

## Answered Prayers, Lives Touched

In April, the Central Coast Rescue Mission and Coast Valley Worship Center partnered to feed the needy every Monday night in several locations using the mission's food truck. That first night there were over 30 meals served. The mission is still searching for new churches to partner with to serve even more people with hot dinners.

Pastor Craig Hamlin of Coast Valley Worship Center had been praying for a food truck that his church could use to feed the poor and hungry. Coincidently



The partnership between Coast Valley and the Rescue Mission breaks new ground on Monday evenings.

# New Life

the Central Coast Rescue Mission had been praying for a church that would utilize the SOS (Survival Outreach Services) Truck.

Santa Maria's Coast Valley Church is dedicated to reaching out to the less-fortunate, worshipping God, and studying the Bible. They provide a weekly food giveaway in which they serve hundreds of people. They also host Laundry of Love, where the homeless can have their clothes washed for free every week.

The mission looks to work with churches, where people matter, even though a person might not have anything in their bank account. A person can never be so stuck in an addiction that the grace of God cannot set them free.

#### Did you know?



Here are some of the men in the Life Recovery Program. From right to left: Cal is excited to know more about God and his purpose in life; Alex is excited to be able to get involved in church and helping out on outreach; Jeff is excited to have the opportunity to change and bring healing to his heart; Dmitri is excited about this day being a new beginning; and Richard is excited that he is in a place of refuge.



## I Needed to Make a U-Turn

My name is Cody Tucker and I am 23 years old. I was born and raised in Santa Maria. I was a good athlete in high school, but I began to drink and party. This caused me to lose sight of what is important in life. After high school I completed two years at Allan Hancock College and got my welding and machinist certificates. After that I began to work for the same company as my father. I started off in the oilfields as a Roustabout and after two years worked my way up to lead equipment operator. I also worked on offshore oil rigs as a Rope access technician.

But my drinking never went away. I got two DUI's when I was eighteen years old; one of them was a felony DUI because I rolled my jeep off the Colson Canyon Road. Thankfully no one was hurt, except me, in a lot of ways! I have been on probation for almost five years now. Then I made a mistake and violated my probation by being in a bar one night, so I faced either doing jail time or join a recovery program. I'm

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so glad I was able to join the Central Coast Rescue Mission's Life Recovery Program.

I realized I was trying to stop drinking on my own, but it wasn't working. I also realized that I was drinking to drown some hurts and lies I was carrying on the inside. I discovered that God wasn't mad at me, He had been waiting all this time for me to turn to Him. Like the bumper sticker says, "God allows U-turns."

God has helped me restore relationship with my family. I bring my little brother to church with me on Sundays, and I have an opportunity to return to work. I am so grateful, God has me on a new path altogether.

## **Outreach Update**



Daniel from Church for Life encourages our guests before dinner.



These ladies are part of the Element Church youth group, which serves dinner once a month



Mike from City of Praise International Church learned several Spanish worship songs so that all our guests could enjoy worship during dinner.

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