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BAND of BROTHERS

Alumni from the past fifteen years or more of the Albuquerque Rescue Mission's New Life Program for men attended a celebration dinner in early July. As their reserve melted away, they laughed and greeted each other as brothers in Christ and recounted their joint experiences of the New Life Program. That night men who have endured many trials and tribulations spoke of their restored lives and gave glory to God for all He has done for them. Attendees were honored to observe the brotherly love these men had for each other and their powerful, shared experiences of

what they had endured to triumph over the grip of sin and addiction and to leave this Mission living a life in Christ.

It was a humbling experience to realize how each man present was God-shaped and a guided product of many conversations, decisions, prayers, tears and hard work by the NLP, dedicated staff, volunteers and board members of the Mission. Each man had a unique story to tell of his rocky and painful path to the Mission, his year of learning to trust and obey God, his life restored to his family, and his life filled with hope that he had never felt before. Chris Abeyta*, Brian

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BAND of BROTHERS

Snyder* and Ray Herrera* stood up and shared their heartfelt testimonies and emotionally charged stories, while giving praise to God, to the Mission's work and to their loved ones for sticking with them through their darkest days.

Here are some impressions from the staff and Alumni present that night:

and support for the men in the program who may need the insight of men who 'have been there' to see there is a better day coming."

Pat Birmingham- Assistant Director of New Life Program/Chaplain: "I saw a measurable amount of enjoyment in the participants-

Pastor John Hill- Executive Director: "I saw a coming together, a very intricate support system and familiarity. These were men who could relate to each other in a true brotherhood, with a desire to hold each other accountable. And I thought the guys did a great job in responding to the testimonies in a conscious understanding of what each other have been through. There was a real sense of value and accomplishment as they began to interact with each other."

*John Schinelli was featured in two editions of "On the Battlelines." These are not available for download.

*Chris Abeyta was featured in the 2007 Fall Edition "On the Battlelines".

*Brian Snider was featured in the 2008 Fall Edition "On the Battlelines".

*Ray Herrera is to be featured in our 2010 October/Fall Edition "On the Battlelines".

If you would like to read their stories, they are available for download on our website www.abqrescue.org.



Daryl Clark- Men's Dayroom Supervisor/ Chaplain: "I was impressed with the number of people that showed up and how happy they were to see each other, and I saw some exchanging contact information with each other. ...What I really hope comes from this

is that they understand that they are family when they come through here, and that they form some kind of networking system, job finding

could see that they looked forward to it and enjoyed the evening sharing with each other. I hope that they come back and encourage each other in the future."

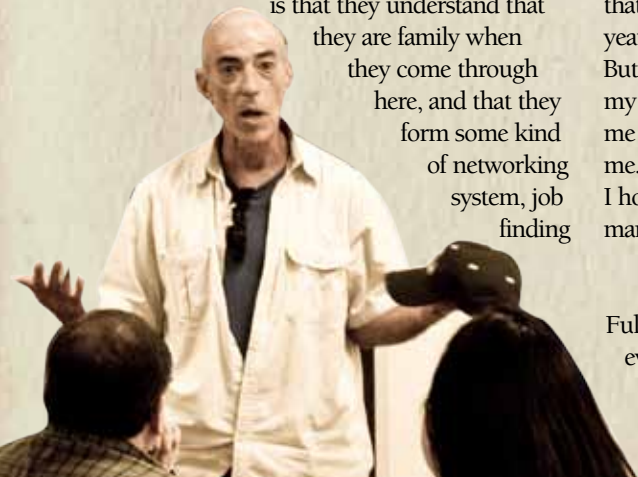
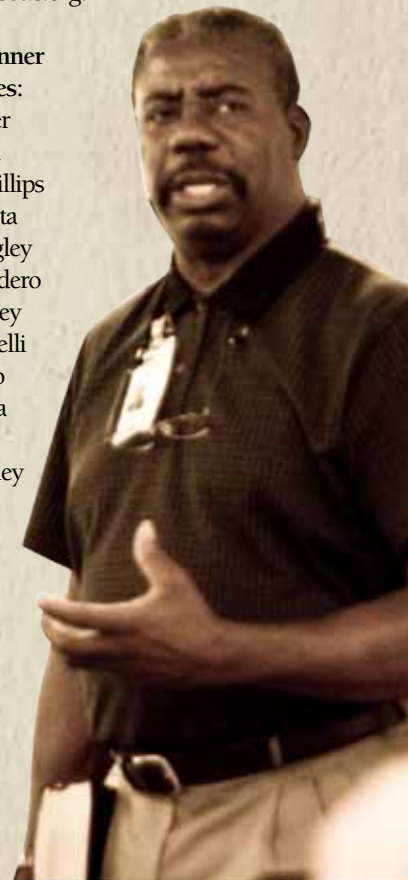
John Schinelli*- NLP Alumni/Weekend Supervisor: "I wanted to be there as Alumni that night, not as staff. I graduated so many years ago sometimes it is hard to remember. But the Alumni dinner really connected me to my past, but in a good way, a way that showed me how far I had come. That meant a lot to me. I was happy to see so many familiar faces. I hope that more attend next time. There were many good memories revisited that night."

