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New Hope - New Life!

I was born in Seattle Washington in 1951 and adopted when I was 31/2 months old by Frank and Rosie Hueneka. When I was 3yrs old, my parents gave birth to my sister Debbie. My brother Alan was born 3 years after that. We grew up with a very loving mother that was always there for all of us, but my father was a severe alcoholic, which made things very tough. When he drank he was a different person, a person I didn't like very much. Although I had seen what alcohol had done to my father it didn't prevent me from trying a beer in our home when I was only 15 years old.



I graduated from high school and went straight into the US Navy June 15th of 1969. I did an active tour of duty in Vietnam where, yes, I began to drink beer and alcohol that became my addiction which led to the wreckage of my life. I went on to receive an associates degree and was married at the age of 22 and had a son. I worked in the oil development field for 17 years until later I lost both my wife and my son to a truck driver who was driving drunk. What's ironically sad is only 4 days after their funeral I received a DUI in Washington State myself for drunk driving. I sobered up for nearly 20 years after that but relapsed at a Super Bowl party in 2008. There was something missing in my life, but I didn't know what it was.

A Christian friend of mine told me about a program in Salt Lake City Utah, where I could get into a mission and start a new life. Praise God! I got saved September of 2009 and went all the way through to phase 2 at the Rescue Mission of Salt Lake. I got an apartment and did OK until I lost my job due to cut backs. The economy is tough all over. I prayed about what to do next and ended up joining the Salt Lake City Mission's Up-Word Motion program, a discipleship program for men.

I found myself at the point of, "Whatever You want me to do Lord, I'll do." I love serving others that the mission serves and I'm looking forward what my future holds. "I will trust in the Lord with all my heart and lean not on my own understanding. I'll acknowledge Him in all my ways and let Him direct my path.

I realize that the One who made me, does care so much for me that He died for my sins to set me free to live for him. He found me when I didn't know what was missing. It was Himself.

--- James Huenka

It is believed that the late Paul Harvey once posed the riddle:

What is greater than God, More evil than the devil, The poor have it, The rich don't need it, And if you eat it, you'll die?

The answer to the riddle is "nothing."

Nothing is greater than God.

Nothing is more evil than the Devil.

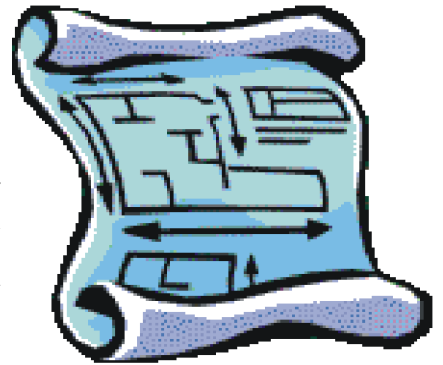
The poor have nothing.

The rich need nothing.

And if you eat nothing, you'll die

Nothing is a very interesting subject.

Have you given a lot of thought to nothing. Ask your children, friends, work mates "What are you doing?" Many times the answer may be, "Nothing." When I think about this response I have to think, "how easy or hard is it to do nothing (NO-THING)? Is it even possible to actually do nothing? And is doing nothing really doing something?"



Maybe when we claim we are doing nothing we mean, "I'm bored, I'm going through the usual motions, I'm in denial about actually doing something I shouldn't." Or maybe we just simply mean, "I feel like I'm doing nothing."

Nothing is such an interesting subject. There is so much that goes into nothing. Think about it. Is there actually something that is nothing? Anything? Anything at all? I believe in some cases nothing can be a good thing. If it's pain, suffering, grief, it seems better to not have "that thing." If it is food, clothing, love, friends, it is essential to have "these things."

So it appears there is a good and bad side to "nothing," and quite a bit to say about it. Anyway, if you get some time today to do something different, maybe give some thought to the idea of nothing and be thankful both sides of nothing.

Urgent Mission Needs

Financial Donations

Donations are always needed, accepted and greatly appreciated! We are presently in dire need of donations of all types. We are currently behind on bills, our cupboards are bare and the pantries are still empty. We must get ready for the over 28,000 meals that we will serve this Holiday Season.

Fund Raisers

Salt Lake City Mission needs energetic people to plan, recruit, Chair, organize and carry out successful Fund Raising Events throughout the Holiday Season and beyond!

Food Drives

Our Pantries are bare and must be restocked for the over 28,000 Holiday Season Meals we will serve and the Thousands of Food Boxes that are desperately needed this Holiday Season. We need can goods, packaged foods and dry goods of all types to fill our pantries.

Clothing Drives

We are in dire need of warm clothing of all types, Hats, Coats, Gloves, Shirts, Pants, Boots, Socks, Underwear, Thermal Underwear, Insulated Coveralls, Ski Suits, Sweats, etc.,....

Blanket Drives

We are in desperate need of Blankets of all types, Comforters, Sleeping Bags, Mummy Bags, Tents, Tarps, etc., Winter is coming fast and there is not enough shelter space for the approximately 3,500 homeless on the streets this winter. 53 Homeless died needlessly on the streets of Salt Lake last year. **Please don't let any more die needlessly this year!**

Street News Volunteers

Salt Lake City Mission is in dire need of volunteers to help us recruit, train and employ the homeless, poor and unemployed to sell the Salt Lake Street News to become Self-Sufficient and own their own Small Business.

Volunteers - Building Ranch Facilities

We are in dire need of volunteers to help us raise the funds necessary to build permanent Program Facilities at our 640 acre Second Chance Ranch, Chapel & Class Rooms, Housing Units, Supporting Facilities, Barns, Work Shops, Training Centers, etc.,

Warehouse, Processing Storage Facilities

Salt Lake City Mission is in dire need of Warehouse, Processing and Storage Facilities for the food, clothing, toy, hygiene kits, furniture, appliances, beds, etc., that we receive to help and distribute to the homeless.

To Volunteer or for more information please contact Brad Jaques at 801-637-2622 or bradjaques@saltlakecitymission.org or Steve Larsson at 801-638-1002 stevelarsson@saltlakecitymission.org

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