

THE TIDE

CENTRAL COAST RESCUE MISSION

An Outreach Ministry of



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CONNECTING NEEDS WITH DINNER, LOVE, AND MORE



Volunteers can get involved with the Central Coast Rescue Mission in many different ways. They can serve a meal, organize a drive, become a mentor, and some even teach the Life Recovery Program classes. The most memorable experience is always when a volunteer sees the person or family they are helping filled with joy or hope because of their service.

Recently, the Central Coast Rescue Mission launched a new initiative to take meals and love to those neighborhoods or apartment complexes most in need in our city. We have seen a truly needy, but grateful group of guests come to be served from our SOS food truck and receive encouragement alongside a meal. This provides an excellent opportunity for volunteers to build relationships with residents and show them that we really care.

One volunteer decided she wanted to come back because there was a young girl she connected with and wanted to build a relationship. This volunteer's response is incredibly encouraging because it means that relationships are formed, people are loved, and the Gospel is displayed.

This is a highly reproducible model and the mission already has in mind to bring the "dinner, love, and more" model to other needy neighbors and neighborhoods. We'll include groceries and items from our thrift store to meet more needs, win more confidence, and share more Good News.

PARTNERS IN MISSIONS

The beginning of fall has given the Central Coast Rescue Mission several opportunities to speak in churches about the ministry. This photo shows director, Larry Cooney, speaking to a mission's conference at Grace Baptist Church in Santa Maria about bringing refuge, recovery, and restoration to those in need. Please pray for us to continue to find lasting relationships with churches, organizations, and businesses in our community. We love our partners and supporters!



A SEASON OF FIRSTS

There is a first time for everything.

For Wayne Hampton, the recent trip to Bass Lake he took with the Central Coast Rescue Mission proved to be filled with firsts. Wayne came to the mission in August after being incarcerated for nearly 20 years. During that time, his schedule was routine and what he saw and did was limited.

He quickly adapted into his new life at the mission. He began attending classes, learning to seek God in his life, and learning skills to live a healthy future. He made new friends and quickly became one of the program men's favorites. He showed himself quickly to be a hard worker at the thrift store and found a place helping the less fortunate at the mission's outreaches.

During his trip to Bass Lake, he rode a jet ski for the first time. It was the first time he jumped in a lake fully dressed (including shoes). It was the first time he had been to Yosemite. It was the first time he hiked an 8 mile, 4,000 foot climb trail. It was the first time he was able to participate on a retreat with other men discussing the bible and learning how to apply it to recovery and life.



Wayne (left) is excited for his trip to Bass Lake.

There was one more first for Wayne that made his trip. It was the first time Wayne was baptized, telling the world that he is a Christ-follower.

“Getting baptized at Bass Lake was beautiful, man! It was like a weight was taken off of me and I became a new man. Everyone should get baptized!”

TRAINING THE VOLUNTEERS



Success in rescue ministry has a lot of variety – training our disciples to serve the poor, engaging volunteers to serve and to share the Bible, seeing kids smile for a hot dinner, and lots more.

GRADUATION



The mission celebrated Darren Hayes' graduation from the Life Recovery Program. Darren found work at Zodiac Industries and has been reunited with his son and his brother. God is faithful to complete His work!