

Gospel Gazette

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Moving Forward (Encore addition)

My name is Mark Klein. I was born in 1969 in Monterey California and moved to Las Vegas Nevada while still a baby. My father was in the Army so I grew up with my mother. They divorced when I was very young yet I became very close to my mom. She remarried and I really didn't like my new step dad. There seemed to be drugs and alcohol around the house all the time. In fact that is where I was first introduced to drugs and alcohol.

Growing up as an only child, I had lots of freedom to do whatever I wanted. I eventually started breaking the law because I had no direction and felt little purpose. I was simply living for the thrill of the moment. It wasn't long before I ended up in jail for a short time during my teen years. I had dropped out of school, moved out on my own and found a job. This led me down a road of getting in more and more trouble.



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Doing drugs and drinking became the norm. I really wasn't doing anything or heading anywhere good, I was simply existing and soon I became totally dependent on drugs and alcohol. Women, gambling and staying high in Vegas led me to robbing and coning my way through everything. My mother died when I was 27 and I became confused and hurt. I knew I needed help but I didn't know where to turn. Before long I was riding a freight train to Reno. I checked into the Salvation Army where I was first introduced to Jesus Christ. I began to learn what life was really about and started to look at things from a different perspective. I was baptized and began to walk according to God's plan and will for my life. Still I struggled with personal issues which I never dealt with. I began to backslide.

Before long I had gone back to drugs and alcohol. I realized I needed change so I moved to Salt Lake City. I ended up in the public shelter which blessed me with a place to stay, but I was too weak to resist the influence of those who were drinking and abusing drugs. I was spiritually bankrupt and struggled to follow through, even with good intentions. I began to have coffee and doughnuts every morning at the park and would talk to the guys that were handing out the food. They invited me to one of the morning bible study and I rededicated myself to the Lord, Jesus Christ. I was invited to spend the night at the

mission and I accepted. From the first day, my relationship and desire to know what God has planned for me was ignited.

Since that day I have been steadfast in prayer, Bible study and Christian fellowship. God has consumed me and the Holy Spirit is on fire inside of me. I am learning so much here and I am very grateful for what God is doing. I want to thank God for answering my prayer when I had lost hope. I am excited everyday knowing God is in control of everything and He has opened up my heart and is renewing my mind. He has blessed me with so much that I am continually seeking Him, His love and everything He has for me to do. I can now share with others who struggle with the pitfalls of life and encourage them. I get to tell others about God's wonderful plan of salvation. It is an honor to be used by God for His glory.

Update

Since Mark first shared his testimony a lot has happened. He has completed phase one of the Up-Word Motion Program and has moved into mentoring and encouraging many others who are where he has been. He is saving money for the future and driving ministry vehicles to transport the men in the program and distribute physical goods to those in need. He is a hard worker and faithful to help anyone he can.

The Gift of Mom

Growing up without a father may have made me different from other children but I don't feel like I missed a thing. Usually dad's are the ones who take the boys fishing and camping and get them involved in sports. In my family my mom did all those things. We went camping and fishing just about every summer and played baseball, basketball, tennis, golfing, football and more. And when I became interested in little league baseball, not only did my mother sign me up and pay for the uniform, bat and baseball mitt, but she took me to the school yard for practice nearly every day. She would pick up the bat, which was way too big for her, and hit me the ball. Pop-ups, grounders, line-drives, etc. We also played catch for hours and she came to every game I can remember. She attended every game from little league, through Babe Ruth and into high school. She also supported me in other pursuits, i.e., karate, drum practices and more. She was always there for me even though she worked full-time.



I can still hear her voice in the stands sometimes saying, "Come on Bailey. Get a hit. You can do it." In fact it seems my mom had confidence in me when I didn't have it in myself. She was always encouraging me, telling me I could do things when I didn't think I could. Just because she came to my games to support me, to my school to help me and still to this day defends, corrects and loves me, I am able to achieve more than I thought possible.

So this Mother's Day I want to say **Thank You Mom** for always being there for me. Always going the extra mile: Way beyond tucking me in bed at night, wiping my tears away and nurturing. Mom, you put love into action which has helped me to be a caring man, husband, father and hopefully a good son to the best mom in the world. **Happy Mother's Day!**

Again Please Take A Few Minutes and Consider This!

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

Development Director

Call 801-355-6310 and ask for Brad Jaques or call me on my cell phone at 801-637-2622. Thanks God Bless.

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...*

Donations are always needed, accepted and appreciated! Please help us help our neighbors - Utah's most needy and the homeless!