

the **MISSION**

Stories of Second Chances

Liese is celebrating Easter with JOY – because of you!



Thank you for showing her that new life is possible.

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A Message from LUIS SANTONI

THE PROMISES OF EASTER

Have you ever seen the realization cross someone's face the first time they understand the gravity of Christ's death and resurrection? It's one of my favorite things about Easter at the Reno-Sparks Gospel Mission. It's a privilege to be a small part of their story, as our guests celebrate the promises of joy and hope this season brings.

You too are a part of our guests' stories, as you share God's love with them by providing nutritious meals, safe housing and other services to change their lives.

Your faithful prayers and generosity help hurting men, women and children in our community find a home through our doors. They also find HOPE – hope for their future, and hope in the promises we celebrate at Easter.

Thank you for showing our hurting neighbors in need that you care about them – in their present circumstances, for their future and for eternity. You show them they are loved. You help restore their dignity, and ignite in them a desire to change their circumstances.

Together with God's faithfulness, you help turn stories of pain into promises of new life in Christ.

Thank you... happy Easter... and God bless!



Luis Santoni
Executive Director



GIVE MONTHLY. SAVE LIVES ALL YEAR!

You can make a lasting difference in our community when you become a monthly partner!

These days, it costs more than ever to provide the life-changing care our hurting neighbors at the Reno-Sparks Gospel Mission need... By becoming a monthly giving partner, you can help save lives with your monthly gift to provide:



MEALS



MENTORSHIP



HOUSING



JOB TRAINING

Start giving monthly now to help provide the building blocks our residents need for a better life!

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SHARE JOY THIS EASTER

Help meet the needs of our hurting neighbors!

With Easter coming early this year, we need your help to welcome every man, woman and child who comes to our doors! YOU can help meet their needs and fill hearts with joy...



54,600 meals – just \$2.17 each!



3,150 nights of safe housing



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

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- ✉ Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.
- 🌟 Give online anytime at www.rsgm.org.



“I KNOW I’M HERE FOR A REASON.”



When Liese looks back on her childhood, she can’t recall a single moment she felt safe. Her father died of complications from alcoholism when she was 10, and her mentally imbalanced mother refused to get help. There was only deceit, sickness and chaos.

To escape, Liese began drinking at 15 and it eventually became a part of her daily life. In her early 20s, she often faced homelessness and moved from shelter to shelter. Then, Liese discovered she was expecting a child.

“I stopped drinking during my pregnancy. It was the longest I’d ever been sober,” she admits. Sadly, after her son was born, Liese started again. As she began to spiral, someone convinced her to try meth.

One day, when her son was off with another family member, Liese was using and experienced a frightening moment. She sensed reality slipping away and was unable to form thoughts. She worried she might die.

Answering her desperate call for help, a Mobile Outreach Safety Team (MOST) officer delivered Liese to the Mission. After stabilizing in rehab, Liese entered our C.A.R.E. Program, where she found recovery.

Through our Christ-centered classes and mentoring, Liese overcame hopelessness. Although she’s still careful when choosing who to trust, she’s thriving in the lasting friendships made at the Mission.

“Before, I didn’t think there was a purpose to anything. I believed I was going to exist in misery until I died. Now, I have a future!” she beams.

Mature and steadfast in her faith, Liese is ready for what’s next. She plans to follow her dreams of giving back by helping others.

Thank you for sharing God’s love with Liese this Easter. Her life has been renewed through the joy and hope of the Gospel! “God, through this Mission, saved my life. My gratitude is overflowing – everyone here will always have a place in my heart.”

“THE MISSION TAUGHT ME HOW THE LORD SEES ME, AND HOW TO SEE MYSELF IN THAT WAY.”



The Gift of Your Time

Generous volunteers power the Mission's efforts to help our less fortunate brothers and sisters in Northern Nevada. Whether you serve on your own, or with your church or family, we invite you to join this exceptional crew!

Here are a few areas where your time and talents would be graciously welcomed:

- Serve meals at the Mission to men and women – breakfast or hot dinners
- Repair items and teach our clients at our New Life Training Center (Warehouse)
- Help serve at special events and raise awareness for our cause
- Make hygiene packs for men and women in need
- Share a testimony or performance during chapel at our Downtown Mission
- ...and so many others!

Interested? Please fill out a contact form at rsgm.org/ways-to-help/volunteer/. Mariah Peaslee will be in touch, and you can reach her with any questions by calling (775) 323-0386, ext. 16 or emailing Mariah@rsgm.org.



YOU changed lives last year!

Throughout 2023, friends like you joined together to make an incredible impact for our brothers and sisters in need...



474,500
meals filled
hungry bellies

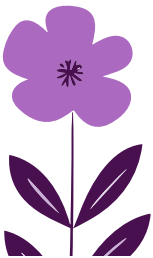


27,375
nights of housing
kept people safe



And your compassion opened the door to other life-changing services, like classes, faith-based mentorship and job skills training.

Thank you.
What a blessing you are!



God's Promise of Joy

"If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love... These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full." - John 15:10-11