



CENTRAL COAST Rescue Mission

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Changing Lives for Good

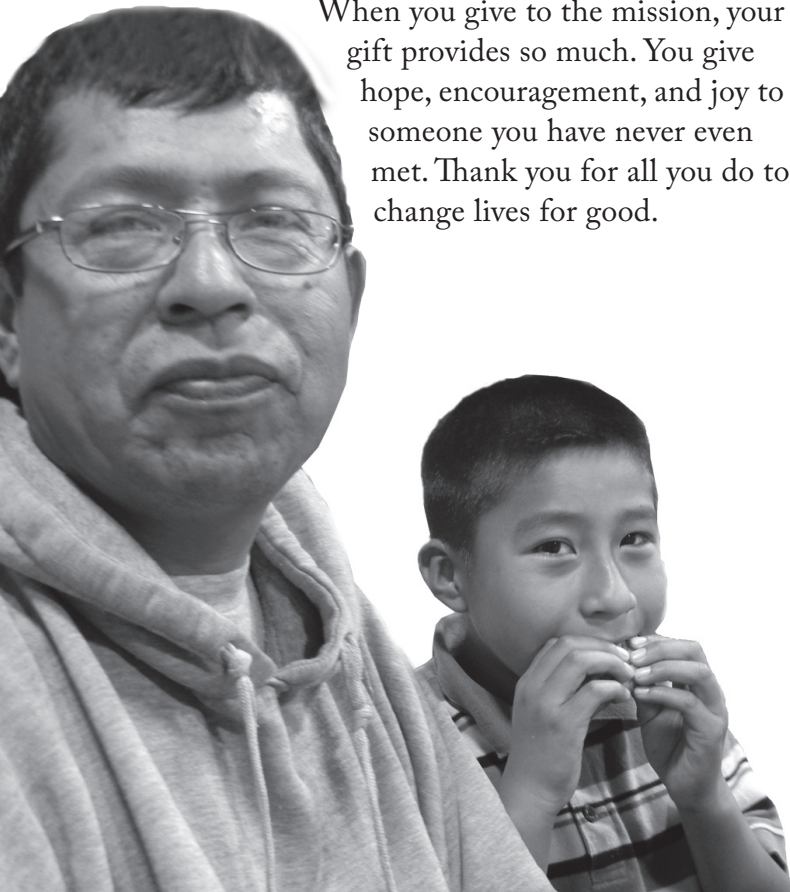
The Example of the Oatmeal Cookies

Teso and his son Daniel eat with us at our Santa Maria dinner. When I observed Teso give Daniel his two cookies, I told him in broken Spanish, "What a great Dad you are!" This dad gave up his dessert so his son could have some extra joy and happiness. Those cookies could have given him a moment's pleasure, but given to his son, they meant so much more.

This is an example of how I see your donations at work for the poor.

You gave up a latte, and you provided a meal; you gave up an afternoon at the movies, and you provided a day of recovery services and hope for a new life.

When you give to the mission, your gift provides so much. You give hope, encouragement, and joy to someone you have never even met. Thank you for all you do to change lives for good.



Hot Meals and More

Rutilia, her husband, and their three boys from one to five years old, live in a small room in Santa Maria. She and her husband don't have jobs right now and she doesn't have money for clothing for the boys, they have to share clothes. She brings them to our outreach meals to help make ends meet.

Because of the faithfulness of you and other generous partners, we are here for Rutilia. Her children left this evening with smiles on their faces because they had full stomachs, clothes for each of them, and even some toys in their hands.



They left with smiles on their faces!

Teach Your Children Well

Kathi came to volunteer at her first outreach meal with excitement and a servant's heart. We put Kathi and her children in charge of sorting and helping our guests find articles of clothing. Congratulations, Kathi, for teaching your children the value of serving others!



They came excited to serve.

A Little act of Kindness.

