

# THE TIDE

**CENTRAL COAST  
RESCUE MISSION**

An Outreach Ministry of



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## **DOWN ON MY LUCK OR RIGHT PLACE RIGHT TIME?**



I was down on my luck last April and little did I know that God had me right where He needed me to be. I came into the Central Coast Rescue Mission ready to give up, but instead of losing it all, I discovered hope and joy!

Intake Coordinator Andrew let me in immediately, and it was none too soon. I had been drinking alcohol every day in large amounts. I couldn't function well and I was having trouble taking care of myself. My relationships with my family were crumbling.

The mission helped open my eyes to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and what forgiveness and starting over with new life in Him means. The mission helped me to find a good church and connect with other Christians. I no longer carry around the weight of shame and self-hatred, the weight that nearly killed me.

If I had not come to the mission, I may very well be dead by now, or could have at least lost the relationship with my children and grandchildren. Instead, my relationship with them is deepening, as is my relationship with the Lord. For these reasons, I will always be grateful to Jesus and to the mission for saving my life.

Richard graduates this month and all are welcome to join the mission celebrating his special day.

## **NON-PERISHABLE NEEDS**

**Urgent This Winter** - Every week this time of year, with less people working in Santa Maria, the mission is hard pressed to keep the food pantry stocked with perishable items such as fresh fruits and vegetables.

If you would like more information on how you can help, please contact us at 805-354-5219.



## THE SIREN OF JOYFUL CHILDREN

*“... but Jesus said, ‘Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.’” (Matthew 19:14)*

Every Monday around dinner time a fun-loving, laughing, and screaming-for-joy group of kids run out to meet the mission’s SOS Truck in a part of town with predominantly Hispanic population. Most of the moms and dads work in the field and come home to enjoy dinner with their children in the courtyard where the mission serves.

The mission has partnered together with Pastor Tim, Pastor Joel and the Santa Maria Foursquare Church to meet not just the physical needs, but the spiritual needs as well. Joe Moreno, the mission’s Outreach Coordinator invites you to come and be part of the exciting SOS Outreach ministry – to see and hear the kids laugh and love; to know the kids and their parents, and to meet needs in the name of Jesus.

The mission prays that each one of these families experience a very blessed New Year – that their families strengthen, that they are free from misery, sin, strife, and find the love of Jesus.



*Partnering churches and businesses send volunteers to serve on the SOS truck.*

## FAMILY

*“God settles the solitary in a home; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious dwell in a parched land.” (Psalms 68:6 ESV)*

We want to give a big shout out to volunteers Jon and Charity Bronkowski who are pastors at Anchor of Life Church in Santa Maria. To create a sense of family for the men who reside at the mission, they and members of the church bring in armfuls of food, games, and love once a month.

Life Recovery Program member Wayne, who is in his 50s, was celebrated during his birthday month with cake and ice cream at the Family Dinner. He told Jon that the cake they had brought for him was only the second birthday cake he had ever received in his life. He was blessed to say the least!



*Volunteers, Life Recovery Program Members and their own family members join together to create Family.*

Now some of the residents’ own family members come to the mission and healthy relationships are forming and growing; these are the kinds of anchors in a program member’s life that keep a man growing in Christ, victorious over sin and addiction.

Volunteer Coordinator Audrey Chastain can be reached at [achastain@erescuemission.org](mailto:achastain@erescuemission.org) if you and your church group wish to help develop the family night theme.