



CENTRAL COAST Rescue Mission

An Outreach ministry of



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Changing Lives for Good

Long Hauler Takes Right Turn

Raul drove long-haul trucks for forty years. He always kept the law and worked hard. His work took him all over the nation. On weekends, Raul relaxed with a few drinks, but he was always ready to get back on the road when he had work to do.

But when Raul retired, he began to drink more heavily and his drinking led to trouble in the form of a DUI. The judge gave Raul the choice of either spending time behind bars or to become a member of the mission's recovery program.

Raul came to the mission last January - and change is what we've seen in Raul's life. He has applied himself to Basic English grammar studies and is closer to taking his GED test. He has enjoyed the responsibility of working at the mission's Super Thrift Store and has taken a lead role in the store's new production center.

Most importantly, Raul has been diligent to read the Bible and take in as much as he can of God's Word at Bible study and at church. He's happy that God is taking away his alcohol problem and replacing it with joy and happiness.

Change is always hard to make, especially when you get older. We are so proud of Raul. He graduated from our program in August and is part of our Aftercare group of men. These men stay connected with the mission through volunteer service, continued study, and a monthly meal together. After Raul visits his children in Idaho, he plans to return to Santa Maria and stay connected with us by volunteering at the Super Thrift Store.

We hope you'll come by - 306 North Broadway - and shop, donate, and visit Raul and the other members of our team.



Rarely without a smile, Raul presses on for more change.

Director's Corner

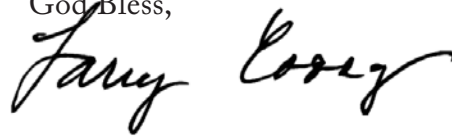
These are difficult times for so many of those who attend our outreach dinners. I have met so many people who have amassed too much debt, have outstanding fines, or don't have enough income to pay their bills. Some work and others cannot find work. Unfortunately, in this lifestyle, addiction is widespread.

Meet Jessica and her son Matthew. They attend our dinners because it gives them an opportunity to have dinner in a family atmosphere and be with friends. Both rate the meals as over-the-top and often take an extra plate to go. As a single mom, Jessica hates that feeding her son is such a struggle, but she is determined to make things better for them. She recently started going back to church and has found a place to stay for both of them at a local shelter

The need is great – and so is the opportunity to meet this need in our area. Thank you for everything you do to help our guests make it through the days with some cheer in their hearts.

Contact us to learn of special opportunities to help in the coming holiday season.

God Bless,



Determined to make things better.

Give to Our "Tubs Of Love" Campaign



December 19, 2011
Santa Maria Veteran's Hall

In the Spirit of Giving...

... help us make their Christmas holiday a blessed event. You can help with our Tubs-Of-Love campaign by donating a 20 gallon plastic tub with the toys and other items needed by the poor and the hungry we serve at Central Coast Rescue Mission. We will be gathering on December 19 at the Santa Maria Veteran's Hall for a hearty Christmas feast along with handing out the gifts supplied by our donors. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer for this event, please call us at:

(805) 614-0220

Our Tricycle Friend!

Jose drives a three-wheel bike to our Guadalupe outreach dinner. He has a deformed right hand and walks with the aid of a cane. Even with these handicaps, he is able to expertly maneuver his tricycle to the free dinners every Wednesday.

The special tricycle was given to him by the Kiwanis club of Guadalupe.



Jose comes to the meals for the good food and the opportunity to see friends and acquaintances that live in town. He always takes one plate of food to go to share with his roommate who isn't able to make it out to the dinner. Our outreach dinner is not complete without seeing and serving Jose!

As the holidays approach, many will experience great need and heartache. Thank you for partnering with us to serve Jose and many others who need our help in Guadalupe each week!

We are serving in Guadalupe every Tuesday at 6 pm at Guadalupe Ranch Community Center (11th Street and Escalante).

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