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"I am grateful for you!"

Your gifts to the Waterfront Rescue Mission make a difference everyday!



“God restored what her sinful. . . life had robbed her of.”



Mick Breault,
President
Waterfront Rescue
Mission

I am always amazed how God works through all of us here at the Mission. We are blessed to see Him work tremendous miracles in the lives of those who are homeless, broken and addicted. Last month, on the evening of Thursday, October 21st, I and about 100 others witnessed another one of His miracles.

Lynn came to the Mission in 2007. Not only was she homeless, but she was addicted to crack cocaine. Her addiction had led her to a life of living out on the streets or in the woods... on a piece of cardboard - under a tree. To say she was in very bad shape is an understatement. She was physically, emotionally, mentally and spiritually dead. However, God had a new life in mind for Lynn. After she received Christ in her heart, Lynn's life began to change dramatically and God restored what her sinful life had robbed her of.

Lynn has done a lot in the three years since arriving at the Waterfront Rescue Mission. Successfully completing the *Women's Rescue and Recovery Program*, Lynn continued in the *Women's Career Development Program*. She enrolled at Pensacola State College (formerly Pensacola Junior College) and in May 2010 she graduated with her degree in Criminal Justice.

Completing her courses at the Mission, Lynn graduated from the *Mission's Career Development Program* in October 2010. From living on a piece of cardboard to graduating from college in three years, Lynn is a living miracle! She gives all her thanks to the Lord. And I give thanks to the Lord also for Him blessing the Mission so that we are able to bless others.

She is truly an inspiration to other women here at the Mission who are in different phases in their recovery. Lynn is thankful to the Mission for helping her become the woman that God planned for her to be and the Mission is thankful to you for being a vital part for supporting God's work with your contributions.

God bless you and your family during this holiday season.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mick Breault".

Mick Breault



Lynn with Mick Breault at her graduation ceremony from the Waterfront Rescue Mission Women's Career Development Program.



“WE LOVE BEING A PART OF THE MISSION..”

Jo Ann and her husband Dennis share their story of how they enjoy volunteering at the Mission during the holidays.

Dennis and Jo Ann Bingel moved to Orange Beach in 2005 when Dennis retired from a life-long career in building and construction. Originally from the Midwest, the Bingels were seeking a warmer climate and wanted to live near the beautiful Gulf of Mexico.

The Bingels enjoy spending their time fishing, watching USA Jaguar football and having fun with their three grandchildren (who moved to Gulf Breeze shortly after Hurricane Katrina destroyed their home in New Orleans).

Since moving here in 2005, the Bingels have volunteered at the Mission every holiday season usually working in the “carry-out” serving line, where they fill the carry-out food containers which are then delivered to elderly and shut-ins who are unable to enjoy their holiday meal with others. “Every Thanksgiving and Christmas, we prepare around 2,200 meals for delivery. It’s an amazingly streamline operation, and it takes the coordinated effort of many people. We love being a part of the Mission and the community it serves,” Dennis said.



Christmas 2006

“We are children of the 60’s with a strong sense of social responsibility. Can you imagine a world in which every person made a conscious effort to do one positive act to benefit the life of one other human being? If everyone around the world did just one kind and compassionate thing for another, the impact would be incredible!”



Thanksgiving 2008

Jo Ann explained, “In 1983, one of my brothers died as a result of his addiction to drugs and alcohol. The chemical dependency programs offered at the Mission make a huge difference for many people. I’ve seen some of their success stories firsthand – I’ve had students successfully completing college who are graduates of the Mission’s program.” She continued, “We believe that the work performed at the Waterfront Rescue Mission is some of the most important work being done anywhere.”



Christmas 2009

“We encourage everyone to get involved with the purpose of the Waterfront Rescue Mission anyway they can – through the use of their time, making cash donations or by making purchases at their bargain center stores. The folks at the Mission are a wonderful group, and helping out there is a real pleasure.”



Jo Ann and Dennis with their granddaughter Zoe inside the Government Building in San Juan, Puerto Rico last December.



Thanksgiving 2007

When asked about their experiences while volunteering at the Mission, the Bingels said that there are too many wonderful ones to list in such a short interview, but indicated that they have been deeply moved and their lives have been enriched by the people they have met and worked with at the Mission.

THE MISSION IS "HOME" TO THE MANY WHO

Thanksgiving and Christmas Banquets

Every year on Thanksgiving and Christmas Day the Waterfront Rescue Mission continues the tradition of opening its doors to the homeless and hungry men, women and children of Fort Walton Beach, Mobile and Pensacola by hosting its annual Great Thanksgiving and Christmas Banquets at all three sites.

