

DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT BY DONATING IN MAY!

We have an amazing opportunity this month to double your impact. Kerri Luther with Realtypath, and other generous friends will match your donation dollar-for-dollar up to a total commitment of \$15,000.

This is a true dollar-for-dollar match. To gain the \$15,000, the Mission is asking its supporters to give a generous gift in May. Any gift given in the month of May will be counted towards the match. If the Rescue Mission can raise \$15,000, it will be doubled! Every dollar turns into two!

Your May gift will provide:

- Double the number of meals
- Double the nights of shelter
- Double the hours of job coaching
- Double the number of people off the streets

If we can reach the matching challenge it will mean \$30,000 that will help hungry and hurting people in our community. This amount will be part of what we need to sustain the Mission's life-changing ministry during the hot summer months when donations to the Mission fall off, and our costs, like water and electricity, soar.

THANKS FOR SUPPORTING OUR EASTER BANQUET

It was an awesome Easter weekend at the Rescue Mission as we held our annual Easter Banquet and Egg Hunt our homeless friends.

Besides toys and eggs for the kids, there was a great brunch. We served hundreds of meals and gave away thousands of pieces of clothing to needy people. Of course, all of this outreach was buffeted by Gospel messages and prayer (check out the pictures below of our ministry to our homeless friends).

We thank everyone who prayed, gave financially, and volunteered to make this Easter Banquet happen!



WANT TO TRIPLE YOUR IMPACT?

First, donate to the Mission this May and double your donation through our matching gift challenge. Donate by sending a check, give online, or call our finance office at **801.746.1006** to use a credit card by phone.

After you donate, go to our website, **OgdenRescueMission.org**. Click on "Ways to Donate" and then scroll down and click the "Workplace Giving" button. This will allow you to search if your employer (or former employer if you are retired) matches the charitable gifts of its employees and/or retirees. If your company has a match, click on the link and you will be directed to your company's form where you can share your donation with your employer, allowing them to contact the Rescue Mission to match your gift.

Imagine tripling your donation this month! A gift of \$25 could be \$75, a \$100 could be \$300, and \$1,000 could be \$3,000. Please give today and support our matching gift challenge.

We really need your help, so please consider DOUBLING your IMPACT with a generous gift today. Use the enclosed envelope, give securely online at **OgdenRescueMission.org**, or call our donor relations line at **801.746.1006** to give via credit card over the phone.

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We have great content on Facebook and Instagram, including video testimonies and more. Check us out on the platforms you use.

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RESTORED LIVES

The bimonthly newsletter of the Ogden Rescue Mission

CRAIG PERRY—A FRIEND HELPS A HOPELESS MAN FIND NEW LIFE IN OGDEN

A little over a year ago I was living a nightmare and feeling hopeless. I reached the point where I truly wanted to die.

My life hadn't always been that bad. I had a house and a job, but still had struggled with drug use in the past. Then, a few years ago my mom lost a battle with a terminal disease. It was terrible seeing her die. My mother was my best friend and, in my mind, I lost all hope when she died.

I started using drugs every day. Then I would use more drugs and then even more. I wouldn't go to work. I wouldn't come home. Soon I lost everything and started living on the streets. While living homeless, I was in a bad neighborhood that seemed like it was just full of evil people. It was scary but I was trapped in drug abuse and the hopelessness of grief.

TALKING WITH A FRIEND

But one day, I was talking to a guy I had known from the streets. He wasn't homeless anymore and he told me about how his life had changed at the Ogden Rescue Mission. He told me it was a faith-based program that helped people get sober, find employment, and secure housing. His name was Todd Sumpter and he actually shared his testimony in the November-December edition of Restored Lives.

I thought if the Rescue Mission could help Todd, maybe it could help me too. And it did. When I came to the Mission everything changed for me. The Mission had a totally different energy from the streets. It was almost too nice, like a fairy tale. I had never come across so many nice people in my life. The place shocked me. I discovered there was another way to go than the way I was living.

I joined the Mission's New Life Recovery Program, which is the program had helped my friend Todd turn his life around. The counselors and staff here helped me get my head clear. I felt normal again and I started to see things in



Craig Perry came to the Ogden Rescue Mission without hope. Now he is sober, employed, and full of faith.

HOW GOD MULTIPLES MINISTRY TO THE HOMELESS

I hope you read the article in this month's Restored Lives about doubling or even tripling your donation to the Rescue Mission in May. It is neat to think that God can exponentially increase your support through options to turn one donation into two, or even three.



As I was considering God's ability to multiply financial impact this month, I thought about how God uses multiplication in other ways here at the Mission.

For example, if you read Todd Sumpter's testimony from our November/December newsletter and Craig Perry's testimony in this edition of Restored

Lives, you will notice how God multiplied the impact of a changed life. God changed Todd's life at the Ogden Rescue Mission. In turn Todd, who had known Craig from the streets, shared with Craig how the Mission had helped him.

Craig figured that if Todd's life could turn around maybe the Mission could help him as well. And Craig's life has changed. He has a job and had been able to reconnect with his children and grandchildren, who he was estranged from because of addiction.

