









January 2015

Changing Lives for Good

#### Adventure of a Lifetime

At this year's Bass Lake retreat, the men in the Life Recovery program enjoyed several activities such as hiking, fishing, swimming, and jet-skiing. The men also experienced a trip to the beautiful Yosemite National Park. However, their favorite part of the retreat was spending time in worship, prayer, and reading the Bible. Many of the program men said this trip was an adventure of a lifetime, one they will always remember.



### 2014 Graduates

The mission is excited to announce that eight men graduated from the Life Recovery Program in 2014. Most of the men have jobs, are clean and sober, and attend church. Some of these men continue to stay connected with us by helping out at the mission and thrift store, and joining various outreaches.



#### Did vou know?

"As the U.S. emerges from the worst recession since the Great Depression, 25 percent of children don't have enough food to eat and 7 million kids still don't have health insurance." ~ JAMA Pediatrics report - 20 Oct. 2014

## Exemplifying What God has Done in his Life

Ernie graduated from the Life Recovery Program in May 2014, and is still connected to the mission. Ernie has a great job in landscaping, and his boss reports that Ernie is an excellent worker. Ernie is now paying off debt, paying rent, and has established a bank account with some savings. Ernie is actively involved at Pacific Christian Center Church twice a week, and plans to save up for his own home. Currently, Ernie is going to driving school to get his license back.



#### Adrian and CJ

Working with a great attitude, demonstrating teamwork, Adrian and CJ help to prepare food for one of the mission's outreach meals. Like many of the men who come through our Life Recovery Program, Adrian and CJ enjoy serving the less fortunate and find pleasure in serving others. The two men are about to graduate and each hope to continue serving others and stay connected with their churches and the community.





# Privileged to Serve

The mission has had the privilege of serving 14,086 hot meals through its SOS Outreach Program. With the help of eager-to-serve volunteers who bring great love and compassion each and every Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday night, the mission is able to make an otherwise hungry and lonely evening into an enjoyable and delicious occasion for guests. Please call Audrey Perry at 805-357-1208 to learn about volunteer opportunities with the mission.

## Donations + Volunteers = Changed Lives

Central Coast Super Thrift Store has seen some real progress this past year - an increase in volunteers, and we have expanded our donation pick-up areas to include Santa Maria, Orcutt, and Nipomo. 100% of our net proceeds go to feed, comfort, and clothe the needy and our helpful staff makes it a fun atmosphere to shop, especially on 50%-off Wednesdays! Your donations make a HUGE difference!