David Dondero - NLP Alumni 2008/ Full-time Student: "I really want these Alumni events to continue. It was an outstanding opportunity to see the others that we don't usually keep in touch with. It was a blessed get-together."

Alumni Dinner

Attendees:

- Brian Snider
- Bruce Scott
- Charles Phillips
- Chris Abeyta
- Colby Langley
- David Dondero
- John Hensley
- John Schinelli
- Pat Romero
- Ray Herrera
- Tim Lewis
- Tony Hensley
- William Mitchell





VOLUNTEERS MAKING A DIFFERENCE: REV. WILLIAM AND LEE VON HOFF

Faithful Service

If you ask the Reverends William and Lee Von Hoff how long have been leading a chapel service here at the Mission, they will tell you that they have lost count of the number of years. However, we know for at least 15 years they have led a once-a-month chapel service at the Albuquerque Rescue Mission and have seen hundreds of men dedicate their lives to Christ. For many years, the Von Hoff's served as pastors of Foursquare Churches and missionaries to South America, and upon retirement, they felt led to serve at the Mission.

During their years of chapel ministry, a team of musicians and prayer warriors has faithfully supported them: Betty Street-piano, Al Thomas-organ, Alicia Busse, Betty Olsen and Linda Earnest-prayer warriors. Mrs. Von Hoff has also knitted hundreds of warm hats and scarves for the men, women and children who came to the Mission. Eldridge Scott, Volunteer Coordinator, says, "The Von Hoff's are truly the Lord's Servants. Their faithfulness and love for the homeless has produced numerous salvations and much joy in the hearts of those they serve. Thank you." ■



We Say Goodbye

Maurice "Mo" Holmen recently passed into the arms of his Savior. He will be much missed by the staff, program members and other volunteers at the Mission. Along with his wife Bernice, her twin sister Beatrice and her husband Jimmy, Mo supported the Mission with weekly volunteerism in our clothing room for over 50 years. ■

Board of Directors:

The Albuquerque Rescue Mission Board of Directors is a group of dedicated Christian leaders who tirelessly and prayerfully bring the long-range vision of how best to meet the growing needs and changing face of the homeless in our city. Their volunteer service and hearts for the poor have facilitated the current growth of the ministry of the Mission as well as positioned it for the future.

