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# A NEW DAWN



Easter 2023

Don't miss...

2 Help our hurting neighbors this Easter

2 Life transformation starts with YOU!

3 "I was lost, but I've been found."

**THANK YOU  
FOR GIVING  
*Eric*  
A NEW  
BEGINNING.**



Because of you, he  
has joy in his heart  
this Easter!



# “I was lost, but I’ve been *found*.”

**E**ric awakened in the back seat of his car, tired and lonely and desperate. **It was hard to believe this was his home now.**

Not so long ago, he’d been happily married, with a good job and a lovely apartment. Then his wife passed away and Eric’s grief sent him into a deep depression. “I never dealt with my pain. I pushed it down and tried to self-medicate with alcohol, but my drinking spiraled out of control.”

Eventually, his addiction cost him his job, and after he’d gone through his savings, Eric wound up living in his car, hungry and hopeless, struggling to survive. “I was in a really dark place.”

He lived that way for nearly a year, until he couldn’t bear it any longer. He wanted to change his life, but he didn’t know how. So, that morning, as he sat alone in his car, he cried out to God for help. **“I asked Him to show me the way, to open a door.”**

“***The Mission saved my life and gave me hope.***”

The next day, one of Eric’s friends told him about our New Life Program, and Eric knew it was God’s answer to his prayer, so he came to the Mission. Since then, he’s grown closer to the Lord through Bible studies, chapel services and Christian mentoring. “The Mission taught me how to talk to God and build my relationship with Him.”

Eric has also processed his pain and found emotional healing through therapy and life skills classes. “I worked through my grief and depression, and it helped me get back on my feet.”

Now, he’s saving money for a home and has joined our outreach staff, ministering to the



needs of our homeless neighbors by sharing food, clothing and his testimony of the new life he’s found in Christ.

**With Jesus’ love in his heart and hope for the future, Eric is grateful for your support this Easter.** “I was lost, but now I’ve been found because God is in this place.”





A Message from DARLA BURKETT

## THE GIFT OF *Eternal Life*

Easter is such an incredible time of year, isn't it? A day when we're both humbled by the sacrifice Jesus made on the cross and lifted up as children of the King. It still amazes me that God goes to such great lengths to make you and me part of His family!

**That's why we're committed to making local men, women and children feel welcome here at Coachella Valley Rescue Mission.** We invite them to be part of *our* family... and share with them the eternal hope that Jesus freely offers us *all* when we accept Him as our Father.

This Easter, you are sharing the blessings of love and community with everyone who comes through our doors. Through your prayers and financial gifts, you give them the strength to overcome their current challenges and start on a path toward new life.

Thank you for making this Easter a season of rejoicing. **I hope your own celebrations are especially meaningful, knowing how lives are being transformed through your generosity and God's unending grace.**

*Darla Burkett*

Darla Burkett  
Executive Director



## HELP OUR HURTING NEIGHBORS THIS EASTER



Help make a new beginning possible for more men and women this Easter!

- ♥ **A hot meal for \$2.22 – 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
- ✉ Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.
- ✦ Give online anytime at **CVRM.org**.

**Easter**<sup>2023</sup>  
ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

## Life transformation starts with YOU!



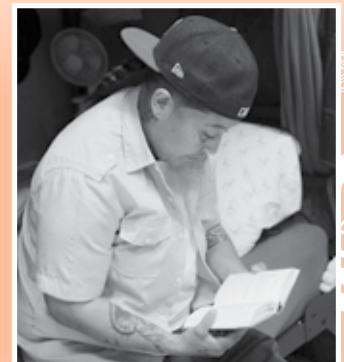
**53,000 meals**  
\$2.22 for a meal!



**13,846 nights of shelter**



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



**25,000 annual hours**  
of case management  
& counseling

**Thank you for blessing those in need this Easter!**

# We turn cars into care



When you donate your used car, truck, golf cart, motorcycle, RV or boat to the Mission, you're helping transform the lives of those in need here in the Coachella Valley.

Proceeds from selling or recycling your donated vehicle go to support our programs that meet physical needs, while providing the spiritual and emotional support to help our guests get back on their feet.

Donating is easy. We'll pick up your vehicle from your home or office, running or not. And all donations are tax-deductible.

For more information or to schedule a pickup, contact our Facilities Manager, Randy Burke, at  
**☎ (760) 347-3512, ext. 227** or **✉ [rburke@cvmr.org](mailto:rburke@cvmr.org)**.



## PLEDGE TO GIVE MONTHLY IN 2023

We're grateful for faithful friends whose regular support as monthly giving partners provides a predictable stream of revenue to fund our programs of rescue, recovery and restoration through Christ.

We invite you to join this vital group!

Your pledge of \$35, \$25 or \$15 per month will help ensure an ongoing foundation of transformation for men and women working to rebuild their lives, restore their families and return to their communities.

To become a monthly giving partner, go to  
**✉ [cvmr.org/ways-to-give](https://cvmr.org/ways-to-give)**.

**Thank you!**

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*"Just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life." - Romans 6:4, NIV*

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