

Gospel Gazette

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Work of the Spirit

My name is Jerry Rider, I'm forty two years old. I grew up with an alcoholic father who was violent when he drank. When my father wasn't drinking he was a nice guy who taught me a lot about life. We had fun fishing, camping and he taught me how to drive from a young age. Although he could be violent toward me and my siblings he never hit my mom. Looking back I feel kind of sorry for him because I know he was hurting and messed up. I was the youngest in the family but I seemed to be the one that stood up to my father when he was out of control.



When I was fifteen years old I watched my mom dwindle away from cancer that took her life very quickly. I felt guilty for along time because I had the chance to get away from my abusive father and while I was gone my mother died. I felt if I had stayed and been stronger I could have told her good bye. That guilt was hard to carry. I drank and drugged my entire life, always trying to cover up who I was.

I had three children but the relationship fell apart. I found another woman and was very much in love with her. We got custody of all three, plus she was pregnant with my daughter Grace. The drinking and drugging changed me. I drove her away before she gave birth. The State took my three children as I went to another in a long line of jail stays. I only saw my daughter Grace a few times. Now that guilt and shame kept me trying to kill myself with drinking and drugging for the next thirteen years. In and out of jail, always high on something was my lifestyle. I tread on, over and through many lives. I found Grace's mom out of the blue in 2010. I was in bad shape. She was a glimmer of hope I held on to but continued my life style and couldn't get high enough to hide the pain.

I met a man one night at a store. We said a few passing words, then he left. Ten minutes later he came back and said something told him to come back to me. He asked me what I knew of forgiveness. He told me what he knew and invited me to a Christian church. The next few days I had more angels put in my path. The seed was planted. I felt I could get out of my

circumstances but I didn't know exactly how. I ended up committing crimes for drugs and ended up going to jail.

Praying one day I felt the Spirit of God and for once knew what it was. I have never looked back. I turned all the guilt and shame from the past over to Him. I asked for forgiveness from God and became willing to ask forgiveness from people when I could and started giving forgiveness. I left resentment behind and started moving forward. I forgave my father and was free to move on in the Lord.

Many people have been put in to my life since. One is Roger Williams, a corrections chaplain who got to witness the change in me. I started sharing my new hope with other men that I was locked up with. I was able to see the Spirit work many times.

I heard about the Salt Lake City Mission from somebody and started to pursue getting in the program. Four months later the judge released me to the program. I believe I was led to this mission by God and I am safe and very blessed to be here. I continue my walk with God and now I get to give back of myself. I not only receive so much myself but I have a way to share with others what my awesome God has done for me.

Memorial Day

C W Johnson

We walked among the crosses
Where our fallen soldiers lay.
And listened to the bugle
As TAPS began to play.
The Chaplain led a prayer
We stood with heads bowed low.
And I thought of fallen comrades
I had known so long ago.
They came from every city
Across this fertile land.
That we might live in freedom.
They lie here 'neath the sand.
I felt a little guilty
My sacrifice was small.
I only lost a little time
But these men lost their all.
Now the services are over
For this Memorial Day.
To the names upon these crosses
I just want to say,
Thanks for what you've given
No one could ask for more.
May you rest with God in heaven
From now through evermore.



Mission Needs

Thank you so much for all you do to help us, help them!

Financial Donations

Donations are always needed, accepted and greatly appreciated! We are presently in need of donations of all types. Our cupboards are nearly bare and the pantries almost empty. We must get ready to serve the over 143,000 meals we will server this year.

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

In addition to serving meals we will also give out thousands of food boxes that are desperately needed this holiday season. Canned goods, packaged foods and dry goods of all types our needed to fill our pantries.

Clothing Drives

We are in dire need of **spring and summer clothing of all types**, jackets, shorts, shirts, pants, shoes, socks, underwear, sportswear, tee shirts, work clothing, etc...

Blanket Drives

We always have great need of **blankets of all types, comforters, sleeping bags, mummy bags, tents, tarps, etc.** Winter is just two short seasons away 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!

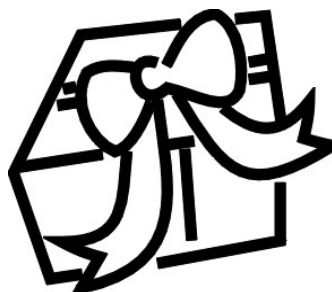
Street News Volunteers

Salt Lake City Mission is in 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 great 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.

You are a gift to so many others



Warehouse, Processing Storage Facilities

Salt Lake City Mission is in dire need of warehouse, processing and storage facilities for food, clothing, toys, hygiene kits, furniture, appliances, beds, etc. Any help, helps so many.

To Volunteer or for more information please contact 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.

Proverbs 19:17

**He who has pity on the poor lends to the Lord,
And He will pay back what he has given.**