- Ted Trujillo, Board President
- Danny Cox, Vice President
- Noel Behne, Secretary
- Jeff Leslie, Treasurer
- Angelo Winfield, Member
- David O'Dell, Member
- Allen Nicholson, Member
- Joseph Macaron, Member
- Joseph Wertz, Member
- Paul Collins, Member
- Ray Rivera, Member
- Warren Smalley, Member
- Jolene Benoit, Member
- Lori Bennett, Member
- Pastor John W. Hill, Member

Gifts Honor Loved Ones

One of the many ways that our ministry partners reflect the care that their loved ones displayed during their lives is by making a Memorial Gift to the ministries of the Albuquerque Rescue Mission. We appreciate these gifts and wish to publicly acknowledge them and the loved ones on whose behalf they were given.

Memorial Gifts

- Dorothy Herrick
- Voris Hope
- My Mother
- Delmore Fessenden
- Mrs. Robert McClenahan
- Col. Robert E. Vickers, Jr.
- Wayne Suggs
- Samuel P. Sanchez
- Ms. Dorothy Ware
- Peggy Garcia
- Teresa Marcelli
- Lt. James N. Buck
- Jesus
- Anthony
- Bessie Martinek
- Frederick Green
- Larry Stevens
- Jasmyne Smiel
- Joan Bittenbinder
- David Brians
- Maurice "Mo" Holmen
- Alex A. Gomez

Honorary Gifts

- Steve Benoit
- Robert Chavez
- David Brians
- Sister Sonia/FLA
- Wayne McCashland
- Easton Roberts
- Brian Lee
- Duke City Bridge Club
- GE Aviation
- Marie Moore
- William S. McClure
- Amelia Jaguer
- Ruby Tangman
- Marshall L. Kratz
- Florence Barclay
- Shelby McDaniel
- Johnny Mills
- Dick Saylor
- Steve Kolman
- Michael Horrocks



Please remember the Albuquerque Rescue Mission in your will or estate plan.



Upcoming Fall Events

Check out our website www.abqrescue.org, or join us on Facebook and Twitter for updates on Mission events!

MasQ 2010 Fall Fashion Masquerade Ball October 2010

STEF Promotions is holding a MasQ-2010 Fall Fashion Masquerade Ball in October which will benefit the Mission. Call 850- 9859 or go online to www.otions.blogspot.com for more information and tickets.

On the Battlelines” Schedule: Look forward to the next edition of our newsletter in October!

Turkey Rally: We desperately need turkeys to fill the need of the needy families. Help topple our previous Turkey Tally by donating frozen turkeys during our Turkey Rally!

Great Thanksgiving Banquet: Reaching out to the city's forgotten population by providing them a delicious turkey dinner, God's message and loving compassion from our staff and volunteers.

...and so much more...check online frequently for updates! ■



Blessings

Albuquerque Rescue Mission's 4th Annual Celebration of Womanhood

Every year our Women's Day Room celebrates our female guests in that no matter what they are going through God still considers them valuable women. Thanks to the volunteers and donors who gave generously of their time and treasure for this event.

Women's Center of Hope Tea

A lovely turnout blessed our Women's Center of Hope Tea that featured a silent auction, delicious tea, snacks and desserts— all benefitting our ministry program for the homeless women of Albuquerque. Thanks to the volunteers, businesses & individuals that gave their support of the Tea of Hope.

Cliff's Amusement Park and Univision Radio's Food 4 Fun Drive

Cliff's held a canned food drive to benefit the Mission with Univision Radio donating airtime to promote the event. We were blessed with boxes of much needed food and give thanks as summer is always a very low time for donations.

Make giving easy, become an Armbearer

If your heart is broken by the tragedy and suffering experienced everyday by the people whose lives have been thrown out onto the streets, then help us reach out and feed, shelter, clothe and bring hope to these broken people by becoming a member of the Albuquerque Rescue Mission Armbearers.

Any amount you choose to give will help

feed and shelter our neediest neighbors and transform their lives forever. If you choose \$25 or \$50 each month even more lives can be changed. Giving is so easy when you select one of our automatic giving options. This convenient way of giving puts your gifts to work changing lives right away.

