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Your DAF gift can help transform lives and bring the love of Jesus in action to our community.



RESTORED LIVES

The bimonthly newsletter of the Ogden Rescue Mission

Today, my life is very different than it was a year ago. I'm going to school, working toward a career in business, rebuilding my relationship with my son, and most importantly, growing in my relationship with Jesus Christ. For the first time in a long time, I feel like I'm building a future instead of simply trying to survive.

That is something I don't take for granted.

I grew up in Roosevelt, Utah, in the foster care system. I never really had a permanent home growing up. When I turned 18, I aged out of foster care and was on my own. I started using drugs recreationally when I was still a preteen. At first, it was something I did on weekends. Eventually, it became something I was doing almost every day.

Drugs affected almost every part of my life. I had a hard time keeping jobs and maintaining housing. Sometimes I would find work and get an apartment, but eventually things would fall apart. I also found myself in trouble with the law because of my drug use.

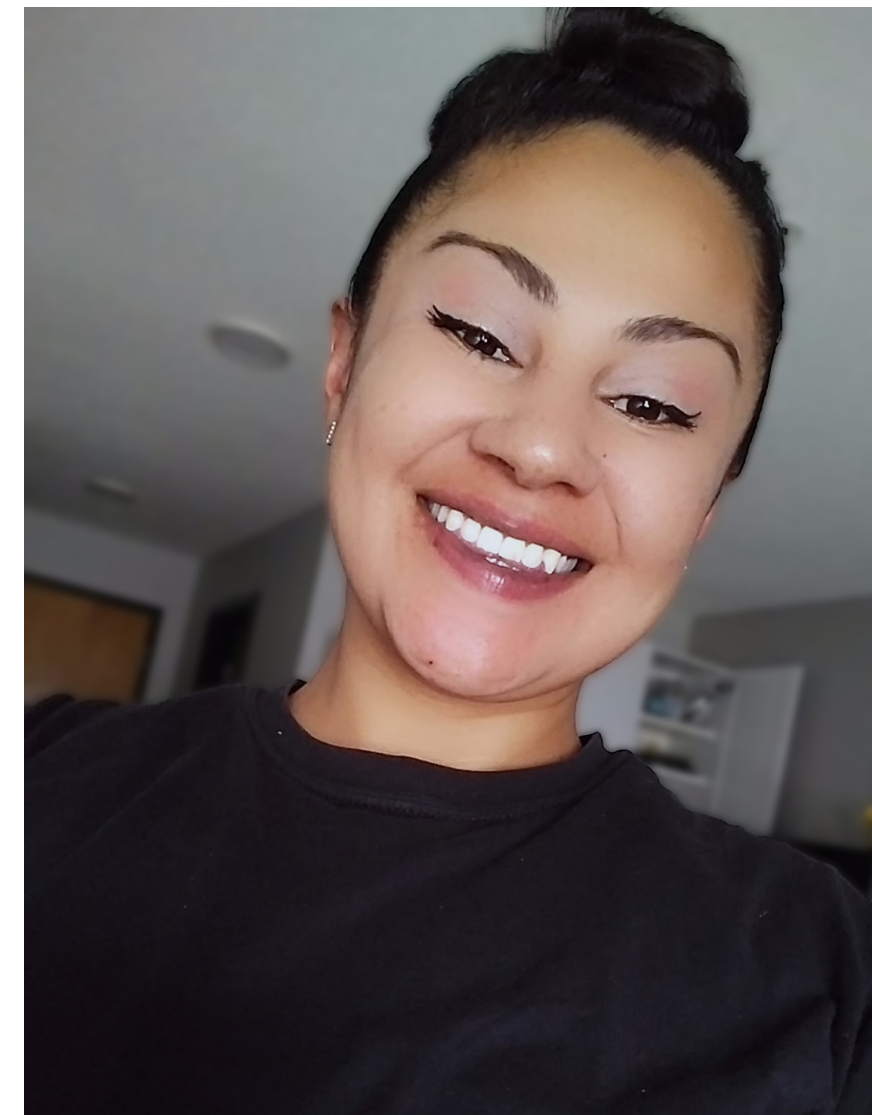
For about ten years, homelessness became a part of my life.

About three years ago, I was living in the Salt Lake City area when I finally realized something important: I wasn't going to get sober if I stayed around the same people and the same environment. I knew too many people and they knew me. There were too many places where I could get drugs.

