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A BEAUTIFUL NEW BEGINNING

Kristin's life is being restored in ways she never imagined.

On Page 3: Read how your support is giving Kristin a reason to celebrate this Easter!

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“I didn’t think
I could do it
on my own.
Now I’m learning
I can.”

When her 18-year relationship ended, Kristin’s family was torn apart. For the first time, she began caring for her kids by herself. “I was codependent, always needing someone to help me,” she says. “I didn’t think I could do it on my own.”

Her separation brought up lingering hurts from her childhood, bouncing between her parents in Chicago and La Quinta and feeling lonely instead of loved by friends and family.

“I was hurting inside for a while,” Kristin says. “I just don’t think I realized it.”

To numb her pain, she turned to drugs and alcohol. And soon, she says, “We were homeless. My four kids were sleeping on couches, and I could see they were suffering. I couldn’t live like that anymore.”

Kristin came to the Mission with her youngest – and says from the moment she stepped inside, she felt tremendous joy. The family rooms at our shelter made it possible for her three other children to soon join her.

“I came here broken... I was really lost and confused. And my connection with God was also broken,” Kristin says. Through daily chapel services

“
God’s always there... if you
ask Him for what you need,
He’ll always provide.”

and Bible study, she’s been learning to walk with the Lord.

Today, Kristin feels prepared to care for her family on her own. She’s happily searching for a place to call home, and she plans to go to cosmetology school and get her real estate license. “I’m learning that I can do it, thanks to the Mission. They’ve given me a lot of strength.”

This Easter, Kristin and her kids will be celebrating the beautiful new beginning in their lives – made possible by your generous support.

“The Mission has done so much for us. They have open arms, and they’re willing to help. I’m really glad I came because it’s changed my life.”

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Here's how your gift
provides comfort & care
over the next month!



30,417 meals to serve



8,333 nights of shelter



150 men & women to care
for in our recovery program



12,000 hours of education &
counseling to provide

A Message from DARLA BURKETT

YOU RESTORE Hope

When we pass a homeless person on the street, it's often easier to avert our eyes to our phones rather than engage with that person's very real pain. That way, we don't have to hear their cries... or see how broken their lives are... or feel how much they suffer.

But their pain is real, even if we look away.

On the cross, Jesus didn't look away from suffering, but endured it, fixing His eyes on "the joy set before Him." The glory of the cross is that Jesus boldly engaged with our pain. He experienced our struggles and our cries, and suffered with all of humanity. Jesus took our pain upon Himself and redeemed it.

Easter is our celebration of that new hope!

Your generous gifts demonstrate that you **turn toward** those who are hurting – and want to offer them healing and restoration through



Christ's love.

Because of you, people like Kristin are celebrating HUGE changes in their lives. Kristin's story is on page 3, and I hope as you read, you're inspired by how your gifts can turn a life filled with pain into a beautiful new beginning.

By God's grace, and your support, many like Kristin are experiencing hope restored. On behalf of each person in our care, thank you for reaching out to them with the love and kindness that helps restore lives this Easter.

Darla Burkett
Executive Director

THANK YOU FOR HITTING "THE GREEN" FOR GOOD!



At our 16th Annual Charity Golf Tournament on January 21, 100+ golfers hit the green for nearly 6 hours to raise funds that will bless Coachella Valley's homeless with meals, shelter and life-changing recovery programs.

THANK YOU to all our golfers and supporters for being champions for those in need!

SPECIAL THANKS to our wonderful event sponsors
who made this day possible!

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Preparing for Easter...

AND WE NEED YOUR HELP!



Sunday, April 21: Easter Celebration from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Will you help set more places at our tables for hungry people this Easter?

**Just look at our needs this
Easter season:
27,000+ meals for men,
women & children.**

And there's no way we can serve them without you!

Donate food: Please consider hosting a food drive or donating these needed items by **Friday, April 19:**

- ☐ SPIRAL SLICED HAMS
- ☐ INSTANT MASHED POTATOES
- ☐ BUTTER
- ☐ CANNED VEGETABLES
- ☐ POWDERED MILK
- ☐ DESSERTS (homemade or store-bought)
- ☐ COFFEE
- ☐ CREAMER



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Mission, 47-470 Van Buren
St. in Indio, 7 days a week.
Thank you!*

Don't have time to shop?
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RICARDO HAS A REASON TO CELEBRATE!

Meet Ricardo! He came to the Mission believing all hope for his life was gone. Your support provided the hot, nourishing meal that changed everything – and gave him hope for a new life in Christ.

Today, you can help more people like Ricardo with your gift to feed, shelter and share God's love during our Annual Easter Campaign.

**A meal is just \$1.88... and the hope
it provides in the lives of homeless
and hungry people is truly a
reason to celebrate!**

✉ **GIVE NOW** using the enclosed
reply card & envelope.

💻 **GIVE ONLINE** anytime at
CVRM.org.

Thank you for the new hope you make possible in hurting lives! Happy Easter!



Volunteer: You can help from now until Easter Sunday!
To sign up, visit our website at **CVRM.org** & click on **“Ways to Give.”**