

Gospel Gazette

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A Personal Relationship With GOD!

I have witnessed, that for 41 years, God has been there for me all the time and never once did I have what I have now. A personal relationship with Him. I was born to a military family in Germany and came to America when I was 8 years old. After graduating from military school, I went straight into the Air Force. After the Air Force I went on a mission back to Germany. It was a blessing.



Although I was doing all these things for God I really didn't know Him much. My family was very religious and taught me a lot about spiritual things but I didn't know much about what the bible really says in terms of the human heart. Not knowing much about God's real help, before long, I got into drinking alcohol and drank far too much.

One night I got drunk and drove my car off the road. I decided I needed to control my drinking. Still something was missing in my life and I continued to drink alcohol in excess. I started looking into other religions for answers and tried quite a few. I found all religions have something good about them but felt empty and I still kept seeking to be fulfilled.

I continued to work and seek for more in my life but things didn't change right away. After spending another 8 years looking into religion and philosophy things started to change for me. I believe I was coming to the end of myself.

One day the Salt Lake City Mission was having an outreach at the park across from where I worked and I went over to see what was happening. I ended up speaking to Pastor Wilson. We talked for hours. He could relate to my story because he too had been on a seeking journey at one time. He showed me what the Bible says about salvation and God wanting to have us know Him one on one. I then realized what I was missing. A personal relationship with God!

For years I tried different religions, alcohol, all the usual stuff people look for but it wasn't until I read for myself, what Jesus really said about life and salvation, that I began to see. Knowing the truth in the Bible has started me on a road to more seeking. No longer looking for love, I've found that, but seeking God's heart. Now I know Him I can spend the rest of my life experiencing His goodness. --- ED

A Soldier's Thanksgiving

Over there a soldier's thinking
Of a time not long ago,
When his loved ones got together;
'Twas Thanksgiving Day, you know.

Over there a soldier's dreaming
Of a turkey baked just right,
Mashed potatoes, golden gravy,
Chestnut dressing, pure delight!

Over there a soldier's hungry
For whipped cream on pumpkin pie.
Squares of cornbread, crusts so tender,
Homemade biscuits stacked up high.

Over there a soldier's wishing
He could have one buttered roll.
But he feasts on GI rations
While his unit's on patrol.

Over there a soldier's lying
In a ditch, his makeshift bed.
Mud and dirt are his companions;
Been awhile since he's been fed.

Over there a soldier's praying
That his open sores will heal.
He is sure that he'll feel better
Once he has a good hot meal.

Over there a soldier's hearing
Loud explosions, muffled cries.
Shrapnel killed his foxhole buddy
Right before his very eyes.

Over there a soldier's quoting
Scriptures learned at Mother's knee,
Proud that he's a mighty warrior,
Keeping all his loved ones free.

This Thanksgiving as you're eating
That sweet corn that grandpa grew,
Say a prayer for that dear soldier
Who would love to be with you.

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On this Thanksgiving,
America remembers
the men and women of our military....
May God love, bless and
protect you all.



Mission Immediate Needs

Please help as much as you can and as much as you are able!

- ❑ **Money Drives** - All types of financial donations, money, stocks, bonds, land, houses, businesses, grants, ect., and fund-raiser's are critically needed, accepted and always appreciated!
- ❑ **Clothing Drives** - Coats, hats, gloves, pants, socks, underwear, shirts, tee shirts, sweaters, thermal underwear, ski suits, insulated coveralls, etc.
- ❑ **Food Drives** - Canned goods of all types, all types of boxed foods and dry goods, all types of meats, ie. Beef, Lamb, Deer, Elk, Turkey, Ham, ect.
- ❑ **Blanket Drives** - Blankets, sleeping bags, pillows, bed spreads, linen, tents, mummy bags, tarps, etc.
- ❑ **Hygiene Kit Drives** - Soap, shampoo, combs, hair brushes, deodorant, razors, shaving cream, wash cloths, tooth brush & paste, famine hygiene supplies, etc.
- ❑ **Christmas Present Gift Drives** - Wrapped and or unwrapped Christmas gifts of all types for all ages...Men's, Women's and especially Children's. Thousands Needed!
- ❑ **House hold Items Drives** - Pots, pans, dishes, cups, bowls, silverware, all types of kitchen utensils, etc.

