

# THE TIDE

## CENTRAL COAST RESCUE MISSION

An Outreach Ministry of



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### SECOND CHANCE – GOD KNEW ALL ALONG!

The life I led up till now was one of self-indulgence and self-gratification. Drug use, criminal activity, and non-conformity were a daily thing. Multiple arrests and incarcerations caused isolation from my family, friends, and anyone who cared for me. I never went to church, although I believed in God. I was living for myself even after I was blessed with a son, a wonderful girlfriend, and a place to call home with them.

Multiple stumbles led me to where I am now. I'm rebuilding my relationships with my family and my girlfriend. I am in a good place in our relationship and its only getting better as the weeks go by. My son has a dad in his life that he can see and touch. I'm blessed to be around men that help me and accepted me. I believe God brought me here at the time He did because He knew the people (the staff) and my co-programmers would be of most benefit to me.

I believe God has a great plan for why I'm here and for the rest of my life. I can't wait to see what He has in store for me in the coming years. I feel so blessed.



*Getting ready for class*

He has given me the tools to build a secure and strong foundation beginning with Him. The most recent thing He has given me is the fact that I'm now able to know what happy truly feels like and I want to hold on to that. I thank Him for the staff at the rescue mission, for He put them here to help people like me. ~ Matt

### NEW KITCHEN FOR THE MISSION – THANK YOU!



Construction is underway on the kitchen and dining area at the mission. Men in the Life Recovery Program will have a brand new space to eat and build relationships with each other, their instructors, and volunteers. Although several have given toward this project, and it wouldn't be possible without all of our supporters, we are especially grateful to the Edwin & Jeanne Woods Family Foundation and the Williams-Corbett Foundation for providing generous grants of \$20,000. We are grateful to God for blessing this project and allowing us to create a space for fellowship and learning to take place for the men!

## A SHOWER, SOME REST, AND LOTS OF APPRECIATION

Hector was born in Honduras, Central America. Twenty years ago, he emigrated from Honduras due to the hardship in that country. He came with the idea that he was going to make lots of money then return to his homeland and buy a truck and work. But everything went wrong for him starting with medical challenges. The worst one was when someone hit him in the head with a blunt item and he suffered an injury that almost took away his life.

For the past ten years, he's been living on the streets of Santa Maria, where he has found some peace. Every Friday, when he comes to our outreach at one of the local churches, he enjoys being at church and being fed by the rescue mission. On Saturdays, he comes to the mission and we give him the opportunity to take a shower and rest. The last time he was at the mission, he spent an hour playing the guitar and singing Spanish Christian songs for us.

We take the opportunity to talk to him about the Lord and the plans He has for him. Although he has not

joined our recovery program, he always expresses how grateful he is for the rescue mission and the care he receives as he saves money to return to Honduras.



*Many a gospel song has come from this wonderful man.*

## MOVING FORWARD – INTRODUCING OUR JANUARY 2016 GRADUATES

**Darren** - I am super blessed with my relationship with the Lord and that I have no desire to drink again. I now have the best job that I ever had, a car, and restoration with family members. Thank you rescue mission for helping this come true.



**Sidney** - I am proud to talk about what I have accomplished graduating the program. I have learned so much that has helped me in a lot of areas like relationships with God and family and life skills. I am excited to work again and to go back to school. Thank you rescue mission for believing in me.

**Richard** - I had a transformation while in the program that will help me for the rest of my life. Thanks to God, I restored my relationship with my family. I have moved near my children and grandchildren to love them with a new love that is from the Lord. Thank you rescue mission for introducing me to the love and grace of Jesus Christ.