A traditional holiday feast is served to those in need along with a celebration of the season. Each year the Mission serves hundreds of meals on-campus and delivers thousands more into the community through the help of our amazing volunteers. Food is served, music is enjoyed and those who attend join together in rejoicing the holiday season.

Thanksgiving and Christmas Banquet Locations:

An on-campus banquet is held at all three Mission sites on both Thanksgiving and Christmas Day:

Fort Walton Beach Mission
112 Hollywood Blvd. SE
Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548

Mobile Mission
206 State Street
Mobile, AL 36603

Pensacola Mission
16 W. Main Street
Pensacola, FL 32502



Holiday Banquet Volunteer Sign-Up 2010

The Waterfront Rescue Mission **NEEDS HOLIDAY VOLUNTEERS!** If you would like to volunteer for the *Thanksgiving Banquet* please call beginning November 1, 2010 to sign up for a volunteer position. If you would like to volunteer for the *Christmas Banquet* please call beginning December 1, 2010 to sign up.

There are several positions to fill over the holiday season. If you are unable to volunteer on Thanksgiving or Christmas Day be sure to ask about volunteer positions that are needed leading up to the events:

- *Registration: Check-in volunteers.*
- *Home Delivery Driver: Deliver meals to needy families.*
- *Banquet Servers: Serves meals to homeless guests at banquet.*
- *Banquet Runners: Replenish food on serving line as needed.*
- *Tent Preparation/Set-up: Set up tents, tables, chairs, etc.*
- *Clothing distribution: Pass out clothing and essentials to homeless.*
- *Clean-up: Break down tables & chairs following event.*
- *Photographer: Documents the day of the banquet by taking photos of the event and those involved.*

Please call one of the following numbers based on where you would like to volunteer:

**Fort Walton Beach
(850) 796-0700**

**Mobile
(251) 433-1847**

**Pensacola
(850) 429-0656**



HAVE NOWHERE TO GO FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

Holiday Shop for the Pensacola Mission



During the Holiday Banquets, the Mission provides a *Holiday Shop* free to our dinner guests. They are encouraged to visit our Shop for clothing and any items they may need.

We need your help in stocking our *Holiday Shop* with the following items:

- Aspirin and cold medications
- Combs/brushes
- Deodorant
- Fingernail clippers
- Razors
- Shampoo
- Shaving cream
- Skin lotion
- Soap
- Toothbrushes
- Toothpaste
- Facial tissue
- Sweatshirts
- Jeans
- Flannel shirts
- Gloves
- Knit caps
- Scarves
- Belts
- Socks
- Shoes
- T-shirts
- Underwear
- Bed Linens (twin-size)
- Backpacks
- Pens
- Writing tablets
- Envelopes
- Postage stamps
- Study Bibles
- Underwear (Med. to 3X)
- Thermal Underwear
- T-Shirts (Small to 3X)

Meal Deliveries

If you, or someone you know, are unable to attend the on-campus banquet, a meal(s) can be delivered if residing within Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa or Walton Counties in Florida; or if living within Mobile County in Alabama. If you need meals for Thanksgiving Day please call beginning November 1, 2010 to place your order. If you need meals for Christmas Day please call beginning December 1, 2010 to place your order. Please call between 8:00 am - 5:00 pm.

Escambia/Santa Rosa Counties
850-429-0656

Mobile County
(251) 433-1847

Okaloosa/Walton Counties
(850) 796-0700

WATERFRONT MISSION BARGAIN CENTER PENSACOLA AND MILTON



Did you know the Bargain Center has GIFT CARDS? What a great stocking stuffer for those who are into RENEWING, RECYCLING and GOING GREEN! Visit us today!



The Waterfront Mission Bargain Centers supports a variety of services here at the Mission. Please consider donating your gently used furniture, clothing, appliances, or other items to support others in need.

And if you like shopping and finding great deals, you'll find them here at the Bargain Center.

Find us on Facebook.



Note: These meals are intended for those who are unable to provide a traditional holiday meal for themselves and/or their families due to either financial reasons or physical disabilities. Meals are limited to 12 per household.



YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week (NHHAW) -- The **National Coalition for the Homeless** and the **National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness** co-sponsor the week before Thanksgiving to NHHAW.

This year the week of NHHAW will be November 14th - 20th. The **Waterfront Rescue Mission** has planned several activities and events that allow the entire community to become involved.

You and your family are invited to participate in one or more of the following events that are listed below! Your participation can make a difference in helping the homeless in your community!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH – ALL DAY THROUGH SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH

Food and Winter Clothing Drive Kick-Off!

