

Gospel Gazette

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you will find a DVD - a compilation of this years news coverage of the Salt Lake City Mission. Please take just a few minutes of your valuable time to view it, see what you have helped us accomplish and find out:

“How You Can Help Keep a Few More Heads Above Water?”

From Despair To Hope



Brad never had a hard time finding work. He has always been a very talented and skilled worker. He has done road construction for 8 years, and a painter for 20 years, both commercially and residentially. With all professions come opportunities to get involved with destructive relationships

that can lead to misery and despair. It seems Brad had a hard time staying in committed relationships which led to more despair and hopelessness. Brad says part of his problem was he was always looking for a “fantasy” relationship that did not exist, “I didn’t know how to stay committed”, says Brad.

When Brad came to the Mission he and his family said he was at his end. At first Brad struggled with others at the Mission because relationships take patience and effort. In time Brad began to find that the people at the Mission weren’t judgmental and accepted him as he was. There was also others who had similar problems to his and sometimes they rubbed each other the wrong way. God used those individuals to help Brad see himself and have acceptance for others.

It’s been 2 years since Brad came to the Mission. Today he says he is learning to be responsible with work, money, thinking, etc. “I have hope for the future” Brad says. He is now working in development and has learned to love all people. Brad now says, “I love all people now” God has shown him unconditional love. Brad finds joy in playing the guitar, fly fishing and attending church, but most of all Brad says he loves helping people come to know what he now possess. Hope!

TRULY THANKFUL

In September of 1620, 102 individuals left Plymouth, England to find religious and civil freedom in a new land. After facing high seas and bitter elements they arrived in what is now known as Massachusetts. After giving praise to God and signing the "Mayflower Compact" - America's first civil government document, they set foot on Plymouth Rock, December 11th, 1620.

Most of us learned this story in elementary school. Then we were told how the pilgrims and the Native Americans had a great thanksgiving feast, which is true but many renditions of the story leave out the prayer service and what everyone was truly thankful for. The Pilgrims first year in America killed nearly half of the settlers through starvation, sickness and the bitter New England winter. Yet continuing steadfast in prayer, and helped by the generous Indians, the following spring and summer brought great blessings of food, health and friendship.

On December 13, 1621, the pilgrims and the Indians celebrated for 3-days, giving thanks to the God who had brought them to their promised land and through the trials that come with God’s promises.

When God brought Israel to the Promised Land, many did not enter God’s promises because of the fear of the harsh realities of life. They didn’t trust God could take care of the giants they had to fight, they were scared of the large walled cities and the seven enemies in the land caused them to feel discouraged, humiliated, shamed, rejected, disconnected, insecure and inferior.

Today we can still struggle with truly being thankful to God for His provisions. Do you trust God to “still the giant storms” in your life? Are we looking to Him to bring down the barriers of bitterness, regret and unforgiveness we’ve built up. Do we realize His words encourage us, lifts us up, removes the shame of past failures and let downs. And He accepts us just as we are and are connected through the love of His cross. If we choose, we can be safe, secure and thankful through Him who truly cares for us.



That’s something to truly be thankful for!

A Generous Man

by Jan Ross

The harvest is ripe and the crops are in,
Winter wheat is sown in the field.
The distant fall sun offers little warmth
Though it glistens in morning frost.

The fall of the year is a time to reap
What was sown in the fertile ground.
The wisest of men will be doubly blessed,
Not failing to reap souls of men.

The word must go out into all the earth
For the time of reaping is near,
Inviting the hungry, oppressed, and poor,
To a banquet fit for a king.

The table is set for all who would come
From the east, and west, north and south.
The harvest is ready the fields are ripe,
The winnowing hook's now in hand.

May all who have eyes see God's glorious plan;
May all who have ears hear His Word:
**"A generous man will himself be blessed,
For he shares his food with the poor"***

* Proverbs 22:9

Other Mission Needs

**Fund Drives - All types of financial donations
needed & accepted!**

**Clothing Drives - coats, hats, gloves, pants, socks,
underwear, shirts, tee shirts,
sweaters, thermal, etc.**

Food Drives - can goods of all types, meat, ect.

**Hygiene Kit Drives - soap, shampoo, deodorant,
razors, shaving cream, wash
cloths, tooth brush & paste.**

**Christmas Gift Drives - wrapped Christmas gifts
of all types for all ages...**



Being Prepared with the Right Tools for Life!

A good, versatile pocket knife is an essential item in a well planned emergency kit. When considering how to safe guard the ones you love, an estate plan is just as essential in your family's life. It can be difficult to take the first steps in a sometimes confusing process. If this sentiment represents how you feel, we can help!

Whether young, old, rich or just comfortable, you have an estate. It includes your home, business, savings, retirement plans, life insurance proceeds, and those important personal items that have been accumulated as a result of your labor and God's blessings.

Planning for distribution of your estate at death, in harmony with God's plan of stewardship, is one of the most important decisions you will make.

Plan it carefully and prayerfully!

To do so, you need to be informed about such things as income and estate taxes, probate, when to use a will versus a revocable living trust, charitable trusts, and many other complex issues of estate planning.

Salt Lake City Mission has a program in place that will be able to help you with this important decision and help with the formation of your goals for an estate plan!

Please visit our website at:
www.saltlakecitymission.org
to learn more.

Don't wait until it's too late!

**Start your plan today!
It's free and easy!**

Try it today!

