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# A NEW DAWN



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## *A Family's* **HOPE**

BECAUSE  
OF YOU,  
THERE IS HELP  
& HOPE FOR  
PEOPLE LIKE  
RACHEL –  
AT EASTER  
AND ALWAYS.

Rachel & her family enjoy God's blessings for a fresh start.



*“If we hadn't come to the Mission,*  
**WE WOULD HAVE LOST OUR CHILDREN.”**

**“NOT HAVING A BED  
FOR YOUR CHILDREN  
TO SLEEP IN AT NIGHT...  
KNOWING YOUR  
CHILD IS HUNGRY  
AND YOU CAN'T FEED  
THEM... THAT KILLS A  
MOTHER. THAT KILLED  
ME EVERY DAY.**

Rachel and her husband gave generously to help friends who couldn't make ends meet. “But our friends used us, pretty much pushing us out on the street,” she says.

Drained of the little they had and now unable to afford rent, the young parents scrambled to secure safe housing. **“We called over 40 shelters, and they were all full,”** Rachel remembers.

Rachel's husband worked odd jobs while she tried to help their two young kids escape the harsh desert heat. They'd sit for hours in a library. Sometimes she'd go to McDonald's just to bathe her little ones in the sink.

They ended up on the streets, sometimes with only a tent or tarp. If they couldn't get on their feet, CPS planned to adopt out their children. **“It wasn't fair,”** Rachel says. **“We weren't bad parents – we just couldn't get out of our situation.”**

Rachel and her children entered a temporary women's shelter – but her husband wasn't allowed to stay.

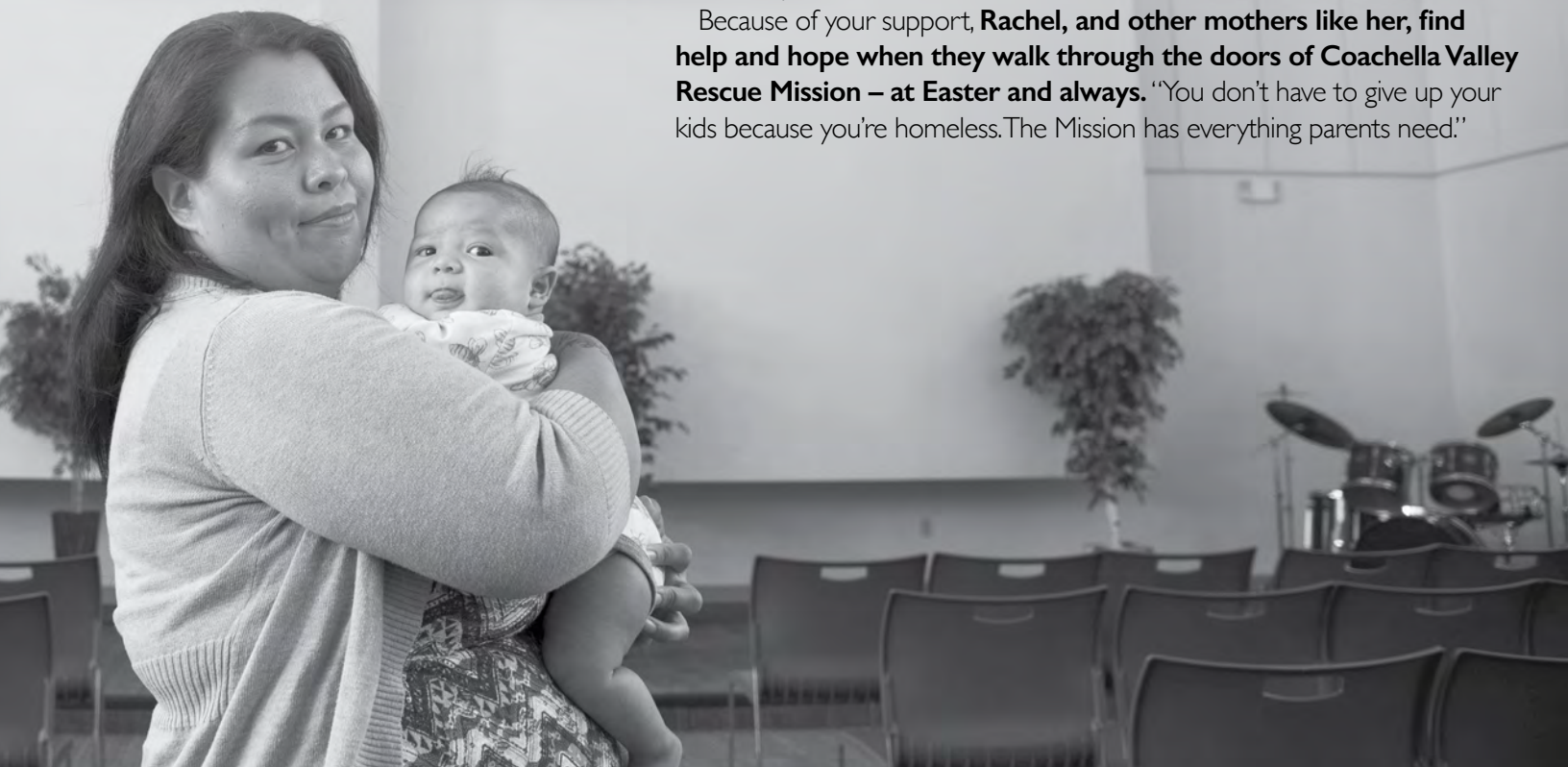
Then Rachel discovered she was pregnant.

