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A NEW DAWN



Easter 2022

Don't miss...

2 Celebrate
Easter

3 "I'll never be the
same again."

4 Help meet our
Easter needs

JOSE IS
*celebrating
new life*
THIS EASTER!

Thank you for touching
his life with hope.



“NOW I HAVE A **RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD** AND I’LL NEVER BE THE SAME AGAIN.”

When Jose was in high school, he had a failed root canal that left him with chronic pain. “I started taking opiates to make the tooth pain go away. I was new to drugs so I didn’t know what I was getting into,” he says. “By the time I was a senior, I was addicted.”

For the next 10 years, drugs and alcohol controlled Jose’s life, costing him jobs and damaging his mental health. “I had drug-induced psychosis. I thought everybody was out to get me and I was hearing voices.”

Eventually, Jose found himself homeless. It was then when he came to the Mission, where he found safe shelter, nutritious meals and the opportunity to turn his life around. **“They asked me if I wanted to change my life and I said, ‘Yes! I’m ready!’”**

Jose entered our New Life Program, where Bible studies and chapel services led him to surrender his life to the Lord. **“I always believed in God, but the Mission helped me develop a relationship with Him,”** Jose says.

He’s also developed healthy coping skills, something he desperately needed when his father died a few weeks after Jose joined the program. “Before, I would have used his death as an excuse to drink. But the Mission set me up with a therapist who taught me healthy ways to deal with my feelings.”

Jose is now clean, sober and mentally sound. He graduated from the program, is on the facilities staff at Southwest Church and is on our staff, serving as Manager of our New Life Resale Boutique. “Instead of receiving help, I’m now able to help others because of what this place has done for me,” he says.

Your generous support has filled Jose’s life with love, encouragement, and most of all, hope this Easter season. “I was completely hopeless and broken. The Mission restored me. Now I have a relationship with God and I’ll never be the same again.”

“I’ve been renewed.”



Easter²⁰²²

ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

You can help transform
hearts and lives!



53,000 meals

\$1.88 for a meal!



13,846 nights of shelter



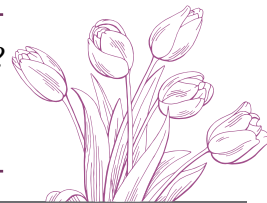
300 men & women in our
residential recovery programs
(on average)



25,000 annual hours of case
management & counseling

*Thank you for sharing
hope & joy this Easter!*

*"Why do you look for the living among the dead?
He is not here; he has risen!" – Luke 24:5-6, NIV*



A Message from DARLA BURKETT



The everlasting hope **OF EASTER**

As we celebrate the joy of Easter morning, we must also remember the pain and sorrow of Calvary. The agony Jesus faced and the fear His friends and followers felt when they thought all hope was lost.

Many of the people who come through our doors also feel like all hope is lost. They look back on their lives and feel nothing but brokenness... regret... shame.

But this Easter, they can experience the heart-pounding joy and love that comes through new life in Christ! Your support helps us share that message of hope all year long, but most especially during the miraculous Easter season.

The Bible tells us, *"And God is able to bless you abundantly..."* (2 Cor. 9:8 NIV). Through your

gifts to the Mission, you pass on those blessings to those who come through our doors!

Thanks to caring friends like you, this Easter will be a time of rejoicing for those who have found abundant life in the arms of our Risen Savior... and a time to welcome anyone in need of everlasting hope.

I pray that you, too, will be filled with blessings and peace this Easter!

Darla Burkett

Darla Burkett
Executive Director



CELEBRATE EASTER BY CARING FOR OUR HURTING NEIGHBORS!

Hurting men and women turn to the Mission each day... longing for a second chance in life. Today, you can help make their new beginning possible with help like:

♥ **A hot meal for \$1.88 – often the first step to a new life in Christ**

♥ An overnight stay in our safe shelter

♥ Christ-centered care & healing in our life-change programs

By giving generously now, our homeless and hungry neighbors will be welcomed with food, shelter and care this Easter season!

✉ Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.

✱ Give online anytime at **CVRM.org**.

Thank you for your support of our Mission guests. Have a blessed Easter!



HELP MEET OUR EASTER NEEDS

**Sunday, April 17: Our Easter Celebration
from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.!**

You have a BIG heart for those in need – and this Easter, we have a great way to show how much you care! Between now and Easter Sunday, we're preparing to serve **thousands of hot meals** and provide men, women and children with **basic necessities like safe shelter, clean clothing and Christ-centered care.**

Our hurting neighbors are turning here... and we're counting on YOU to help them!

*Drop off donations at the Mission,
47-470 Van Buren St., Indio.*

No time to shop? Donate now!

☎ **(760) 347-3512**

✦ **CVRM.org**

URGENTLY NEEDED ITEMS!

Drop off any of these items
by Monday, April 11:

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



YOUR PRAYERS CHANGE LIVES!

Prayer is powerful. That's why we covet your heartfelt prayers and faithful support of our work in the Coachella Valley. **Here are some of the ways you can pray for our ministry!**

- Pray that God will lead people in need to the Mission.
- Pray that our guests' hearts will be open to God's Word.
- Pray that our staff will have strength to lead & speak His truth.
- Pray that our community will be healed & strengthened.

Thank you for lifting up our guests, staff, volunteers, neighborhoods and country. God bless you!