



SAN FERNANDO VALLEY Rescue Mission

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Changing Lives for Good

From the Heart of the Director

Dear Ministry Partners,

Much of what we do starts with a meal. Our first touch with the homeless and hurting is often through food.

A meal on the streets of the San Fernando Valley at one of our Recue SOS (Survival Outreach Service) locations, the evening meal at our emergency shelter, or a box of food for a family whose cupboards are bare all lead to new relationships.

With these relationships come opportunities for us to offer counseling and resources that help our guests move toward their goal of living a fulfilled life. Thank you for your part in making the meals we offer a possibility!

Grace and peace,

Alan Clother

Regional VP of Ministries

A meal to remember



Tony Gallegos worked for a prominent company in the San Fernando Valley and lost his job when the company relocated to the Mid-West. With trouble finding regular work, he got involved in drugs and ended up living on the streets for the next two years. He had stopped caring about anything; where he lived, whether he lived.

One day a friend invited him to get a hot meal at a local church. When he met the Rescue S.O.S. staff, he was deeply affected. You see, Tony had been a Christian for a long time and, after meeting the staff, he began to ask himself “why

am I choosing to do drugs and sleep on the streets if I believe in God?”

He asked God to forgive him for his lifestyle and soon began to change. He now lives with his son, helps take care of his grandchildren, and he has volunteered almost daily with Rescue S.O.S. for the past four years. Tony helps serve the food, makes sure everyone follows the rules, and offers life saving advice to others on the street.

One meal helped Tony remember there is so much more to life if we are willing to look for it.

Dominic's Dominos



Dominic has worked in the entertainment business and lived in a nice condominium in the San Fernando Valley for most of his adult life. He loves cooking and enjoyed coming home and making nice meals for himself. Things are a lot different now; he has been homeless for a year and a half as work dried up and his resources ran out, one after another, like falling dominos.

Dominic was living in his car with his dog and looking for their next meal as he tried to get back into the business that had supported

him so well in the past. He heard about the rescue mission's hot meal program at six locations around the Valley and decided to check it out.

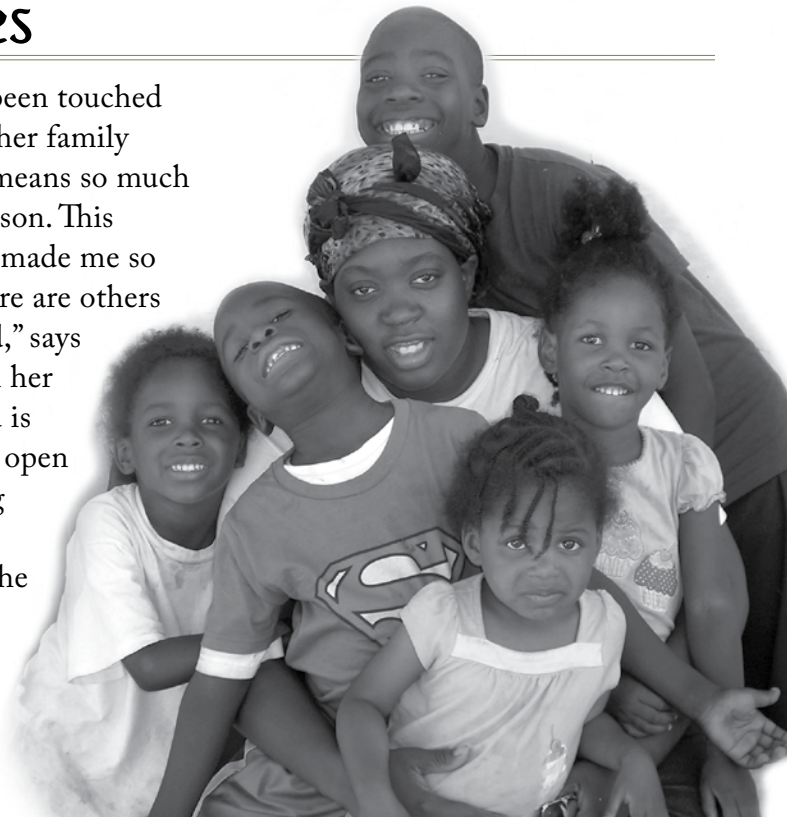
With help from the rescue mission, Dominic is making it through homelessness. He is now working a graveyard shift full-time and working one day at a time to get back on his feet. Still hurting for money and food, Dominic continues to dine with his other homeless friends. He offers, "The great food the rescue mission provides to those of us in need is a true blessing."

The Feeding of Five Little Ones

Tarkeisha and her family came to the San Fernando Valley Rescue Mission looking for a place of refuge, safety, and security when they found themselves without money or a place to live. Tarkeisha, the mother of five active children, considers it a blessing to have their basic needs of food and shelter taken care of by the rescue mission right now, especially the meals.

At the mission, both dinner and breakfast are provided by the generous donations of church groups and caring individuals who are passionate about helping families in need, especially ones like Tarkeisha.

She has also really been touched by those who serve her family meals each day. "It means so much to serve another person. This whole situation has made me so grateful because there are others who don't have food," says Tarkeisha. She is on her path to stability and is waiting for room to open in transitional living where her children will continue have the safety and security they enjoy so much here at the rescue mission.



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