



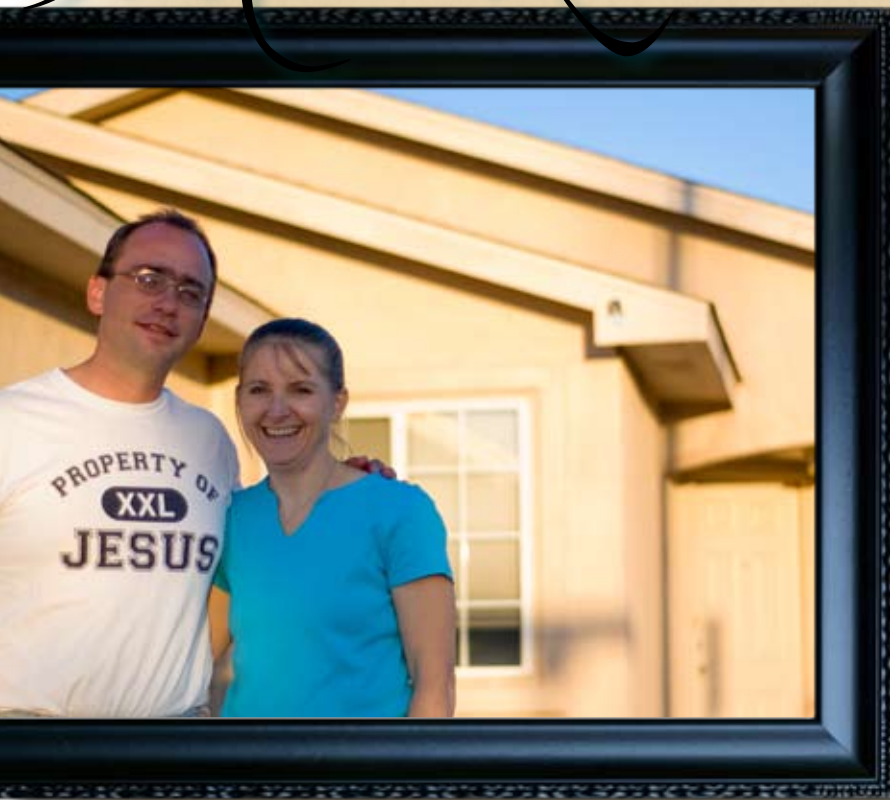
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On The Battlelines

BRIAN SNIDER: CHANGED LIVES & FUTURES

A Home Restored



*Brian's life and home was in ruin,
but then God began His handiwork.*

While sitting in a jail cell awaiting sentencing, Brian Snider studied the Bible left for him. What was the secret here? How did one crack the code of this book? Brian begged God that day, "You need to do something God. Please show yourself to me!" Nevertheless, the Bible and what message it held for him remained a mystery.

Brian's early life was marked by the divorce of his parents. Living with his mother and her bouts of rage, instability, and confusion was

extremely hard on Brian. Later, learning that his mother had been hurt and abused by her alcoholic father as a child gave him some understanding of her behavior.

Most would consider him a hard case acting out his anger and loneliness with crimes such as theft and arson from an early age. With drinking at 11 years old and drug use at 12 years old, Brian could not figure out who or what he was supposed to be. He felt it was normal to be a screw-up and yet excelled in school. He went back and forth

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between group homes, jail, and his dad's house until he turned 15 where he stepped up his drug use and criminal behavior that led to disaster.

Now Brian was faced with serving real prison time- up to eleven years. Prison was harsh; survival is all that many manage. And yet, Brian still worried over this Bible in his cell. Instead of ignoring or getting rid of the

for the asking! The scriptures began to make sense. He began to see that sin in many forms had ruled his life. What seemed so important to him before was a sham, because there was absolutely nothing in this world with worth, unless it had God in it. Brian served every day of his 11-year sentence while teaching God's message through Bible studies and ministry to the other prisoners, and excelled in all that he was given.

and an eventual end to all that he loved. Alcohol and drugs became his coping mechanism again, and their business eventually failed. Separated from his wife while in and out of jobs and wearing out the patience of friends and family, he ultimately began living on the streets of Albuquerque.

During this time, his wife stayed faithful in her belief that God wanted her and Brian to remain married. She kept pray-

Standing at the door of the detox center, Brian closed his eyes and prayed, "God, I need your help... I cannot do this myself, if I am to stop this, you have to do it for me." After spending two full weeks in detox, he asked if he could return to the Mission and the New Life Program. Brian remembers, "It was so hard to 'subject' myself to someone else's authority. I felt I was above the rules." The Mission became Brian's sanctuary. Brian relates, "Coming



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book, something kept tugging him back to it. He would pick it up and read but felt that nothing "stuck" and certainly nothing made sense. What was it about this book that was so important? Throughout the years, Christ revealed Himself repeatedly to Brian through Christians. He sensed the genuineness of God in their character and lives, but he could not figure out how that "God- thing" would work for him. A prison guard was the key to Brian's puzzle. After listening to the simple message of Christ's sacrifice told to him one day, he realized, forgiveness was his just

Now out of prison and living here in Albuquerque, "The Lord blessed me continuously," Brian says. His life felt surreal returning to school, involved in church and building a circle of friends which included his future wife. After finishing a degree in culinary arts, while recently married and working as catering chef, Brian and his wife decided to open their own restaurant. Three years flew by and their catering and restaurant business flourished.

