

Happy New Year 2011

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Called to Change

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It seems like I was a monster most of my life in just about every way you can think of. I've struggled with ADHD from birth and tried many things to find a balance. Although I asked Jesus into my heart at the age of 10 at a bible camp, I really didn't know what it was about and my parents



didn't support religion of any kind. I soon dropped it by the side of the road and for the next 30 years it seems Jesus pursued me to follow him, even though I turned away. It started with pot at 14 years old and pornography was a big deal for me also. By 24 I was addicted to meth and my cause was white supremacy. I was recruited as a teenager to believe one race was better than another. That in itself is terrible but to be part of the group I had to also shake down our own people to collect money and other things. Most people don't realize what is behind the gang mentality. No matter what the gang stands for, there is always crime behind the scenes to promote the cause.

I went through depression and thoughts of suicide. I even attempted suicide a few times, sometimes calling on Jesus but still I would walk away from him when things got a little bit better. I went in and out of jail, praying for help, but still not giving my life to God completely.

I finally ended up in prison and had some time where God could get my attention. I cried out to him once again but this time I was done. I was tired of trying to do it my way. After a little while I heard Jesus say, "what about me?" I didn't want that life anymore, so I began to study and pray for a long time. Before I got out of prison, I heard the Lord tell me he wanted me to preach his word, to love God and his people. Part of me balked for a few years, and I said, "who me?" It took five years of him cutting

away my old life and making me a new creation to even realize my real need for him. And He is still cutting away more and more until I can be my best for him.

I came to the Salt Lake City Mission to be disciplined and grow in Christ. It was one thing to get past the drugs and life style I lived but now I need to grow up and reach my potential. Since I've been in the program, I have received my associates and bachelors degree in Christian studies. I'm now working on my master and I'm excited about my future with God and his people.

Since Jesus took over my life, I just want to please him. In just the last few years has he taught me about his grace, his love and power. I have such a desire to not only get my life together but encourage others that there is hope and help if they are willing. I look forward to our daily outreaches at the mission to share God's goodness to anyone that is willing to receive it.

I Am the New Year.....

Bible Illustrator

I am the new year. I am an unspoiled page in your book of time.

I am your next chance at the art of living. I am your opportunity to practice what you have learned about life during the last twelve months.

All that you sought and didn't find is hidden in me, waiting for you to search it but with more determination.

All the good that you tried for and didn't achieve is mine to grant when you have fewer conflicting desires.

All that you dreamed but didn't dare to do, all that you hoped but did not will, all the faith that you claimed but did not have—these slumber lightly, waiting to be awakened by the touch of a strong purpose.

I am your opportunity to renew your allegiance to Him who said, "**Behold, I make all things new.**"



Dear Friends and Mission Partners:

Salt Lake City Mission appreciates your part in supporting our mission to the least, the lost, and the lonely. Because we value your support, our goal is to ensure your contributions are beneficial to you as well. This is why we would like to share a few options for giving that provide advantages to you. By giving creatively, you can:

- 1 Realize larger tax savings.
- 2 Make a gift that costs you nothing during your lifetime.
- 3 Increase your income for life.
- 4 Avoid capital-gain tax.
- 5 Preserve your estate for heirs while providing years of income to further God's Kingdom.
- 6 Give your house, take a tax deduction now, and continue to live in it rent-free.
- 7 Convert additional life insurance coverage into a gift.
- 8 Achieve no-cost, worry-free asset management.

There is a section on our website designed specifically to help you plan your charitable gift. Check it out at: www.saltlakecitymission.org and click on "Estate Planning". While you are there, sign up for a phone seminar and gain planned giving insight from estate specialists, at no cost. You can also try out the Estate Plan Organizer, a tutorial designed to walk you through the estate planning process.

Or, if you would prefer, you may dial 1-800-876-7958 and our friends at PhilanthroCorp, a Christ-centered charitable planned giving firm, would be glad to send you a paper version of the Estate Plan Organizer or inform you of upcoming phone seminar dates.

Learn how a gift to the Salt Lake City Mission can work for you and increase your retirement income, provide benefits to your family and loved ones, or realize additional tax savings.

Sincerely yours,

Brad Jaques

Other Ways You Can Help?

Sponsor a storage shed from Stor-n-Lock. For \$160.00 a month or \$1,800.00 per year for a much needed storage shed. This gives us a place to process, hold and distribute food, clothing, household items donated. We need your support for this process that goes on everyday here at the mission. Please call Brad Jaques at 801-355-6310 or visit our web site at: www.saltlakecitymission.org. Another way you can truly make a difference and be part of the solution!



For all your storage needs!

Mission Immediate Needs

The Needs of the Homeless Go On Everyday!

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, etc. 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.
- House hold Items Drives** - Pots, pans, dishes, cups, bowls, silverware, all types of kitchen utensils...