

Crossroads

INVOLVING THE COMMUNITY IN CHRISTIAN MINISTRY

Easter 2014

A PLACE OF SAFETY. A PLACE OF GROWTH.



**"THANK YOU FOR BELIEVING
IN ME. THANK YOU FOR
GIVING ME FOOD, CLOTHING
AND SAFE SHELTER WHEN
I NEEDED IT MOST."**



God is working through you... to help people like me. Thank you.

My name is Debra. If you're ever been tempted to abuse prescription drugs, my advice to you is **don't!** An illegal use of legal drugs and being cross-addicted to alcohol almost ruined my life. In one of my withdrawal states, I committed a crime. I also had three DUIs in one month, which landed me in county jail for 48 days. Perhaps you can see why I feel so blessed to be at Crossroads Center Rescue Mission.

God's power keeps moving me in the right direction. It also feels good to be employed. I have a job at Burger King, where I'm able to give everyone a smile — especially when they don't have one. I also appreciate the devotions we have at the Mission each morning. And when I say my own prayers, I pray for every person who donates money, goods and services to help people like me.

THANK YOU FOR THE FOOD, CLOTHING AND SAFE SHELTER

In the past, I took too many wrong turns. But today, I know the God of Easter is taking me where

I need to go. Thank you for believing in me. Thank you for giving me food, clothing and safe shelter when I needed it most. I hope you and your family enjoy a blessed Easter season. I also pray that God keeps working through you as you reach out to those in need — people like me.

Sincerely,

Debra

**Coming to Crossroads Center Rescue Mission
is the best decision I ever made.**



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A MESSAGE FROM MY HEART . . .

Jerry Bumgardner, Executive Director



"Life suddenly becomes worth living as our friends move from fear to faith."

Dear Friend of Crossroads Center Rescue Mission,

Thank you for your ongoing support for the ministry of Crossroads Center Rescue Mission . . . and thank you for your compassion toward those who come to our doors — not only during the Easter season but throughout the year. Yes, we provide good food, clothing and safe shelter — the kinds of necessities Debra and hundreds more appreciate so much. But the most important thing we have to share with our friends is *a relationship with the risen Savior*.

Whenever I have the opportunity to share the gospel with someone, I never say *I'll get back to you later*. After all, I may never see that person again. It's such a privilege to share the gospel whenever I can. And that's what we do at Crossroads Center Rescue Mission every day. We have the privilege of being bearers of the

truth to those who need to know the Savior.

Life suddenly becomes worth living

One of the great things about the Easter message is it removes the *what ifs* from a person's life. The *what ifs* speak of fear, anxiety and despair. *What if* I don't get a job? *What if* my health doesn't improve? *What if . . . what if?* But when people turn their lives over to Jesus, those *what ifs* soon become history. Life suddenly becomes worth living as our friends move from fear to faith. God bless you at this Easter season as you and your family celebrate the power of our risen Lord.

Your servant to the homeless,

Jerry Bumgardner
Executive Director



WINDOWS & MIRRORS

Two biblical ways we share the Good News with our Mission guests

Many of Jesus' stories are called *window parables* . . . windows through which we're able to catch a glimpse of what the Kingdom of God looks like. For example, *it is like buried treasure* (Matthew 13:44) or like *a net cast into the sea* (Matthew 13:47). Other stories Jesus told are *mirror parables* . . . messages which require us to look inward . . . to see ourselves as we really are. The story of the Prodigal Son is one such example (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32).

At Crossroads Center Rescue Mission, we share both types of Jesus' parables to inspire our guests and bring a ray of hope into their lives. These encouraging words of scripture give our friends the opportunity ❶ *To catch a glimpse of God's intentions and desires* and ❷ *To see themselves realistically — and to know what they can become when they acknowledge the saving power of a risen Lord*. If any one of us is to change our world . . . we must first allow God to change us.

Lives interrupted by a loving God

As we approach the Easter season, our Mission guests need to know they are loved, accepted and appreciated for who they are. And when they hear the story of the empty tomb and come to faith in our risen Lord, *that's the day that turns their lives around*. And to carry on this ministry of rescue at Easter and throughout the year, we continue to count on your enthusiastic support.

To give your generous donation today, please use the enclosed remit slip, or make your donation online at www.crossroadsmisson.com. God bless you for being an Easter friend to people in need. Thank you for caring.

PLANTING SEEDS of HOPE

- April 8, 2014
- Younes Conference Center in Kearney
- Ticket information: 402-462-6460

CRITICAL NEEDS

- Toilet paper
- Body soap
- Conditioner
- Shampoo
- Laundry soap