

THE TIDE

CENTRAL COAST RESCUE MISSION

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SUPER THRIFT/SUPER TRAINING

One of the goals of Central Coast Rescue Mission's Life recovery program is to train men in ways possible only on a worksite and working in teams. One of the ways these vocational skills are taught and caught is at the Super Thrift store. Matt is one of the store's most productive and enthusiastic workers who is gaining experiences that will help him at future job sites. "Doing vocational training at the thrift store gives me the chance to give back to those who are helping me. I have been able to improve my team working skills and that has made my transition easier. I enjoy working at the thrift store."



Working the thrift store has made my transition easier.

REFRESHED THROUGH SERVICE

My name is Vidal Garza and I volunteer with the Central Coast Rescue Mission. A few months ago, God began working on my heart to find ways to serve both at church and in the community. It has been an encouragement to serve with organizations like the rescue mission that give the opportunity to serve and to share the love of Christ. I particularly enjoy the rescue mission's current outreach at the Alvin Street apartments. The kids we serve are a lot

of fun to be around! I enjoy giving them high-fives and seeing their excitement for life. It's always so memorable to see the kids smile when I walk up, especially when I remember their names. My hope is that I would instill some value and dignity into their lives while I have the chance.

In the Bible, James talks about caring for orphans and widows and how doing so is an example of true faith and religion. Jesus talked about the importance of children and how we are to be an encouragement to them, and not a reason for them to stumble. I am reminded of Paul's statement in Colossians, "set your mind on things above, and not on earthly things." Taking part in outreach opportunities is a blessing for me because it gives me the opportunity to get my mind off of myself and my cares, worries, or concerns and be refreshed through service. Lastly, I like the opportunity to meet people in the Life Recovery Program like Anthony and the staff at the Central Coast Rescue Mission.



Set your mind on things above...

THE CHANGE THAT ONLY GOD COULD DO



Drug Free!

More than anything, I am amazed at how much God has changed my life in the past year. A year ago, I was at my worst, injecting heroin and meth. I was living foolishly. After being arrested for the umpteenth time, I was introduced to the Central Coast Rescue Mission. I've always felt God tugging at me through different situations, but since that initial step into this program, I've felt a sense of love, learning, and freedom in my life that I've never experienced before.

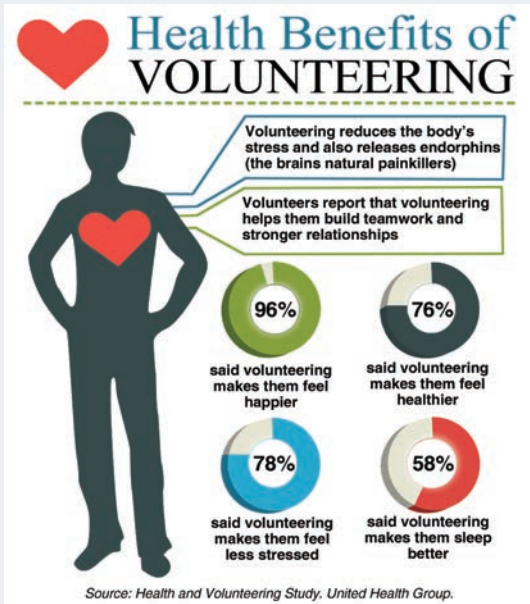
It was my own foolishness that caused me to lose my business, ruin my marriage, destroy my reputation, and place me in a position of shame. God uses the foolish things of the world to accomplish His will

I thank God for the rescue mission and what God is doing in my life. With each day, I'm becoming healthier, wealthier (in things that matter), and wiser...And I'm DRUG FREE!

CHANGING LIVES IN OUR COMMUNITY

After several months of putting in many job applications, Liz Marie Bueina came to the mission's thrift store through Welfare to Work. Liz Marie is a single mother of a beautiful three-year-old son who attends day care while Liz Marie works to gain critical experi-

ence and build her resume. Her hope is to be able to work full-time, raise her son, and lead a responsible life. She has strong faith in God and believes that He is leading her to the right places and to work with the right people. We are proud to be a part of Liz Marie's journey to independence.



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