God has taken one changed life (Todd) and multiplied the benefit exponentially so that many lives (Craig, Craig's children, and grandchildren) are impacted.

This happens all the time at the Rescue Mission. One of our program graduates I remember most was Tuan. He came to the Mission while his wife was pregnant and they were both struggling with addiction. Through our program Tuan became sober and was able to be a great father to his daughter when she was born. His sober, faith-filled support of his daughter and his wife impacted their lives and the lives of his other children as well.

Several of the staff here at the Rescue Mission are graduates of our New Life Program. Don Hill, for example, has helped hundreds of men struggling with addiction during his years working at the Ogden Rescue Mission. Many years ago, before becoming our program director, Don was homeless and addicted but found new life at the Rescue Mission.

When God restored Don's life, he exponentially increased the impact that one changed life would have

on hundreds of others.

It is inspiring to read the testimonies of changed lives in each newsletter. But remember that for each changed life you read about, there are many others impacted as well. From brokenhearted spouses, to estranged adult children, to young kids who need their father or mother back, when God changes a life at the Mission He doubles and triples the impact.

I thank you for joining our efforts to help the homeless in Ogden get off the streets and into faith, sobriety, employment, and housing. Your support does not just impact the homeless. God multiplies it to impact the family and friends of that homeless person. When He does, they rejoice in being restored to the loved one they thought was lost forever.

God bless you,

Chris D. Croswhite
Executive Director

HOW YOUR GIFT HELPS

OUR STATS	2022 Totals (through March)
Professions of faith	69
Meals	19,322
Family food boxes	158
Nights of shelter	4,980
Clothing	1,791
Hygiene Items	6,422
Day service	1,810
Jobs obtained	6
Housing obtained	2

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Craig: Continued from the Front Page

a different light. I finally found out that there is a God, and that He was giving me a second chance at life.

I came to realize that God is in all things (even things that seem bad at the time) and I found I could thank Him for that. My counselor helped me work through the Genesis Process curriculum they use on the New Life Program. That curriculum is what God used to save my life. The New Life Program made me look at myself. That Genesis book made me look at what was wrong with me and then ask God for help.

A NEW LIFE

Today I am enjoying not being on drugs, which I didn't think would ever be possible. I live by another code now. As part of the New Life Program I am connected with a local Christian church, Emmanuel Church here in Ogden. I love the preacher there because he teaches the real basics of God and the Bible. He shares the Bible in a way that I personally can understand and apply to my daily life.

My church family helps me understand that God wants you to apply the Bible to your own life. They have helped me see how all the pains, and trials, and tribulations that we go through can actually help us to get to know God better. Sometimes, God puts us through those things so we will depend on him more and seek a relationship with Him.

My family has seen the huge change in me. When I went off the deep end into drug abuse and street life, I thought I had lost all relationships with my family. I thought they would never welcome a relationship with me again. But thanks to God they have. I have four

children and three grandchildren, and I am able to talk and text regularly with them.

When it came time for me to enter the employment phase of the New Life Program, I got a job at a local web-based bookseller that specializes in the buying and reselling of new and used books online. It felt great to be working again and I can save up some money for when I leave the Mission. Still, I have bigger plans.

HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

I am hoping to attend truck driving school soon. With the Mission's help, I have been able to secure my driver's license. With all the delivery driver and truck driver opportunities that exist right now, I believe I could have a successful living as either a local or interstate driver. So that is a goal I am working towards, even as I save up money, so I have rent and deposit for an apartment when I graduate from the New Life Program later this summer.

I look forward to my new life, whatever it holds. Yes, I have plans and goals, but most of all I want to stay in good relationship with God and in fellowship with his people at my church. I can't thank you, all the supporters of the Ogden Rescue Mission, enough. Without this Mission I would likely be dead or in jail. Instead I have a new life of faith, sobriety, and employment. Plus, I have hope for the future. Thank you for praying for people like me and supporting the Mission. Without you, people like me would not have a place to go when they are desperate and need hope.

YOUR SUPPORT PROVIDES RESOURCES LIKE OUR NEW PASTOR

With God's help, and yours, we continue to improve our faith-based addiction recovery services that help our homeless friends off the streets. We are grateful to introduce Pastor Greg Ford (pictured below) as our the new on-campus pastor at the Ogden Rescue Mission.

Originally from the Midwest, Greg and his family have loved living in Ogden for the past 12 years. Greg, an associate pastor at North Park Church, started preaching as part of his church's service night at the Mission and felt God's call to become more involved.

In his new role, Greg leads our daily Bible study for members of the New Life Recovery Program and other homeless friends who want to study the Bible. The group is currently working its way through the Book of Genesis.

"We get a lot of discussion," Greg said. "Recently I had everyone write down questions they had and then each class we read one of the questions and look at the scripture to answer their questions. I believe that it is hard for people to grow if they can't get their questions answered."

Besides his daily Bible study, Greg helps with one-on-one counseling and addiction recovery classes.

Thank you for your support that allows us to provide great resources, like Greg, for our homeless friends in Ogden. These resources are changing lives and helping people off the streets. Please pray that God would use Greg mightily in his new role to help more people follow Jesus and leave the streets!