Secrets of Wise Giving

How we steward the assets God has entrusted to us matters a great deal to Him who owns it all. To discover creative ways you can be a good steward, visit www.saltlakecitymission.org/pcx.html and click on "Secrets of Giving Wisely." section.

Whether your estate is modest or substantial, you have three choices of where to direct your assets at death: Loved Ones; Ministries You Care About; or the I.R.S. To discover how you can ensure your assets go where you want them to, visit us at: www.saltlakecitymission.org/pcx.html and click on "Secrets of Giving Wisely." link to complete the Estate Plan Organizer.

Did you know that with a **retained life estate** you can donate your residence, vacation home, or farm to **Salt Lake City Mission** and retain full lifetime use of the property? Not only are you establishing a future gift for **Salt Lake City Mission**, you will receive an immediate income tax deduction for a portion of the fair market value of your property. To learn more, visit the: www.saltlakecitymission.org/pcx.html pages of our website and click on "Secrets of Giving Wisely."

Be certain you know where your assets are going - **tax deferred retirement accounts** (IRAs, 401Ks, Keogh plans and SEPs) do not pass at death according to the terms of the account holder's will or trust. Rather, they transfer according to the instructions listed by the account holder's most recent beneficiary designation form. Who is your beneficiary? To learn more, visit the: www.saltlakecitymission.org/pcx.html pages of our website and click on "Secrets of Giving Wisely."

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FACTS AT A GLANCE 2009-2010

Established in 1994 as a Mission Church, Salt Lake City Mission was set up to help the homeless and poor become independent, productive members of society through a life centered in Jesus Christ. We are committed to helping the needy, all who have a genuine need, regardless of race, creed, religion, age or national origin.

By providing emergency services and long-term recovery programs, we help to meet the physical, mental, educational and spiritual needs of individuals.

During this past year, The Salt Lake City Mission:

- * Watched over 650 people make faith decisions for Christ.
- * Served over 114,689 meals to the destitute and needy of Utah throughout this year.
- * Provided Breakfast and a Sack Lunch - Monday-Saturday behind Road Home Men's, Women's and Family Shelters, from our mobile kitchen unit, serving 8,316 meals a month. Over 61,171 meals served there throughout this year.
- * Held special "All Day Outreaches" at Pioneer Park, on Easter, Memorial Day, the Fourth of July, and on Labor Day, serving over 6,125 hot prepared meals at these events.
- * Provided 1,000 Turkey Baskets for Thanksgiving with all the trimmings to destitute families in need.
- * Served a "Delicious" "Thanksgiving Dinner" to over 3,000 at "Energy Solutions Arena" Tuesday before Thanksgiving
- * On Thanksgiving Day served a "Delicious" "Thanksgiving Dinner" to over 1,657 at "The Christian Life Center"
- * Provided 1,000 Households with Christmas Boxes. Turkey's, Ham's, Trimmings & Toys with Eagle Ranch.
- * Distributed over 2,250 pantry style meals through food boxes to needy families.
- * On Christmas Day served over 1,875 "Delicious" "Christmas Dinners". We also distributed over 2,000 wrapped Christmas presents to needy and homeless children.
- * On New Year's Day served 2,240 "Delicious" "New Year's Meals" with the help of 400 volunteers assisting.
- * Provided 6,000 people with over 65,809 pieces of clothing, household goods, furniture and appliances.
- * Graduated 13 men and to self-sufficiency from our Long-Term Recovery Programs.
- * Averaged 20 men in our Long-Term Recovery Programs.
- * Watched 8 men in our *Long-Term Recovery Programs* receive their Associates Degrees and 5 men received their Bachelor's Degrees from the Sure Foundation Theological Seminary.
- * Conducted more than 3,000 counseling sessions to needy souls.
- * Graduated 4 men from The Second Chance Ranch Program in western Box Elder County. A 640-acre working ranch with horses, cattle, sheep, chickens and vegetable gardens.
- * Facilitated GED's, Vocational Rehabilitation assistance and college for our graduates.
- * Conducted 26,720 hours of Bible Studies, Life Skills & Group Sessions. Provided co-pays for hearing aids, eyeglasses and prescription medication for our clients.
- * Received encouragement and support from over 850 Volunteers that performed over 154,396 hours of service to the needy and destitute throughout the year.