

Fall 2026



the MISSION

Stories of Second Chances

GIVING THANKS FOR YOU!



INSIDE: Ishmael
is counting his
blessings this fall.



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INC.

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hunger alone.

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Overflowing with thankfulness... **for you!**



A Message from LUIS SANTONI

I can't help but feel grateful this time of year. Yes, it's a busy season – but there's so much to look forward to: Thanksgiving, Christmas and the outpouring of generosity we see at year end. I imagine you're equally excited about enjoying these holidays with loved ones.

But it's important to pause and give this month the attention it deserves. September is Hunger Action Month – it's our invitation to consider how hunger impacts hurting neighbors... and our community as a whole.

When someone is hungry, they can't think of anything else. Housing, hygiene, health care and employment can be addressed only after hunger is solved. Your gift of just \$2.17 can provide that solution with a meal for a man, woman or child in Northern Nevada.

It's about more than providing nourishment. For a neighbor experiencing homelessness, **a meal is relief, dignity and the first step toward stability** – as it was for Ishmael, whose story you'll read on page 3.

Thank you for your heart for our hurting and hungry neighbors. Your care and compassion are a powerful response to being rooted in Christ, as we read in Colossians 2:6–7...

“Continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.”



Luis Santoni
Executive Director

There's More to See Online!



Visit us online to read more about the difference your support is making – and stay up-to-date on everything we have planned in the coming months! The holidays are just around the corner, so visit our website now to easily...

- ☐ *Sign up to volunteer*
- ☐ *See our current needs list*
- ☐ *Donate safely and securely*
- ☐ *Read stories of lives changed*
- ☐ *Check out our upcoming events*

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 **www.rsgm.org**

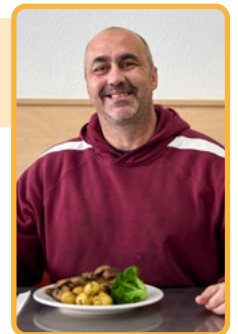
NO ONE SHOULD FACE HUNGER ALONE.

MEALS NEEDED BY SEPT. 30!

When someone is hungry, nothing else matters. Once that need is met, they can begin to rebuild their life – to find housing, seek recovery and take steps toward lasting change.

September is Hunger Action Month... and your chance to make sure no one has to face hunger alone.

Just \$2.17 provides a nourishing meal that offers relief and hope when it's needed most.



Send your gift to help
hungry neighbors today
OR give online at
www.rsgm.org


*Scan to take
action now!*



**“The Mission
teaches us how
to live a
better life.”**



When Ishmael was growing up, his family moved around a lot. His childhood was marked by a constant sense of upheaval. “I struggled to form strong friendships,” he recalls. “I would make a close friend and then end up having to leave soon after.”

The hardest adjustment was after the family moved to Nevada, when Ishmael had to leave a core group of friends. “I got really upset with my mom about it, and that’s when I started having some issues.”

The mental load of constantly feeling uprooted became too much, and Ishmael turned to substance abuse. “I was using to cope with life and to feel better, but in reality, it was only making things worse,” he says.

What followed were years of getting in trouble with the law and experiencing homelessness. “Because it was close to winter and I didn’t have anywhere to live, I would go in and out of the casinos to try to stay warm.”

He realized how serious things were when he was kicked out of a casino for searching through the trash for something to eat. “It made me realize my life was not going as planned.”

Ishmael ended up in mental health court, and his case manager told him about the Mission. At the encouragement of his mom, he decided to go.

The day he walked into the Reno-Sparks Gospel

Mission, everything changed for Ishmael.

“It felt good knowing that I was making the right decision, making the decision to change,” he says.

“

I feel closer to God now than I ever have in my life at this point.

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Ishmael stays busy at the Mission working in the kitchen, helping with the dinner service. He is currently taking a culinary course and hopes to get a job after graduating from the Mission. **“I want to be able to help my family as much as I can.”**

Ishmael says he appreciates the chance to recuperate and continue to grow in his Christian walk. “The Mission is setting me up to succeed by giving me the tools I need to not only stay sober, but to become a true servant of God.”

Because of you, Ishmael is experiencing Thanksgiving in a whole new way this year... with a fresh perspective on life and heart of gratitude.

“The Mission gave me a second chance at life and with the Lord.”



TOUR THE MISSION:

See your impact!

*See firsthand how you help make this
life-changing ministry possible!*

Schedule a tour today... you'll get to see our hallways,
dining room and most importantly, the impact your
support is making in the lives of men, women and children
from our community.

Come by yourself, with your family and friends, a student
group, your church or your company or organization.

Schedule a tour today by contacting **Marie Krueger**
at **(775) 323-0386 ext. 14** or email **marie@rsgm.org**.



Join us in celebrating healing and hope!

This month, we're celebrating National Recovery Month! We honor the courage and
dedication of those who have transformed their lives in our C.A.R.E. program (Christian
Addiction Recovery Education Program).

As we recognize their progress and God's gift of healing, we remain committed to
reaching those still struggling with addiction.

**Thank you for standing alongside these neighbors... and for your continued
support of the men and women still seeking recovery.**

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RECOVERY
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RECOVERY. HOPE. HEALING.

Read the stories of people who
have found healing and hope at the
Reno-Sparks Gospel Mission at
www.rsgm.org/success-stories.