Then Brian became involved with another woman, and this obsession brought pain, chaos

and encouraging him to find strength in the Lord. She began to volunteer here at the Mission, and told Brian about the New Life Program. He joined the program and felt an immediate improvement, but he left after only two weeks. He immediately began using drugs again. Once again living in a park, wearing the same clothes for a week at a time, and smoking cocaine took a toll on Brian. Brian found himself so desperate that one day he contemplated doing the one thing he swore to never do again...steal. This was his wake up call to take action.

here gave me the optimum conditions for restoring my life by meeting my basic needs and giving me time for introspection, counseling, and growth with God. I was fortified by genuine persons and surrounded by God's people giving great encouragement. So now, I call the Mission staff 'God's Cheer Team'." Brian left the New Life Program as a graduate in early 2007.

Brian and his wife celebrated 7 years of marriage last April. Smiling, Brian said, "I feel the hand of God upon me like never before." We at the Mission stand in awe when we see the handiwork of God every day. We feel that to be in the service of restoration to God's people, whatever their story, whatever their needs, is a blessing indeed. Thank you, Brian for sharing your story. ■

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



ABOUT OUR STAFF: DARRYL CLARK – MEN'S DAYROOM SUPERVISOR

A Man with a Servant's Heart

Everything falls under the job description

We were happy to recently celebrate three years of service to the Mission by Darryl Clark, Men's Dayroom Supervisor. Darryl came to work here wanting a change... and change he found. Because of working at the Albuquerque Rescue Mission, he now understands the homeless. He says, "I treat them differently after learning what makes them homeless. My preset ideas on what homeless people were like, or what made them homeless, changed dramatically when I started working here." Darryl had no idea of the amount of service there is at the Mission



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for the homeless men, women, and children of Albuquerque. Shaking his head while remembering, Darryl said, "I was amazed at the depth of service from the staff, the volunteers, and the programs."

Darryl's co-workers agree whole-heartedly with Renee Palacios saying, "Darryl has become an invaluable member of the

willing to help." Darryl desires to take what he learns here at the Mission and send it out in even more ministries to the homeless, through his life and his church. Thank you, Darryl for your servant heart. It is well treasured by all of us at the Mission and those you work so very hard for the homeless in our community. ■

Programs staff. He is someone that personifies the line that is in every one of A.R.M.'s job descriptions that reads, "Other responsibilities assigned and not limited to those above." I can and have asked Darryl to perform many duties that fall under that category and he is always more than

VOLUNTEERS MAKING A DIFFERENCE: NORMA

Actions Speak Louder Than Words

Norma's greatest gift to give

Norma came to the Mission before Christmas one year to wrap gifts for the children. She was here with her family, but circumstances in her life made her unique. Norma says, "I was homeless at the time and anxiety and depression ruled my life. I was not addicted to drugs or alcohol. I chose to stay on the streets. I learned how to survive but was always afraid." Norma's daughter encouraged her to come to the Women's Day Room at the Mission and seek help. Finally, Norma sat down with Marie Robinson-Marmash, Women's Day Room Supervisor. It was the beginning of a relationship in which Marie

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and the Albuquerque Rescue Mission would be instrumental in her recovery, building a new life for her in Christ, and continuing to be a large part of her life through her volunteering.

Marie says, "Norma is my rock. Her dependable, gracious ways with the women helps me tremendously." We see the effect of the work she does through the prayers and

understanding that she gives freely to the women in the Day Room. Norma believes the homeless and hurting women need to see new hope for their life through example. "I feel that if I can show others that the abiding love of Jesus Christ IS the light at the end of the tunnel for them, then this is the greatest gift I can give back." Give back you do, Norma, filled to the top, tamped down and brimming over, and the Albuquerque Rescue Mission thanks you for this. ■

■ GET INVOLVED: VOLUNTEER
Contact Kip @ 346-4673 ext 237 or visit
www.abqrescue.org/getinvolved



A BBQ Blessing from the Domingez Family!