Will you please be a friend of

Albuquerque's friendless and join the Armbearers? Simply indicate your monthly gift amount and convenient payment method on the form below and send it in today with your first gift of hope!

Pastor John Wakefield

Enrollment Form

To enroll as an Albuquerque Rescue Mission Armbearer complete the following form choosing one of the three monthly payment options. Enclose the required information and return this form in the provided envelope.

Name: _____ Phone (_____) _____ - _____

E-Mail: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

For Credit/Debit Cards

1. I authorize Albuquerque Rescue Mission to charge my account named below for my monthly pledge of \$ _____
2. Please select Visa MasterCard Discover American Ex.
3. I would like my Armbearers Monthly pledge charged to my account on the _____ day of each month.
4. Card Number: _____
5. Security Code: _____ Exp. Date: _____

For Checking Account

1. I authorize my bank to transfer my entire gift of \$ _____ each month and send it to the Albuquerque Rescue Mission
2. Please make the transfer on the 1st or 15th of each month
3. Please enclose a Voided Check from your bank account

Non-Automatic Giving Option

1. I am enclosing a check for my first monthly gift of \$ _____ (Send me a reminder each month)
 2. Make your check payable to: Albuquerque Rescue Mission
- God bless you for caring about the lives of the poor and homeless.



FROM PASTOR HILL, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Pastor's Pen *Caring For and Feeding the Flock*

Just after the Last Supper, Jesus and His disciples were talking when Jesus began to ask Peter some questions that seemed to have very obvious answers.

Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you truly love me more than these?"

"Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Feed my lambs." Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you truly love me?"

He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep." The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?"

He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Feed my sheep." JOHN 21:15-17

Have you ever noticed that the last words a loved one says to us are remembered forever?

Jesus knew that He was not going to

be with his disciples, in the way they would understand, for much longer. In the Greek language there are four types of love: self-satisfying love (Eros), family love (Storge), friendship love (Phileo), and self-sacrificing

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love (Agape). Jesus deliberately used agape love twice to make a point to Peter and the others about what they needed to have in their hearts to serve Him. We can use the term as an example for Christian love, with God for its primary object, requiring obedience to His commandments. A self-sacrificing love is not easy; it is not an impulsive reaction, nor is it a love to be given only to those that we

feel 'neighborly' towards, but the rewards are spectacular. Jesus tells us in these passages we are to reach deep inside to find agape love and commands us to seek opportunities to care for the "welfare of all..." (Romans 15:2). Can you image the amazing things that will happen if we ALL hear the challenge and reach beyond our comfort zones and use agape love in service to our fellow man by showing self-sacrificing love to others less fortunate right here in our community?

The Albuquerque Rescue Mission needs your help in caring for God's lost and hurting sheep. Be a champion for "...the least of these." (Matthew 25:40). Encourage your church, your friends, your place of business and your family to become champions for the homeless. The ways in which you can help are as varied as there are people to be helped.

Jesus looked straight at Peter and challenged him and today He is giving every single one of us the exact same fatherly look of love today and saying, "Take care of my sheep."

Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you in this and to give you His heart for the poor, then call us here at the Mission and ask, "How can I help?" ■

PRAYER CORNER

Prayer Needs

ISAIAH 65:24 says, "Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear." (NIV) Listed below are requests that we would like you to join us in praying for:

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Women in the Women's Day Room: that God would strengthen them to overcome addictions, abuse, poverty and homelessness.
- Men and women in the New Life Programs: to discover God's plan for their lives through prayer, Bible study and their relationship with the Lord.
- Alumni of the New Life Programs: to find renewed strength every day in God's message to them; to continue reaching for excellence, happiness and attaining their goals in their lives with Him.
- Staff and volunteers: to consistently and lovingly carry out the Lord's work of providing hope and encouragement to homeless and near-homeless men, women and children.
- Mr. and Mrs. Lopez: are in need of God's guiding hand through financial tumult.
- Mr. and Mrs. Martinez and Mr. Vigil: ask that we pray for their time of hardship to be eased by God's comfort and guidance.
- Ms. Ingram: pray for strength during a particularly difficult time in her and her family's lives right now.
- We ask for God's healing for Michael, Jimmy, Mr. D., Glendora and Pamela.

