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Rescue Mission News

Victor Valley Rescue Mission

CHANGING LIVES FOR GOOD IS OUR ONLY BUSINESS

Hand Me Another Brick

"Like a city whose walls are broken down, is a man who lacks self-control" Proverbs 25:28 (NIV)

In those ancient times, the wall was so important to the safety and security of a city. If there was no wall, raiders would come in and plunder. The book of Nehemiah is all about rebuilding the wall of Jerusalem. Nehemiah stands as a great example of leadership because he focuses on his task and keeps working and praying until it's done. That is a great example of self-control as well. The image of the broken down city is a sad one for those who live in it. They would never know what's going to happen next. They would just be waiting for the next army to come - the next raid to begin.

This reminds me so much of the lives of those we serve here at the mission. They have gone through a period of no self-control because devastation has taken over their lives. Their lives are a wreck, ravaged by the outside forces, like that city with no wall. Their families have no security and they are just waiting for the next thing to happen. For the homeless, they must regain the self-control. They must do it one brick at a time. They must be like Nehemiah - never stop working and praying.

That is what we, with your help, continue to do here - give people the tools needed to rebuild. With God's help, one brick at a time, people turn their lives around. They go from no self-control to living victoriously.

Ron Wilson

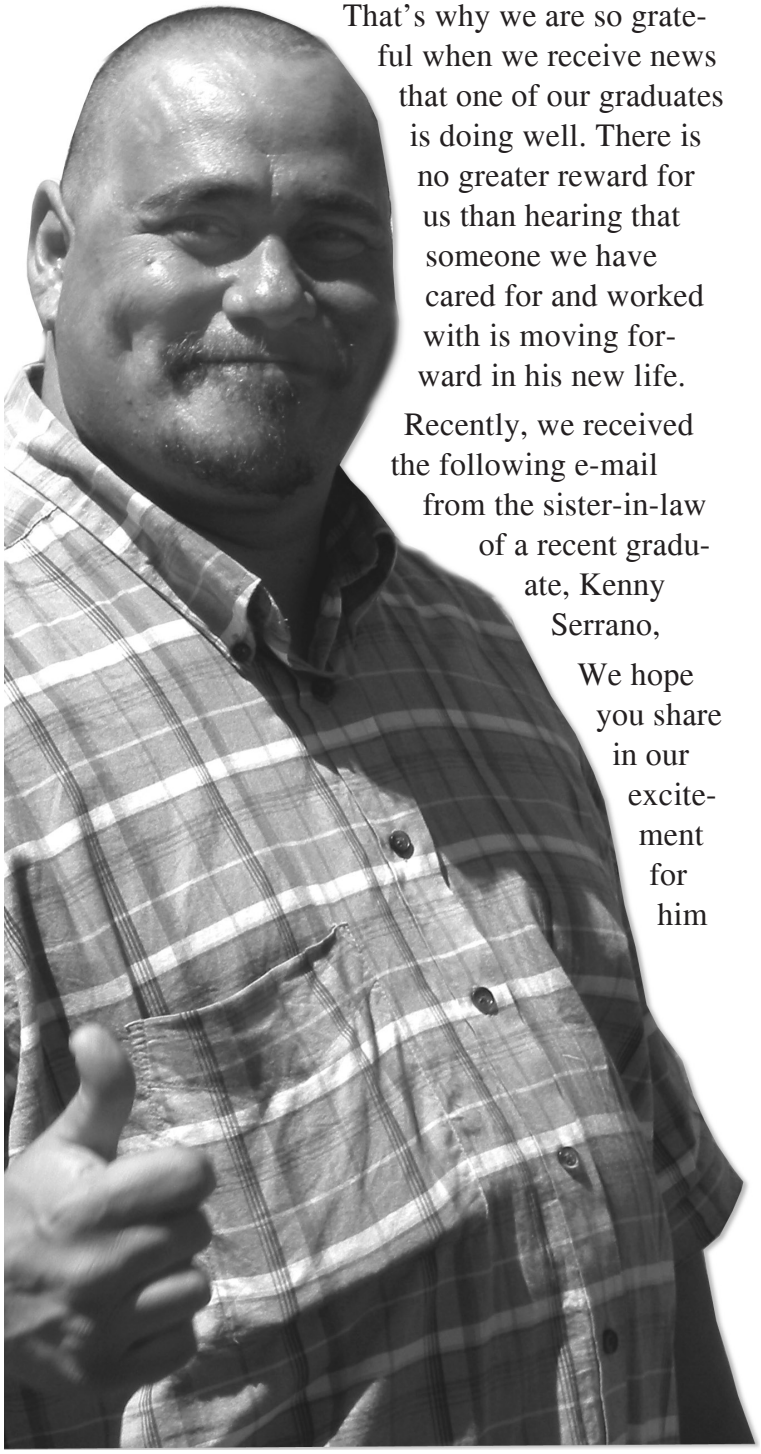
Mother's & Father's Day Celebration

"A mother (father) is the truest friend we have, when trials, heavy and sudden, fall upon us; when adversity takes the place of prosperity; when friends who rejoice with us in our sunshine, desert us when troubles thicken around us, still will she cling to us, and endeavor by her kind precepts and counsels to dissipate the clouds of darkness, and cause peace to return to our hearts." ~ Washington Irving

On Friday, May 27, 2011, we will honor Mothers and Fathers from 1 – 3 pm. We encourage everyone who is hungry to come enjoy a wonderful homemade dinner and take part in all the fun around the mission. There will be gifts for everyone and all are welcome!

Thank You, Thank You, and THANK YOU!

Through our Life Recovery Program, we hope that each man we work with will graduate, find work, and go on to lead a productive life. But the sad truth is, once a person leaves the mission, many times we lose contact with them and can only hope that we gave them enough of ourselves to help them become successful and live the life God has planned for them.



That's why we are so grateful when we receive news that one of our graduates is doing well. There is no greater reward for us than hearing that someone we have cared for and worked with is moving forward in his new life.

Recently, we received the following e-mail from the sister-in-law of a recent graduate, Kenny Serrano,

We hope you share in our excitement for him and his family; knowing that you had a hand in giving him this new start in life.

"Andy and I are so pleased with Kenny's progress! He has maintained his zeal and pursuit of God and His Word. He is visiting several churches with us in our area where he is getting excellent 'food' for his spirit, soul, and body. We have times of fellowship with him in our home and reading the Word and praying with him.

"Currently, he is getting ready for employment as a bus driver. He is studying to take a written test and then on to the driving test so he can attend their classes next week. God has opened up doors of opportunity for him and he is very excited as he continues in the 'new life' he has found during his stay at the Victor Valley Rescue Mission. Thank you, thank you, and THANK YOU for taking him in and getting him grounded in a relationship with the Lord! You played a major role in his new walk with God and we are deeply grateful.

"Kenny's heart to serve is amazing. He will be helping at our local church in the food bank and they are thrilled to have him. God is pouring out His Spirit in Kenny and he encourages us to keep up with him!

"Isn't it amazing how the excitement of a 'baby' Christian can ignite a new fire inside of you! As you can see, our lives are completely blessed to have Kenny home with us!

"Many blessings to you and all your staff! Believing your work is effective and lasting, as it is in Kenny."

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