Our Mission Courtyard was turned into a festive family-style BBQ for our guests Saturday the 18th of October by the Domingez Family. This Christian biker family brought in the big grills, tables and all items necessary to provide hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, soda, and cookies for every person that came through our gates that afternoon. The Mission has been blessed greatly by the Domingez Families generosity many times through their BBQ's, sock drives and other contributions. We give great thanks for the heart of giving so very evident in this family.

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

- Lonnie Ross
- David Paul
- Paul Huse
- Earl Brown
- Daniel Solano
- Robert H. Calef
- Clara M. Shwartz
- Catherine Price
- Joan Herrera
- Jesus' Sacrifice
- James and Gloria Spam
- Robert Schlewing
- Cyril, Grace and James
- Margaret Burkid
- Sarah Stockman
- Juanita Little
- Francisco Amparan
- Chris and Archie Romero
- David E. Boyer
- Nellie Garcia
- Mr. Cook
- Harold R. Busick
- Florence Williams
- June Scott
- Paul House
- Merry Shoat
- David Poage
- Albert and Gloria Monte
- Madeleine Ziegler

Honorary Gifts

- June Broce
- Steve and Jolene Benoit
- Joan Nordstrum
- Pat Birmingham
- Bernice Ross
- J.E. Ballew
- Doug and Pam Chandler
- Our Lord Jesus Christ

Emergency Winter Shelter

15 years of saving lives during freezing New Mexico winter nights. Once again, the Albuquerque Rescue Mission will be working with the City of Albuquerque to provide a 178-bed Winter Emergency Overnight Shelter for the homeless men and women of Albuquerque with some overflow as needed. This service begins in November and ends in March. Yearly we provide more than 28,000 emergency overnight stays, and the Mission's rescue van transports more than 2,800 men, women and children to local shelters as well. This is in addition to the thousands of overnight stays the Mission provides in its Second Street Facility and the Women's Center of Hope each year. Please contact Rick Mahboub for more information on our Mission's Emergency Winter Program at 346-4673 ext. 265.

Local Business contribute to the Mission

Local business continue to play a vital role in the mission. We would like to thank a few who have helped us recently.



Ad space ValPak
When you get that familiar blue envelope filled with coupons for local businesses, you may just

find a little extra inside from us! Valpak donated ad space to the Mission through the fall months for the past 4 years. We are able to reach those that may not ever hear of the Mission's work, and the great need of the homeless in Albuquerque through other means.



Clothing from Avenue Fashions

We would like to thank two of the local Avenue women's clothing stores for their donation of clothing, shoes, jewelry, and perfume to the Women's Day Room and Women's Center of Hope. The beautiful clothes and accessories brighten the women's lives in so many ways. Your giving heart is much appreciated!



Blanket drive from Mary Mann Photography and Chick-Fil-A
Mary Mann

Photography and Chick-Fil-A worked together to benefit the Mission with a Blanket Drive in October. Chick-Fil-A offered a free combo meal and a voucher for a child's photo from Mary J Mann Photography for each twin size blanket donated. Thank you Chick-Fil-A and Mary Mann Photography for your support of the Mission!



A gift ideas from Sam's Club

We want to express our heartfelt appreciation towards Sam's Club for their generous donation of \$1000.00 towards the work we do here at the Mission. Thank you Sam's Club, for your Partnership with the Albuquerque Rescue Mission in Transforming Lives!



Chase the Balloons!

M88 (88.3) Radio held their annual Chase the Balloon Cycling Benefit with the proceeds going to Mission and ACCH. We are so thankful for the support of M88 and all the people that came to ride and cheer.

THE PASTOR'S PEN

The Faithfulness of God

Rejoice, for our God is Faithful!

God is faithful! Let this be the battle cry of the body of Christ. Like the rest of the world we see and feel the effect of the economic downtrend, and we hear the negative reports, but we are not moved because we are anchored in the promises of God who is ever faithful!



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ment, terms of surrender” I believe our heavenly Father wants us to remember He is faithful and to surrender all of our cares over to Him. He wants to show the world that He is real through His faithful and loyal church! We are His possession, and He has covenanted with us for such a time as this.

Faithfulness is just one of the beautiful characteristics of our awesome heavenly Father, for He is all of that and more. We read of this wonderful characteristic of our heavenly Father in Deuteronomy chapter 7, verse 9; “Know therefore that the Lord thy God, He is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love Him and keep His commandments to a thousand generations.” This is the God we serve!

The scripture says to “know” that God is faithful. When we know something we are not easily moved. Some may ask, how can I know the God of the Bible? The Bible itself

introduces Him as Jehovah. He declared to us in Malachi 3:6 “ I am the Lord and I change not.” In other words He is the God of the past, the present, and the future! He provided a way of escape for the children of Israel out of Egypt, He sustained the Hebrew boys while in the fiery furnace, He protected Daniel in the Lion’s den, and He watches over His word now to perform it. For 55 years, God has shown His faithfulness to Albuquerque Rescue Mission in the care of the homeless population.