Mission Statement

Our purpose is to show the restoring love of Jesus to hopeless and homeless men, women and children resulting in spiritual and emotional healing and life-long discipleship to Jesus.

To fulfill our mission, we provide:

- Food
- Clothing
- Shelter
- Education
- Mentoring
- Biblical Counsel



HOW YOU CAN HELP - FALL 2010

Too Much Garden Bounty?

Donate Your Extra Veggies and Fruit to the Mission. You've eaten, dried and canned tons of vegetables and fruit from your garden this year, and it's still producing plenty of fresh produce. Often this bounty is wasted, either left to rot on the plant or harvested and left sitting in the fridge until you find it spoiled weeks later. Help local families in need by donating your excess garden produce to the Mission. We would love to have the chance to provide fresh, healthy produce to families in need by including your extra produce in the food boxes we prepare for them. Our donation processing center is open Mon-Sat 8am-4:30pm, and we are located at 525 Second St. SW. ■

Coin Boxes Help Homeless People:

The Albuquerque Rescue Mission has a Donation Box Program that is operated by some very special volunteers. In four years this program has grown from producing only \$400 a year to producing over \$9,000 last year. God is good!!!!!! We have just ordered another 24 boxes and need business locations in which to place them. If you have or know of a location, please call Vicki Whitby, Development Coordinator, at 346-4673, ext. 222. ■

Attention, Wal-Mart Associates!

Your vote matters because our Mission has been chosen as a candidate in the Wal-Mart Associate Choice Grant Program for the State of New Mexico this year. You can make such a difference in the lives of thousands of homeless and hurting men, women and children of New Mexico by supporting the Albuquerque Rescue Mission with your vote. Feel free to read through our website, join our online mailing list, become our friend on Facebook and Twitter, come down for a tour, tell your friends about us and VOTE FOR US! ■

Holiday Volunteer Opportunities:

If you or your family, friends, co-workers or church families are interested in serving at the Mission during the holiday season, especially during our Thanksgiving or Christmas weeks, please put your request in early as we quickly fill our volunteer openings. Go online to www.abqrescue.org/getinvolved.php to fill out a volunteer application if you have never been to the Mission before. Call Eldridge Scott, Volunteer Coordinator, at 505-346-4673 ext. 235 to set up an appointment to discuss volunteer duties, times and dates. ■

Sponsor Women's Spiritual Retreat

Hello Friends,

I serve on the Women's Center of Hope Committee here at the Albuquerque Rescue Mission. We are planning a wonderful spiritual retreat for these precious women, which will positively affect their walks with our LORD Jesus Christ. This retreat will also give them a weekend of rest and revival and establish them in an aftercare program to be yet another Christ-centered family to them.

We are in need of sponsors who would be willing to fund their retreat weekend. We have 10-15 women attending the retreat and are hoping to raise \$200.00 for each woman. If, after prayer, you feel called to help financially in any way, we would be so very grateful for your help. Your checks can be made out to the Albuquerque Rescue Mission with "Women's Center Retreat" written on the memo line, or you can make your gift online at www.abqrescue.org/donate.

The retreat is planned for Spring, 2011. We thank you very much for your support of these ladies.

Sincerely,

Lori L. Bennett

Lori L. Bennett
ARM Board Member

Cooling System Help

Our intrepid systems mechanic has spent many hours on the Mission roof coaxing our old cooling system to work a little better. Sadly, he reports that the task is too much for the old units and the only way we will see any relief is to replace them with industrial A/C units. If anyone has these to donate, we would be happy to take them off your hands. Please call 505-346-4678 ext. 243 Arturo Hernandez, Systems Mechanic.

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