

A Note From Greg



1 Timothy 4:8-11 New American Standard Bible (NASB)

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living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of believers. Prescribe and teach these things.

So many years I lived under the impression that if I set out a structure of reading my Bible and saying my prayers, I would be disciplined enough to be close to God. Little did I understand after many failed schedules, that it was not my persistence in doing the right things, it was because of the love of God who made me that I found the ability to grow closer to God. That meant, even in my failures I was accepted and wanted by God and He completes who I am. This is very similar with the guests that come and receive services with us. Many have found themselves stuck in, "if I do this, things will be alright". Which can last for a while, usually a short while. Learning how to not be homeless is a much bigger issue than making some appointments and going to some classes. It is a life changing choice. Many times it involves a change of heart, "a change of the way I used to do or think about things". Two examples. First, a young lady, unmarried, with four small children, works the system gets her help does well for a while and ends up back with the need of our services for the third and fourth times. Second, a young lady, unmarried, with five children some older, some younger, stays with us one time, has several changes in lifestyle (through many challenges) and she has not needed our services since. Take this to heart, if I want things to be different, I need to fall in love with the difference I want and realize it's not about tomorrow it's about forever.

We would like to wish all of our Dads a very Happy Father's Day!

Verse of the Month:

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Ron Davis Memorial

Redemption House Ministries would like to take this opportunity to remember Ronald Melvin Davis. Ron passed away in April and will be fondly remembered by those at Redemption House Ministries. He had a heart for the homeless and hungry. Ron was instrumental in starting the Oasis Soup Kitchen, a service to feed the homeless and hungry in Prineville. When The Oasis Soup Kitchen closed Ron and his wife Marlene began volunteering for Craig's Compassionate Cafe' sharing his passion for cooking with the guests of the Cafe'. We will miss Ron's delicious cooking and his many visits.



Thank You

We would like to thank the following organizations for their generous support of Redemption House Ministries through their grant programs:

Prineville Eagles Auxillary #2555
City of Prineville
Oregon Housing and Community Service –
Emergency Solutions Grant

Meet Jerra

Hello, my name is Jerra. I came to live at Redemption House in December. I was so broken, my husband had gone to jail and was looking at going to prison. I was all alone. I have always had a job and a home, I had lost everything. I absolutely had no hope. I cried all the time, and was super depressed. I thought at the time this was the very bottom, the worse thing that could happen. I truly was wondering why I should keep living.

A couple of the ladies at Redemption House began to speak to me about Jesus, they never rushed me. I didn't take to this knowledge easily, but slowly I began to hear what they had to say. Jesus was very wonderful to me. He accepted me with all my anger, hopelessness, and fears; it's like He put his arms around me, and just loved me right where I was. I would believe for a minute, then doubt and yell, and cry. Jesus just kept His arms around me. Jesus kept filling the ladies with His wisdom in their words talking to me, teaching me. During this time our Jesus was healing me sometimes slowly, but He just kept holding me. Showing me His truth and love. One day I realized Jesus had again filled me with His hope, wisdom, and truth and with so much love. He continued to put amazing people in my life to help me learn, like my Bible teacher.

The truth is I had never been really deeply loved for me just the way I am, until Jesus did. Now I can walk with my head up, I laugh, I pray to Jesus to keep loving me. I want to be a funnel, where Jesus pours Himself, his love, truth, wisdom, His words of hope, compassion and strength through me on to everyone around me. I want them to truly see Jesus in me like I did with His greatly loved people He allowed into my life. Now I can clearly see that this is the place Jesus wanted me, so He could open my heart, eyes, ears, and mind to who He truly is.

I honestly thank our Lord for bringing me to Redemption House, and for His loving me, even me.

4th of July

We hope to see you at the 4th of July parade and park activities! Come on over and visit us at the Dunk Tank

Redemption House Ministries is the proud recipient of a \$15,000 Oregon Community Foundation grant to expand emergency and transition shelter services for men, women and children experiencing homelessness in Crook County.

We would like to thank the following funders that supported these services for women and children:

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Shelter Needs

- Toilet Paper
- Liquid Soap
- Paper Towels
- Laundry Soap
- Trash bags (13 gal.)
- Bleach
- Disinfectant Cleaner
- Disinfectant Spray
- Personal Hygiene Items

Cafe Needs

- USDA approved meat
- Canned Fruit
- Food Storage Containers
- Milk
- Cheese
- Butter
- Fresh Fruit
- Fresh Vegetables
- Spices
- Sugar

Donations may be dropped off at Redemption House
780 E 1st St. between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.
Monday through Friday.

Sending out a HUGE Thank You to all of our donors! You are making a difference!