In Hebrews 10:23, we are instructed: “Let us stand firm in our faith without wavering; for He is faithful that promised.” In the Greek, the word profession means “agree-

Beloved, heaven is not shaken nor is it bankrupt or experiencing shortage of any kind. Whatever you may be going through, keep your faith strong in God’s promises. Hebrews 4:2-3 tells us, “...the word preached did not profit them not being mixed with faith in them that heard it. For we which have believed do enter into rest...” Rest is ours as we keep our eyes upon the unshakable Word of God. “... The words I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life,” John 6:64. Rejoice, for our God is Faithful!!!! ■

Pastor John Winkell

Executive Director

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.

- *Vita asks for healing through her illness.*
- *Bonifacio asks for strength and healing during his surgery and healing.*
- *The mother of Tony, Samuel, Cecilia, Margaret, and Jim asks for God’s steady hand to guide and support her children.*
- *Michael asks for guidance and strength.*
- *Richard and Adneana ask for help in finding new jobs.*
- *Dick and Ellen ask for strength and healing.*
- *Donald asks for help in his job search.*
- *Betty asks for healing.*
- *Joseph’s mother asks for God’s help in his finding a job for Joseph.*
- *We pray for our country and economy and ask that the Lord continues to bring new friends and partners in ministry.*

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

Visit the Mission online

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Learn more about us, discover how lives are restored and even see past issues of the Battlelines, all at our web site.

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HOW YOU CAN HELP—FALL 2008

“Gifts from the Heart” Toy Drive **Bless children this Christmas**

Christmas will soon be here! Last year at our “Gifts from the Heart” we gave away 4,500 Christmas presents to needy children in the Albuquerque area. You, our Donor Family, made this possible! We are planning the same event for this year and need presents for children from toddler age to early teens. We also can use volunteer help in wrapping and sorting gifts before and on the distribution date. Call Kip Vaughn 346-4673 ext. 237 for additional information about this exciting event and how you can help make a child’s life brighter.

- **Gift Ideas for Under \$20.00**
- Sports equipment
- Children’s Games
- Children’s G Rated Movies
- Handheld Electronic games
- Educational toys
- Dolls
- New Clothes boys or girls (still in packages)
- Gift-wrapping supplies

Fire Up the Ice **Scorpions Hockey Team Support ARM**

On November 14th make sure you pack canned goods and blankets. The Scorpions hockey team is supporting Albuquerque Rescue Mission and the homeless people of Albuquerque with a food and blanket drive. Call Adam at 891-7431 to mention ARM night for a special discount ticket price and game time! **Gooooo Scorpions!**

Tea of Hope **Fund-raiser for the Women’s Center of Hope - February 21st, 2009**

Come alone, or bring a friend. Have fun AND be a blessing to the women of the Women’s Center of Hope. A tea and luncheon is being presented by Albuquerque Rescue Mission to honor the First Anniversary of the Women’s Center of Hope. This fund-raiser will feature a Silent Auction, a variety of teas to purchase, grab bags, and fun for everyone. Come meet the ladies who reside in the Women’s Center of Hope. Hear how their lives have been changed. See the difference a residential program can make to real people! To purchase tickets contact Vicki Whitby at 346-3473 ext. 222.

- 2:00 to 4:00 pm
- Sheraton Albuquerque Uptown
2600 Louisiana Blvd. NE
- Cost is \$35.

2008 Great Turkey Rally **The 2008 Turkey Drive**

M88 (88.3) and KNRT (107.1) radio stations are sponsoring a turkey drive for the Mission! - Lets see if we can make the goal of 1000 turkeys donated this year! Listen in to M88 and KNRT for more details in the upcoming weeks. You can take your frozen turkeys to the drop off point on the following days:

- November 12th – 2 PM – 7 PM Calvary of Albuquerque
4001 Osuna Rd NE, Albuquerque, NM 87109
- November 13th – 2 PM – 7 PM Sagebrush Community Church
6440 Coors Blvd NW Albuquerque, NM 87120
- November 14th – 2 PM – 7 PM Hope Evangelical Free Church
4710 Juan Tabo Blvd NE Albuquerque, NM 87111
- Mon - Fri 9 AM – 5 PM Albuquerque Rescue Mission Donation Center
525 2nd Street SW Albuquerque, NM 87102

Dining to Donate

Enjoy a Meal that's Filling and Fulfilling

A hearty thank you goes out to all that came out to our Dining to Donate Sunday in August and helped make it a great success! We have been given permission to expand this benefit to be held the third Sunday of EVERY month and at ANY Applebee's location in Albuquerque! Look for flyers posted at your favorite Applebee's location or download and print. <http://www.abqrescue.org/donate/index2.php>

Thank you Applebee's and our wonderful donor family!

