



**June
2024**



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**“But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength...” -
Isaiah 40:31**

***Rebuilding the Lives of Homeless Men
One Precious Soul at a Time***

A Message from our Director:

**"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under
the heaven:"
Ecclesiastes 3:1**



Dear Friends in Christ,

It is so hard to believe that the day of my retirement, June 6, 2024, is almost here! What a joy it has been to be the Executive Director of Calvary Rescue Mission for these past Twenty Eight years. I am so thankful to God, our board of directors, staff, and all of our incredible supporters and volunteers, who have helped Calvary to be a blessing to so many people. I look forward to seeing our new chapel go up, under the supervision of Dennis Rutledge, our new Executive Director. God willing, I plan to be a part of Calvary Rescue Mission as long as I can. Thank you all, and God bless you.

Burdens are truly Lifted at Calvary,

Bob Freudiger,

Executive Director calvaryrescue@att.net

Our Volunteers!



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Calvary's Client ...



Five years ago this month (June 2019), one of our clients was involved in a terrible vehicle crash that left him paralyzed from the neck down. Most of us called him "CIA" because he wouldn't share information about himself. His given name is Angelo Pantos. He was at Calvary Rescue Mission for twelve years and always sat in the same place during chapel service - the back pew against the wall. As the preacher began talking, Angelo would close his eyes and lean against the wall, ignoring the service. When we learned of the crash, Brother Bob and Chief visited him in the hospital. We were told that his condition was permanent. At his request we prayed with him for his salvation and prayed for his healing.

Mr. Pantos has been in a rehabilitation center for most of the last five years and a lot has changed. God is healing him. He was able to get around in a wheelchair for a little while, then a walker. Now he can walk unaided! He is still at the rehab center until he gets better use of his hands. The biggest change however is this: Now, instead of running from God's Word, he can't get enough of it. He listens to multiple podcasts and watches lots of videos of his favorite preachers. Once, a new doctor for him told him, "I've checked all of your records and viewed the x-rays. You should still be flat on your back in bed. You must be the luckiest man alive!" To which Angelo responded, "I've never had any luck in my entire life, but I do have Jesus, and Jesus fooled all of you into thinking that I would never walk again! I'm going to walk out of this place and go back to Calvary to tell EVERYONE how good God is!"

NEEDS & PRAYERS

Needs: Regular size white bath towels, Canned fruit (Peaches & Pineapples), Instant Oatmeal and Grits, Individually wrapped Snacks especially cupcakes, Twinkies and the like, Chips, Bottled Water, disposable forks, knives and spoon, Wash cloths, Bar soap, Toothpaste, Deodorant, and Med. Boxer Briefs.

Praise: Praise God for the many ways that He can take our messes and make them masterpieces of His goodness and faithfulness.

Please pray: God's wisdom as we move forward with our Chapel.

Please pray: Please pray especially for so many men who are focused on getting what they think they want, that God will provide what they truly need, and they realize that His gift is better than what they wanted.

Please pray: Please pray for us to identify the people that God has selected to serve as our Chief Financial Officer, and an Assistant Director!

YOU CAN FINANCIALLY HELP CALVARY ... WITHOUT IT COSTING YOU A PENNY!!!

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May 2024 Luncheon ...



Memorial or Honorarium

Would you like to make a donation to either our Operating Fund or Building Fund in memory of a loved one, or in honor of someone. You can fill out the information and send with your donation in the enclosed envelope.

Please contact: Hatch_CRM@outlook.com

IN HONOR OF or IN MEMORY OF _____

Send acknowledgement to: _____
(relationship to person)

Address to send acknowledgement:: _____

“Volunteer Highlights”, by Dennis Rutledge



Chicken Champions

Bob & Julia Dean

**Want to become a
Chicken
Champion??**

"Sponsor the cost of supplies (\$250) for our monthly luncheon so that all money received at that luncheon goes into our Building Fund."

April

2024

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| Lodgings | 2,128 |
| Meals | 6,384 |
| Clothing | 138 |
| Saved | 49 |

Fifteen years ago, a friend of Steve Cullen invited him to join him serving a meal at Calvary Rescue Mission. Steve agreed and said that he absolutely fell in love with the men and the mission during that first visit. He said that he got to experience a chapel service like no other he had ever witnessed, and that the atmosphere was simply infectious. When he returned home that night, he told the whole family that as soon as they could get a night to serve at Calvary, the whole family was going to serve the meal. Two weeks later the whole family came to the mission to prepare and serve dinner . . . and they've done it every month since then. The men at Calvary know him simply as "Spaghetti Man"!

Steve has a special connection with homelessness. When he was 13 years old and living in San Diego, his family had to seek shelter in a homeless shelter. He knows firsthand what it costs the soul to face homelessness. He wants his life to show others that homelessness is not the end of the road; it can be a springboard to something better. Serving at Calvary each month is a priority for their family because the men there are part of their family.

Steve Cullen retired from the Navy in 2015 and is on the Security team at Bellevue Baptist Church. The Cullens also involve other families in serving. The Desmarais family often serve with the Cullens or take their place when the family is on a mission trip.



Our September Luncheon

Our Next Luncheon will be September 10th! Our speaker will be Don Gilbert! The Luncheon begins at 11:00 a.m. Of course, we'll have Robert's famous fried chicken and all the fixing's! We look forward to seeing you all at Calvary!

Our Fall Banquet will be September 20, 2024 at Woodland Hills Event Center! Last year we had an Incredible Event, and I'm so looking forward to this years! If you would like to be a Table Host or have any questions regarding this event, please reach out to Kathy Hatcher at either her email address: Hatch_CRM@outlook.com or if you prefer you may call me at (901) 461-5630.

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