton*

*Jaime Bottoms*

*Evan Cook*

*John Cravens*

*Wayne Falcone*

*Michael Gannon*

*Lucretia Gelwick*

*Darryl Hansen*

*Timothy Hargis*

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