

Gospel Gazette

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New Creation

It was early morning April 15th 2011, on three kinds of dope, as I banged my head against the wall and said, "I can't do this anymore." My girlfriend was in prison, and I was taking care of her daughter. My life had fallen completely apart. I went to the store for some smokes and met a man named Harold who



ended up giving me a good job and a message from God! I believe Jesus sent him there for me! We both ended up sobbing and smiling because we knew that the Holy Spirit was right there with us!!! This was the beginning of the end of a 35 year drug addiction.

With God's help my life started to slowing turn around for the good, but there was still something buried deep in my heart. Needless to say, I nearly died believing something that was a lie. I needed to be with other believers, in a safe place.

Back in June 16th 1974, I asked Jesus into my life. It was one of the happiest days I can remember! Soon after that I started running from what God wanted to do with my life. In September of 1975 I started working after school and became friends with the "older crowd" the "rough crowd." My desire to be a police officer soon came to an abrupt halt when I was arrested for possession of marijuana. I didn't even have a chance to even smoke it. I ended up in a continuation school where I did get high and basically stayed high till April 15th 2011. I was running from God.

On May 11th 2011, I came to the Salt Lake City Mission's Up-Word Motion Program. When I arrived at the Mission I was still controlled by the effects of the drugs and ended up in jail after running away from the help I had there. Going to jail helped me wake up and get serious about serving God completely. I rededicated my life to Jesus and was ready to give Him my all.

Now I am learning to be a disciple of Christ, a student of the bible and a good steward of the life I had been given. Now I have a desire to help others who can not help themselves. I have been where so many are right now. Prior to my surrender to Jesus I had been

addicted to serious drugs, even though I was able to some-what hold down a good job for years. Methamphetamine is a choice I wish I would have never made. It destroyed 3 marriages and my family's trust, as well as my career as a plumber. I made a lot of money and had nothing to show for it. Methamphetamine steals all you have, then it steals your soul.

All the honor and glory goes to God the Father, Jesus Christ my Savior and Holy Spirit my comforter, Amen & Amen. I now have hope and can continue to grow everyday.

God's Work (Celebrating Labor Day)

"When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained, What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him?" Psalm 8:3-4

As we celebrate this Labor Day, rest from our hard work, may we consider the work of our Creator. Have you considered the stars, the heavens, the awesome fact that we are on a planet at the perfect distance from our source of light, heat and life sustaining energy?

10 degrees closer we would burn, 10 degrees farther we would freeze. Carbon dioxide, our exhaust, is taken in by plants that breathe out our oxygen. The oxygen of our planet is 16 to 20 percent. Any lower we could not breathe, any higher we would explode.

Have you considered the mountains? They freeze our water and send it to us when needed by rivers not of our making. Lightning disperses nitrogen to fertilize our soil, and soil gives home to seed which springs forth to life. The seed is in the fruit, in the animal, in us, and life gives way to life.

Have you considered the engineering of our bodies? Five senses to experience our world. **Incredible!** And the brain, it can record memories, make good or bad choices, can even create art, music, cities, or carry out atrocities, crimes, and wars. Our heart beats, our lungs breathe, our internal organs all perform by our autonomic system which is not controlled by our conscious choice. **Thank God!** Yet He left our peripheral nervous system to us, the use of our hands, feet, minds, etc. Free will to choose good and bad, right and wrong, love or indifference. To serve or be served. Amazing.

Have you considered the works of God? Taken for granted, we grow restless. Forgotten about, we fear the unknown, but when we are thankful, grateful and in awe, we can have joy and peace.



Mission Needs

Financial Donations

Donations are always needed, accepted and greatly appreciated! We are presently in dire need of donations of all types. We are currently behind on bills, our cupboards are bare and the pantries are still empty. We must get ready for the over 28,000 meals that we will serve this Holiday Season.

Fund Raisers

Salt Lake City Mission needs energetic people to plan, recruit, Chair, organize and carry out successful Fund Raising Events throughout the Holiday Season and beyond!

Food Drives

Our Pantries are bare and must be restocked for the over 28,000 Holiday Season Meals we will serve and the Thousands of Food Boxes that are desperately needed this Holiday Season. We need can goods, packaged foods and dry goods of all types to fill our pantries.

Clothing Drives

We are in dire need of warm clothing of all types, Hats, Coats, Gloves, Shirts, Pants, Boots, Socks, Underwear, Thermal Underwear, Insulated Coveralls, Ski Suits, Sweats, etc...

Blanket Drives

We are in desperate need of Blankets of all types, Comforters, Sleeping Bags, Mummy Bags, Tents, Tarps, etc., Winter is coming fast and there is not enough shelter space for the approximately 3,500 homeless on the streets this winter. 53 Homeless died needlessly on the streets of Salt. Lake last year. **Please don't let any more die needlessly this year!**

Street News Volunteers

Salt Lake City Mission is in dire need of volunteers to help us recruit, train and employ the homeless, poor and unemployed to sell the Salt Lake Street News to become Self-Sufficient and own their own Small Business.

Volunteers - Building Ranch Facilities

We are in dire need of volunteers to help us raise the funds necessary to build permanent Program Facilities at our 640 acre Second Chance Ranch, Chapel & Class Rooms, Housing Units, Supporting Facilities, Barns, Work Shops, Training Centers, etc.,

Warehouse, Processing Storage Facilities

Salt Lake City Mission is in dire need of Warehouse, Processing and Storage Facilities for the food, clothing, toy, hygiene kits, furniture, appliances, beds, etc., that we receive to help and distribute to the homeless.

To Volunteer or for more information please contact Brad Jaques at 801-637-2622 or bradjaques@saltlakecitymission.org or Steve Larsson at 801-638-1002 stevelarsson@saltlakecitymission.org.

Dear Friends and Mission Partners:

Salt Lake City Mission appreciates your part in supporting our mission to the least, the lost, and the lonely. Because we value your support, our goal is to ensure your contributions are beneficial to you as well. This is why we would like to share a few options for giving that provide advantages to you.

By giving creatively, you can:

- 1. Realize larger tax savings.*
- 2. Make a gift that costs you nothing during your lifetime.*
- 3. Increase your income for life.*
- 4. Avoid capital-gain tax.*
- 5. Preserve your estate for heirs while providing years of income to further God's Kingdom.*
- 6. Give your house, take a tax deduction now, and continue to live in it rent-free.*
- 7. Convert additional life insurance coverage into a gift.*
- 8. Achieve no-cost, worry-free asset management.*

There is a section on our website designed specifically to help you plan your charitable gift. Check it out at www.saltlakecitymission.org and click on "Estate Planning". While you are there, sign up for a phone seminar and gain planned giving insight from estate specialists, at no cost.

You can also try out the Estate Plan Organizer, a tutorial designed to walk you through the estate planning process. Or, if you would prefer, you may dial 1-800-876-7958 and our friends at PhilanthroCorp, a Christ-centered charitable planned giving firm, would be glad to send you a paper version of the Estate Plan Organizer or inform you of upcoming phone seminar dates.

Learn how a gift to the Salt Lake City Mission can work for you and increase your retirement income, provide benefits to your family and loved ones, or realize additional tax savings.

*Sincerely yours,
Brad Jaques*