Where: Winn-Dixie and Publix in Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties

Help others this holiday season by donating gently used or new winter clothing items and/or non-perishable food items. Donations will go to local service providers including the Mission, Manna Food Pantries and Caring and Sharing. Visit www.waterfrontmission.org or call 888-853-8655 for a list of needed items, which will also be posted at the drop-off locations inside the stores.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH - 6:30 -7:30 P.M.

Candlelight Vigil for the Homeless in Santa Rosa County

Location: Riverwalk Park in Milton

Vigil is held to create awareness of the homeless individuals living on the streets, in shelters, cars and tents, and also to pay homage to the homeless individuals who died during the past year.

Hosted by the EscaRosa Coalition on the Homeless, this event will include music and a moment of silence for the homeless individuals who have passed this year. Light refreshments will be provided.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH - 7:00 A.M

Prayer Breakfast & A Day of Prayer for Those in Need

Location: Loaves and Fishes, 257 East Lee Street , Pensacola

This event is focused on improving services for our poor and homeless community. Breakfast will be served by leaders from the Waterfront Rescue Mission, EscaRosa Coalition on the Homeless, Manna Food Pantries and more. The men, women, and children who come to Loaves and Fishes that morning will share their thoughts on what the community can do better to assist them.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH - ALL DAY

A Day of Fasting and Awareness

Experience what homeless face on a daily basis by skipping one or all meals throughout the day and you'll get a better understanding of the daily struggles of homelessness and poverty.

Donate food in place of your meal/meals at any of our donation drop-off locations. For a full list of needed items visit www.waterfrontmission.org or call 888-853-8655.



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17TH (CONT.)

"No Dinner and a Movie"

ON THE EDGE a Diane Nilan Production
Time: 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Where: Pensacola Little Theatre, 400 S. Jefferson St., Pensacola

Nationally acclaimed movie producer and homeless advocate Diane Nilan will be featuring her movie filmed in Escambia and Santa Rosa County and using local talent from Pensacola.

This feature is being presented by the Waterfront Rescue Mission and the EscaRosa Coalition on the Homeless. Admission is FREE, but please donate a non-perishable food item to benefit the local food pantries and soup kitchens.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH - 6:00-7:00 P.M.

Candlelight Vigil for the Homeless in Escambia County

Waterfront Rescue Mission, 16 W. Main St., Pensacola

Vigil is held to create awareness of the homeless individuals living on the streets, in shelters, cars, tents, etc. and also to pay homage to the homeless individuals who have died during the past year.

The Mission invites everyone to be a part of this symbolic event which will include testimonies from past homeless individuals and a moment of silence for the homeless who have passed away in 2010. Light refreshments will be provided.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH - 5:00-9:00 P.M.

Faces of Homelessness at Gallery Night in Downtown Pensacola

213 Palafox Street, (Tax Collector's Office) Pensacola

Join the **Waterfront Rescue Mission** and the **EscaRosa Coalition on the Homeless** for an inspiring evening of art created by local homeless individuals. All pieces will be available for purchase and proceeds will go towards helping the homeless in our area.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH – LAST DAY

Food and Winter Clothing Drive

Locations: Winn-Dixie and Publix in Escambia and Santa Rosa Counties

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“... I BECAME ALIVE IN HIM.”



Marianne did not know how to cope with the pain from her childhood so she turned to crack to escape, not realizing the extent of destruction that addiction would bring to her whole family.

While many can say that they had a good childhood, countless others have suffered emotional, physical, mental, and sexual abuse before becoming adults. Not knowing how to process the hurt and pain, many choose drugs and alcohol to numb or escape their ordeal. This leads to a life of addictions, bad choices, and losing the love and trust of family and friends. Not having any kind of support, they end up on the street, lost and very alone.

Born to an unloving mother, Marianne remembers being abused as early as age three by her own family members. She grew up constantly hearing ‘how stupid she was’ and ‘that she would never amount to anything.’ Believing these lies, she felt the need to be accepted and fell into a greater pattern of seeking attention from others who would lie and use her.

By the time Marianne was 18, she was married with 3 children and pregnant with her fourth. “I left my husband and babies and met crack cocaine and this started a whirlwind of tornado activity that would spiral my life out of control,” Marianne stated. “So the second cycle of co-dependency set its course and I began to look to drugs as a way to fill the void. I began to steal, prostitute, and even lived in abandoned houses and cars.”

Marianne landed at the hospital, six months pregnant, weighing 89 pounds with over 100 ulcers in her

body. With her organs failing she was on the brink of death and begging God to let her die. During her stay, a nurse came to her room day after day praying and reading scriptures to her while she was asleep.

