



CENTRAL COAST Rescue Mission

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Changing Lives for Good

Saved by Three Words

Dmitriy is 26 years old and was born in Kiev, Ukraine. His family was fortunate enough to gain visas to come to America, but not before they experienced the hatred of the former communist government. Los Angeles was the Milyavskiy's new home in 1994.

Dmitriy's high school and college years were exciting, but he felt the pressure of an affluent society compared to the deprived conditions of Eastern Europe in the '90's. "I found myself always pleasing others and never really doing what I wanted. I never genuinely asked myself what I wanted out of life," Dmitriy explained.

At UCSB, he studied economics, but returned to Los Angeles with a drug and alcohol addiction. For seven years Dmitriy struggled. "As the weeks dragged on I was becoming more and more hopeless, until I realized that I needed help, and I needed it fast, or else I would end up dead or in jail," he recalls.

He and his family searched for a rehabilitation center, but none had an opening or they were too expensive. That's when the Central Coast Rescue Mission reached out and told Dmitriy that a bed at the mission had opened up for him. Dmitriy liked the mission statement he read on the mission brochure that he



kept on his dresser – Refuge, Recovery, and Restoration. He knew he needed all three!

"I am now just a couple months clean, but I already feel God working in my life," reports Dmitriy two months after joining the Life Recovery Program. "That huge void in my heart is now filled with His Holy Spirit. I am working on my walk with the Lord everyday and building a foundation that I can take with me everywhere I go."

The mission so much appreciates your generosity that helps men like Dmitriy make an honest and worthwhile effort to start a new in life!

Surprised on My Way to LAX



It's always a delight to find men whose lives have been changed while at the mission. On a recent trip to LAX, I had the opportunity to be shuttled to the airport by Mike Almaguer who graduated in 2014. Mike is attending church, preparing to get married, and working full time for Central Coast Shuttle Services. We are grateful to God for His transforming work in men's lives!

Smiling at His Opportunity

The mission's thrift store is happy to have Donald volunteer as part of his community service work. Donald is a hard worker and is committed to finishing his volunteer work in a timely manner. With a wife and young child, Donald has to work around their schedules to meet his community service obligations.

Donald always has a smile on his face and gets along with the other volunteers and staff. His experience at the mission is positive in part due to the encouragement the store's staff gives him to follow Christ. The mission's store is happy to offer community service opportunities and a chance to connect with other volunteers and staff members in a supportive environment.



Strength and Passion



The mission recently celebrated Roger Perez-Guizer's graduation from the Life Recovery Program. Roger excelled in his work of recovery and is a genuine Christ follower and a very hard worker. He got a job in a cooling plant. However, his passion is to receive Bible training so that he can preach the Gospel effectively wherever God leads him. Five men have graduated from the Life Recovery Program this year. Four of the five are working; the fifth graduate is completing his GED studies and serving as an intern at the mission.

Parked, Food is Hot, Ready to Serve in the Park

The Monday night outreach at the city park on Broadway and Main Street in Santa Maria has taken off as expected. Nearly 60 men, women, and children enjoy a full, hot, and nutritious meal served off the SOS Truck each Monday. The Friday evening banquet serves nearly 60 folks each night. The Monday community dinner at the Foursquare Church in Santa Maria serves about twenty people. The mission so appreciates every person who decides to invest their time, talent, and treasure to help those who are in need. Please contact Audrey

Perry at aperry@erescuemission.org to learn about volunteer opportunities.



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