So I left Utah and went to Wichita, Kansas. For a while, things got better. I was able to get an apartment and stayed there for about three years. I was working and had an apartment. But eventually I started struggling again. I lost my apartment and found myself homeless once more.

The police helped me get a bus ticket back to Utah. I came back to Salt Lake City, but I had nowhere to go. I checked with the shelters, but there weren't any beds available at the women's shelters. That's when I heard about a place in Ogden that would take homeless women. I went there, but I quickly realized it wasn't the environment I needed. There was a lot of drug use, and I knew, I needed to be somewhere different.

Someone told me about the Ogden Rescue Mission. I came to the Mission and joined the New Life Program. It turned out



After struggling through foster care then homelessness for 10 years, Danielle Montez has a new life with Jesus!



STAY CONNECTED WITH THE RESCUE MISSION!

Want to see more of what's happening at the Rescue Mission? Our Facebook and Instagram pages are updated almost daily with videos, stories, photos, and other behind-the-scenes glimpses of the people and work you help support.

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram (our most active channels) for encouraging updates, inspiring stories, upcoming events, and news from the Mission. It's a great way to stay connected and see how God is working through the Rescue Mission and our community of supporters!



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GATHER A SMALL GROUP AND SERVE!

Looking for a hands-on way to make a difference? Gather a small group of 2-4 people and come serve at the Rescue Mission! We have a variety of projects throughout the year, from painting and touch-up work to other small "honey-do" projects that help keep our facilities welcoming and well cared for.

Bring a coworker or two, your family, or a few friends and spend a few hours serving together. Your time and talents can make a real difference for the men and women we serve!

Contact with Judy Doud at Info@OgdenRescue.org or **801.621.4360** to schedule a time and arrange a project.



MAKING ROOM AT THE THANKSGIVING TABLE

I recently read a Deseret News/Hinckley Institute of Politics poll that asked Utah voters which rising prices concerned them



most. Among 799 registered Utah voters surveyed, 51% said “groceries and other household items,” making it the clear No. 1 concern. Housing followed at 24%, with health care at 16%.

Across Utah, families are feeling the pressure of rising food costs. For poor, working families, higher grocery bills can mean there is less money available for rent, utilities,

and other household expenses. For those already experiencing homelessness or living on very limited incomes, the margin is even smaller.

Here at the Rescue Mission, we are not immune to these challenges.

Almost everything we purchase to feed, house, and clothe our homeless friends and low-income neighbors has increased in price. Because of these pressures, the Rescue Mission is operating at a year-to-date deficit in 2026.

At the same time, many of the people we serve need more help than ever. That makes this Thanksgiving season especially important. As I have been thinking and praying about our annual Thanksgiving banquet for the homeless, I keep coming back to Jesus’ words in Luke 14:12-14:

“When you give a dinner or a banquet . . . invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be

repaid at the resurrection of the just.” That is the heart behind our annual Thanksgiving banquet for homeless men, women, and families. Last year, alongside our banquet, we distributed over 2,400 family food boxes to families who needed help stretching their limited resources so they could keep food on the table and stay in their homes. This year, because of our financial pressures, we need your support more than ever. We want to make sure that no one in our community has to spend Thanksgiving alone or wonder where their next meal will come from. We want everyone to have a seat at the table, to feel welcomed, loved, and fed.

We often say that hope begins with a meal, and in many cases, it does. A warm meal can open the door to friendship, encouragement, and an opportunity to share the love of Jesus. Those relationships can become the beginning of restored lives and renewed faith in God.

Please consider making a gift to our Thanksgiving and holiday meal outreach today. Your support will help us provide food, fellowship, and the hope of Christ to our homeless friends and low-income neighbors this holiday season.

Thank you for helping us make room at the table.
God bless you,

Chris D. Croswhite
Executive Director

Danielle: Continued from the Front Page

to be exactly what I needed. The program has taught me practical things like coping skills, recognizing thinking errors, budgeting, self-discipline, and self-control. But the most important thing I’ve learned is how to strengthen my relationship with Jesus Christ. I had been working on myself for a long time, but I had never understood Scripture the way I do now. I started with Bible studies, and then I began reading the Bible on my own. The more I read, the more I understood. There is something amazing about reading the Bible and suddenly realizing that God is actually talking to you.

My faith has become a big part of my life. I love going to church and learning more about the Bible. I appreciate that every lesson gives me something new to think about. My relationship with Jesus continues to grow as I learn more about who God is and what He has done for me.

