

# Rescue Mission News

## Victor Valley Rescue Mission

CHANGING LIVES FOR GOOD IS OUR ONLY BUSINESS

*Dear Friend,*

In Webster's Dictionary, the word Hero (and Heroine) is defined as a person renowned for their courage or feats of valor; anyone admired for their character, ideals, or accomplishments.

This Easter, as I get together with our staff, those in our recovery programs, and our homeless guests for our Annual Easter Celebration, I will have the wonderful opportunity to tell them of the Greatest Hero the world has ever known. In fact, He is "so much more than a hero," He is our Savior.

At the Victor Valley Rescue Mission, we are diligent to share God's love with everyone who comes through our doors. And we are convinced that it is by His mercy and grace that people are rescued and lives are changed. In fact, hundreds of men, women, boys, and girls have experienced this unconditional love from the mission already this year . . . and their lives will never be the same.

Yet, there is another group of heroes that I want to talk to today. You might be asking, "Who are these heroes?"

YOU! Your actions, prayers, sacrifices, volunteerism, and financial support make it very easy for me to recognize you as someone who has great character and ideals. You care so much about people you have never met. You display courage and act with bravery and valor every time you come and help the people others try to avoid. You let broken people know that they are valuable.

Yes, to me you are a hero, because God has used you to accomplish miracles in the lives of people that most of society thought were beyond help and hope. You are undeniably a life-saving hero to someone (a man, a woman, a little girl, or a little boy) who is making their way to the doors of the Victor Valley Rescue Mission right now.

On behalf of the homeless and lost, I wish you and yours a wonderful Easter Season.

*Ron Wilson*

## A Brand New Life

My name is Scott Divic and I am a part of the Life Recovery Program at the mission. Before coming to Victor Valley Rescue Mission, I had been drinking since I was 18. Later I became sober for eight years, until my father died of heart failure. I allowed his death to throw my life into a drunken spiral. In addition to this, I lost my seven-year business due to the recession. At the peak of my addiction, I was consuming about a fifth of Vodka a day.

My addiction not only affected me, but my decisions divided my 20-year relationship with my wife. I almost lost the connection with my two children. Alcohol turned me into an angry person to the point that I lost



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my temper and had a domestic altercation. This altercation led to me being arrested and sentenced to five months in jail.

I have only been in the Life Recovery Program for a short time, and my life is already brand new. The rescue mission has taught me the importance of relationships, especially my relationship with God. Out of my fellowship with Him, all of my other relationships operate correctly. My eyes have been opened and I have a fresh outlook

on life. Now part of the family I almost lost, attends Thursday night Bible study with me.

If my life looks like this after only four months, I can only imagine what it will look like after being here nine months.

### Easter Egg-Stravaganza

We are preparing for our Annual Easter Egg-Stravaganza here at the rescue mission. On Thursday, April 21, 2011, we will open our doors to the public from 2-4 pm to celebrate our risen Savior. We will encourage everyone who is hungry to come enjoy a wonderful home-made Easter dinner and participate in all the festivities around the mission. There will be gifts for the young and the old(er) alike. All are welcome!

*When a person is hungry and alone, it is easy for him to believe that no one loves him, not even God. We want people to know that we love them and care for them. It is our hope that they will enjoy the food and fellowship, and that they will see the love of Jesus through us.*

### Easter Needs List

**The mission has several needs in order to make this a wonderful Easter for all of our guests.**

If you can help, please drop off your donation Monday–Friday, 8am to 5pm, at the rescue mission. Thank you!



- Plastic Eggs
- Candy
- Easter Baskets
- Hams
- Bread Rolls
- Real Eggs
- Plastic Grass
- Toys
- Salad
- Potatoes

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- Fixed and secure payments throughout your lifetime
- Satisfaction of helping us deliver vital services to the hungry and homeless in our community

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