Fear of losing her children overshadowed the joyful news. But a new friend suggested Rachel's family try the Mission.

Here, Rachel and her children received their own room in our family house. With her husband staying in our men's area, the family enjoys more time together. “We even have a kitchen,” Rachel says. **“We're able to feed our children like we would in our own home.”**

Today, Rachel's family attends chapel together; her husband is looking for work and soon they'll be moving into an apartment – “as a family,” Rachel says.

Because of your support, **Rachel, and other mothers like her, find help and hope when they walk through the doors of Coachella Valley Rescue Mission – at Easter and always.** “You don't have to give up your kids because you're homeless. The Mission has everything parents need.”



# YOUR GENEROSITY AT WORK

FEBRUARY 2018



**24,200**  
MEALS SERVED



**7,580**  
NIGHTS OF SHELTER



**250**  
MEN & WOMEN IN OUR  
RECOVERY PROGRAMS



**4,500**  
CHAPEL ATTENDANCES



**2,080**  
HOURS OF EDUCATION  
& COUNSELING

A Message from Darla Burkett

## CELEBRATING EASTER HOPE

It's terrible to feel like you're out of chances in life.

And that's exactly why it's so frightening for men, women and children to come to Coachella Valley Rescue Mission. All other options are gone. There's no one and nowhere to turn for help.

They come here with heavy hearts... and often without hope that a new life is possible.

Praise God for the good news of Easter – that a new life is possible through Jesus!

**It's an Easter message of hope that we share all year long: Because He lives, there are no last chances.**

Christ loves us through second, third and all the extra chances we need. Your support helps share that grace-filled approach with those who are homeless, hungry, abused and addicted: Loving them where



they're at so they feel safe. Giving them grace so they feel valued. Restoring their dignity so they can hold their heads high.

That's what new life in Christ looks like here!

Thank you for creating a refuge of help and hope this Easter and beyond for women like Rachel (*her story is on page 3*) who found another chance for a new life at the Mission.

Darla Burkett  
Executive Director

# Easter HOPE

**STARTS WITH \$1.88**

SHARE THE HOPE OF NEW LIFE THIS EASTER SEASON!

**HOT MEALS. SAFE SHELTER. MEDICAL CARE,  
COUNSELING & JOB TRAINING.**

**A new life... and new hope at Easter!  
It starts with your gift today.**

✉ Give now using the enclosed reply card & envelope.

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**THANK YOU FOR PROVIDING HELP & HOPE AT EASTER!**

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Sunday, 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.  
EASTER CELEBRATION

# EASTER FOR EVERYONE!

This Easter season, we'll provide

**31,780+ meals**  
for men, women & children!

With your donation of any of these items, YOU will make Easter special for our local homeless and hungry.



Drop off donations **by Friday, March 30** at the Mission, 47-470 Van Buren St. in Indio, 7 days a week. Thank you!



Don't have time to shop? Donate now!  
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**Volunteer:** Please sign up to help serve others this Easter season!

For more information, visit our website at **CVRM.org** and click on "Volunteer Central."



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**CANNED  
VEGETABLES**



**SPIRAL  
SLICED HAMS**



**COFFEE**



**POWDERED MILK**



**DESSERTS  
(HOMEMADE OR STORE-BOUGHT)**



**INSTANT MASHED POTATOES**

## TEEING OFF TO TRANSFORM LIVES

Thank you to all our golfers for supporting the 15th Annual Charity Golf Tournament!



Once again, friends of Coachella Valley Rescue Mission gathered on the links, teeing off to raise vital funds for the Mission's life-changing programs.

A huge thank you to our sponsors for making this tournament possible, and to all the wonderful golfers for taking part! Because you played, people's lives are being transformed.

## 15th Annual Charity Golf Tournament

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