“One day I began flipping through that Bible. The nurse had written verses in the back and even highlighted them about how to receive Christ into my heart and have eternal life. I began to feel an overwhelming urgency to know about this Jesus that died so that I might live so I began to read those scriptures and prayed that prayer of salvation. My whole life as I had known it changed. Very slowly my health began to get better. God did something that the doctors had said was impossible. He let me live and not just live **but I became alive in Him.**”

Marianne left the hospital and went to an in-house, Christ-centered treatment center. Her husband and she renewed their vows. Their daughters came back to stay with them. She attended college and became a staff member at the treatment center she attended.

“My husband told me that I would one day be counseling women and helping them to overcome the same obstacles that led them to the addiction that I face.” After several years of intense Bible training and obtaining counseling certificates, Marianne became the Women’s Director of The Foundry and a licensed minister and would travel testifying of God’s love and great mercies.

Marianne remained clean for 8 years.

When asked how she came to the Waterfront Rescue Mission, she states, “The answer is simple: I took my eyes off my savior and began to sink. I started faking illnesses just to get medications. The shame and guilt began to overwhelm me and I needed to escape once again.”

Marianne left her husband to raise their teenage daughters by himself and she ended up on the street once again. Her family did not know if she was dead or alive for almost two years. One day her husband received a call from Marianne where she was facing 50 years in the federal penitentiary for some very unwise drug related choices.

The judge ordered her to serve a year of time and also to enroll in a recovery program. “I knew the Waterfront Rescue Mission because I came to do research on their program,” Marianne said. “The main thing I realized was that I needed to run home to my Heavenly Father and I knew that the Mission could help me do that.”

When asked about her future plans, Marianne states, “I want to go back to college for business administration and also help those who are struggling in addiction and let them know there is hope through Christ’s love and forgiveness.”

With your support, Marianne, and others like her, will have the opportunity to experience life and freedom in Christ. Everybody deserves a second chance.

“MY LIFE . . . OF CHAOS AND SIN.”

Daiki was angry - no goals, no plans for his future, and living a life of sin - he rebelled against everything and everyone. A chance opportunity at the Mission led him to find peace in his life - through Christ.

Daiki was born in Tokyo, Japan. He was placed in an orphanage after his birth and was being cared for there until he was adopted by an American military couple when he was two years old. “We moved back to the U.S.A. when I was three years old, and when I was in the fifth grade my dad retired,” Daiki said. “We moved to Shalimar (Florida) where I spent most of my life. I have two brothers and two sisters and my parents raised us in church. We attended Catholic mass every Sunday.”

Daiki recalls that he began to “act out” in his freshman year of high school. “I had no goals for my life and soon became very rebellious. My dad worked out of town which left the parenting mostly to my mom. My sister and I stressed my mom out so much that she often felt like it was useless trying to correct us.”

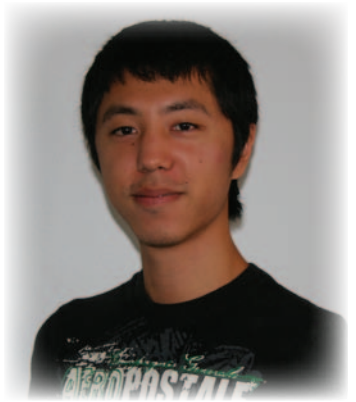
In his senior year Daiki had no goals, no plan for his life and he wanted to drop out of school. Somehow he did graduate and even enrolled in Northwest Florida State College. “I was still choosing to live everyday for myself. I was angry at my mom for trying to correct my ways, angry at my dad for being away so much and angry at the world because I couldn’t have things my way. I spent all the money I had on material things. My friends ended up leaving me when I rejected them. My life was in a spiral of chaos and sin.”

Daiki’s parents had had enough and searched for ways to help him. One day, while he and his family were volunteering at the Mission during a Holiday Banquet, Daiki’s mom took him to speak with a Mission Chaplain. “I entered the program that day and the first week was a struggle for me. I was still angry at everyone. During my second week I had a chance to sit down and talk to a Chaplain about what it means to be saved. I accepted Christ that day and I have been blessed to finally have peace in my life.”

Daiki completed phase one at the Mission, phase two at New Hope Home and is now in the Career Development Program. He is studying to receive his Associates of Applied Science in Computer Networking and is tentatively scheduled to graduate in May 2011. “I’m active in my church, learning to live by faith and I’m not angry anymore.”

“I’m so very thankful that God put the Waterfront Rescue Mission in my life. I have been able to build back a great relationship with my parents and friends. I no longer live in sin and find rest in Jesus.

Accepting Jesus as my Lord and Savior is the best thing to happen to me and I won’t ever give Him up!”



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