A Nice Guy Who Will Not Finish Last

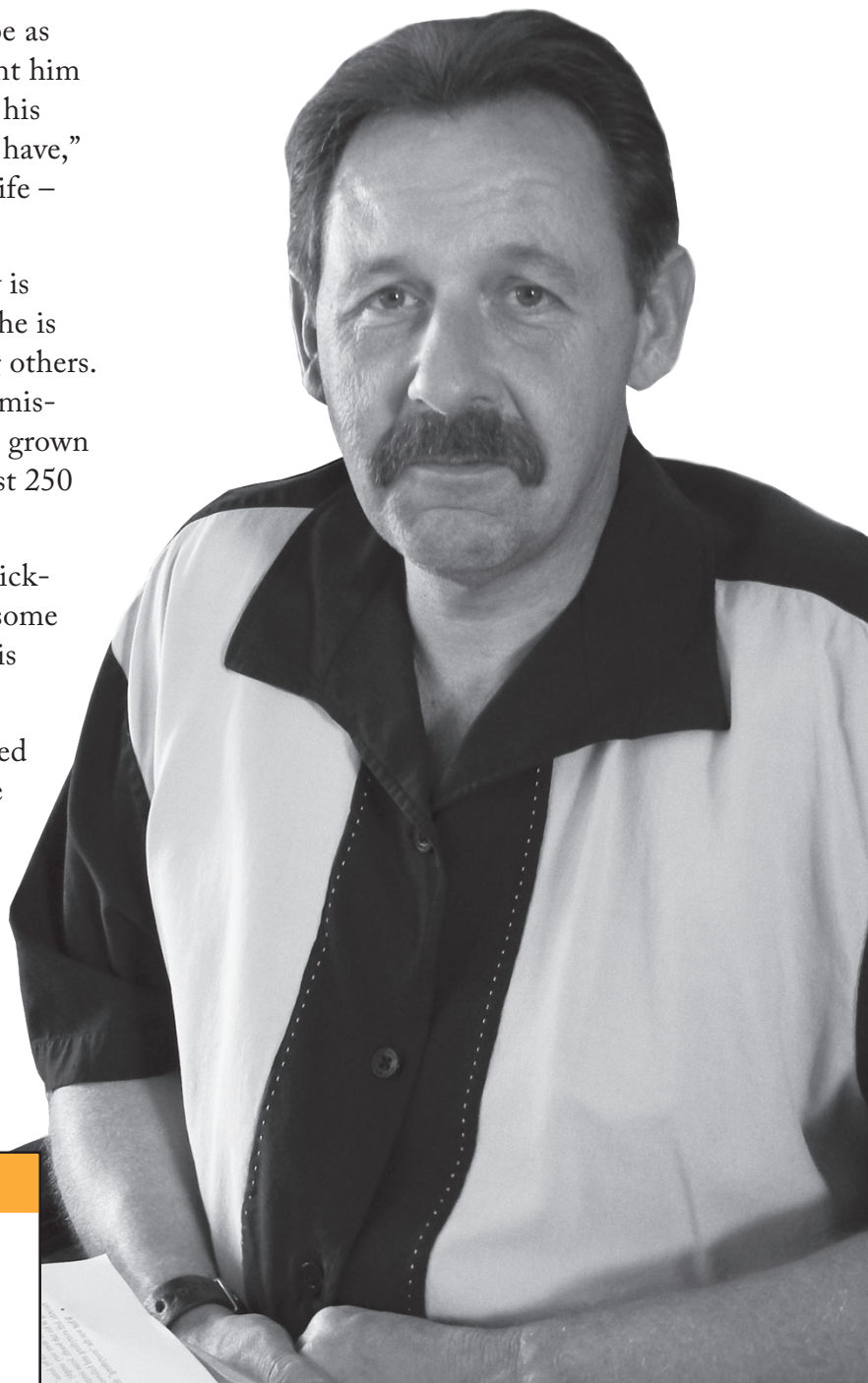
Jay came to us last year after what I would describe as decades of careless living. His carelessness brought him behind the bars of jail with the nagging question in his mind, “What’s the point of living anyway?” “Would have,” “Could have,” and “Should have,” are of no help in life – even if you are a really nice guy like Jay is.

Now that he is in the mission recovery program, Jay is beginning to see that life is worth living, so long as he is willing to keep giving his life to God and to serving others. Because Jay is Serve-Safe certified, he has been the mission’s key food-service person while the mission has grown its outreach ministry from 60 meals a week to almost 250 meals a week.

Jay is a very kind guy and he’s an avid reader. He’s picking up some side work on the weekends to address some dental work. He also loves to visit his mother and his brother after church on Sunday.

For the first time in his adult life, Jay is not consumed by fear and depression. He has a peace about his life today and sees God opening up several options, including serving as one of the mission’s interns and developing his food service skills.

It really is a joy to be able to see a great change in men’s lives. Thank you for providing refuge, recovery, and restoration to those who are seeking a new start.



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