God also used some of the most frustrating parts of the program to teach me. As part of my work therapy, I was responsible for cleaning up the Mission’s kitchen. That sounds simple, but it could be frustrating when people didn’t clean up after themselves. There were plenty of times when I wanted to get angry.

Instead, I learned patience. I realized I could choose to react in anger, the way I always had, or I could choose self-control. Learning that has been one of the most important things I’ve taken from the program.

Today I am going to school at Ogden-Weber Technical College. Because I aged out of foster care, I qualified for financial assistance that has made it possible for me to attend college. I started school in January and am studying business. I’ve completed my core classes and am moving into my electives. I’m learning about spreadsheets,

communication,, entrepreneurship, and more. About a month ago, I moved into the employment phase of the New Life Program. I’ve had a couple of job offers already, but they have ended up not working out with my school schedule. So, employment is something I’m still working on. I know change doesn’t happen overnight, and I’m learning to take things one day at a time. Another blessing has been reconnecting with my son. He’s 21 and lives in Roosevelt. Our relationship isn’t perfect, but it is getting better. After being apart for so long, simply being able to text and talk to him means everything to me.

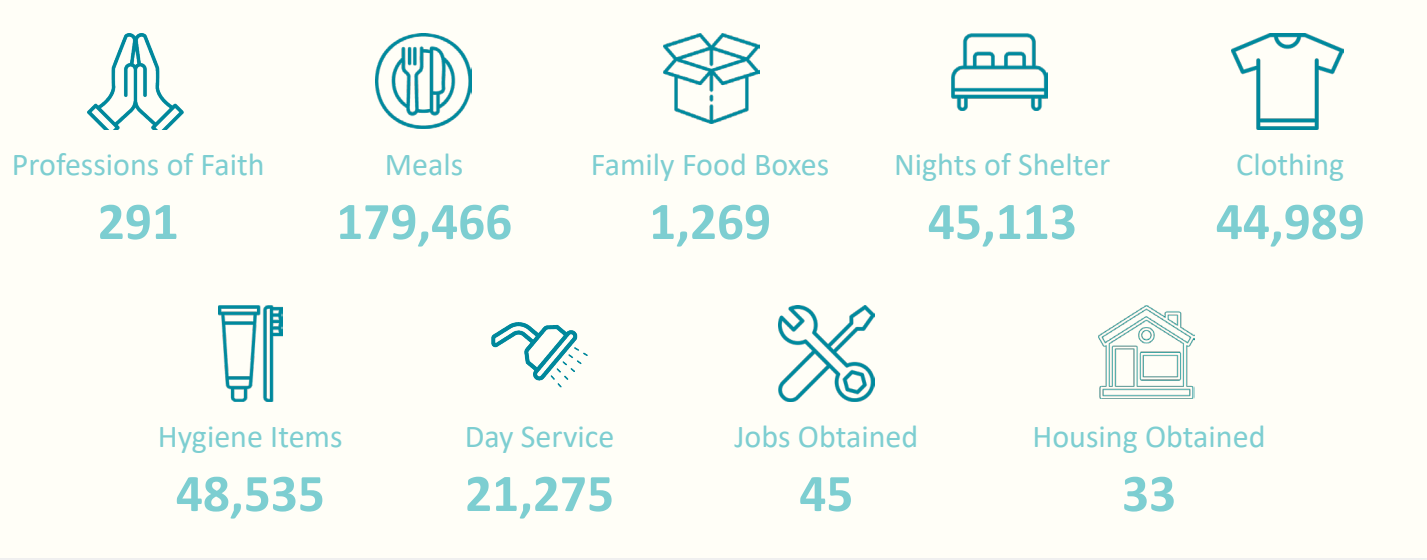
I’ve also been working with the courts to have some old convictions reduced to misdemeanors and, where possible, expunged. I want to remove as many barriers as I can as I work toward employment, housing, and a stable future.

There is still a lot of work ahead of me. But I’m not the same person who arrived at the Mission. For years, I thought I had to figure everything out on my own. Now I know I don’t. I have Jesus Christ, people who care about me, a church family, an education, and a place where I can continue learning and growing.

I’m especially thankful for the Ogden Rescue Mission because they didn’t just give me a bed. They gave me a safe place to get sober, people who challenged me to change, and an opportunity to learn what it means to live a different kind of life.

Most of all, they helped me grow closer to Jesus. I don’t know exactly what the future will look like, but for the first time, I’m excited about God’s purpose for my life. And that, to me, is what a new life really means. Thank you so much for your support of the Ogden Rescue Mission and for helping to change my life!

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