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Danaun & Rory



God had been working in Danaun and Rory's lives individually for many years before they became a couple and found themselves being called to a new life. It was through their walk through the Jesus Saves Gate that Christ became real to them, leading them to take the most important steps of their lives.

Danaun and Rory did not meet until much later in life, after having lived in different parts of the West Coast. One thing they had in common before they ever met was the difficult and unhealthy environment in which they were raised. Having grown up around addiction and alcoholism, they too fell into the same addictive lifestyle that had been familiar in their childhood homes.

Danaun began using drugs in his late teens. After many tumultuous years, while working to stay clean and sober, he maintained joint custody of his daughter and held a steady job. When his daughter's mother left and took her out of state, he fought hard to bring her home. Just a few days before he would finally be reunited with her, his daughter's mother and her boyfriend took the life of his sweet little girl. Because the boyfriend was a former NFL player, the story became very public. Danaun began self-destructing and went underground for several years.

Rory's home life was as unstable as Danaun's, and she also began drinking and using drugs at a young age. Once they met and became a couple, they continued their drug- and alcohol-filled lifestyle, though they began setting boundaries with some of the people they were partying with.

When Rory agreed to a visit from someone she knew she should have said no to, that decision changed the direction of their lives. During the visit, one of their sons experienced an accidental fentanyl overdose after the drug was brought into their home. As a result, CPS removed the children from the home.

At the direction of CPS, both Danaun and Rory needed help in order to get their children back. They knew their lives had to change drastically if their family was going to be restored. After many stops and starts, they came to The Mission and entered the New Life Program.

Since then, their faith has grown immensely, and God is working in miraculous ways in the lives of both Danaun and Rory.

Danaun shared "The Mission staff has poured into us and saw something in us that even I struggled to see. They are tough yet encouraging – pulling out the best in us."

Rory added, "If it weren't for The Mission, I don't know where we would be. The staff cares and has worked hard to bring us all together."

With Rory at his side, Danaun now represents The Mission as Coordinator of the Mission Outreach Program, speaking to people on the streets and throughout the community about Jesus and the restorative life He offers.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO



Thanks Living

As Thanksgiving approaches, our hearts are filled with gratitude. Here at the Mission, we often call this season "Thanks Living" a reminder that gratitude is more than a single celebration, it is a way of life. We give thanks for the gift of life in Christ, for His sacrifice on the cross, and for the countless ways He continues to work in our lives.

We are also deeply grateful for you. Your prayers, encouragement, generosity, and faithful support help sustain the Mission and make it possible for us to serve others with compassion and hope. Every act of kindness strengthens this ministry and reminds us that we are not doing this work alone.

As you gather with family and friends this Thanksgiving, we invite you to join us in practicing "Thanks Living" honoring God not only with our words, but also through lives of faith, service, generosity, and love.
In 2 Peter 1:1–4, we are reminded that God's divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life and that He has given us His great and precious promises. This truth encourages us to live each day with purpose, trusting in His goodness and reflecting His love to those around us. Whatever we do, may we do it wholeheartedly for the Lord.

May this Thanksgiving season fill your heart and home with peace, joy, and renewed gratitude.

With much love and appreciation,

David Midura

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Thank you for your commitment and dedication to serving the Gospel Center Rescue Mission.

As this year is coming to a close, the on-going needs of The Mission will continue throughout the coming year.

Please consider a recurring monthly donation or a year-end gift to continue the work of Jesus Christ. Through Him we are changing lives, giving hope and helping our students build a future.

For more information about New Life Program students scholarships and other opportunities to make a difference, please contact 209-320-2313.



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Even when reunification with their children wavered, and it looked as though the court might deny them custody, Danaun and Rory stood firm. They prayed, held on to their faith, and trusted that God was in control.



Today, they are together as a family of four, with one more beautiful baby on the way.

In closing, Danaun shared, "Seeing our boys praying, singing, and being happy through it all, we know we will be okay. Most importantly, our boys know who saved us. God is good."

To hear Danaun share his full testimony, join us for our New Life Program Graduation on November 15 at First Baptist Church in Lodi.



UOP Donations

We are blessed to have strong community support. University of the Pacific Professor Patel and his students stopped by The Mission to deliver beautiful gift baskets. Thank you for your generosity and support.



Day at the Bay!

Staff, students and their families went to Fleet Week, enjoying aerial demonstrations, learning about the men and women who served our country. These life experiences are so appreciated – thanks from the support of generous donors who help make these gatherings possible.



Church Street Coffee

Church Street Coffee has been all a buzz at community events – building relationship, providing information about Mission programs, and serving up some great coffee! They recently served up Pumpkin Spice Coffees at the Kiwanis Pumkin Street Fair in Manteca, and along with Clean Slate Paint were present at Family Day at the Park in downtown Stockton, helping the kiddos with sidewalk chalk art. Where will we find them next?





Lindsey Pierzina, Director of the Men's New Life Program is featured in HERLIFE Magazine. The November issue is focused on gratitude and the non-profit leaders in our community who are making a difference in the lives of our citizens. The article shares Lindsey's life journey, God's grace, and how He has used her life experiences to lead and have an impact on those who come to The Mission.

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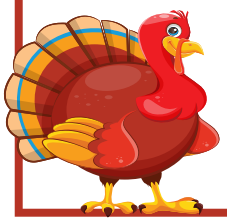
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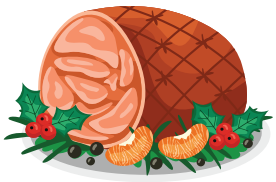
"Jesus replied: " 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

Matthew 22:37-40 (NIV)

Thanksgiving Turkeys & Christmas Hams Needed



Please consider donating a frozen turkey, and/or Christmas Ham for the holiday meals at The Mission! Call (209) 320-2316 for details.



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for the generous donation to our Recuperative Care Program.



Christmas Toy Drive

NOV. 24 — TO — DEC. 19

Donate NEW and unwrapped toys for the Mission Kids!

Drop toys off at
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628 Lincoln Center
Stockton, CA 95207
Mon-Fri: 9:00am – 4:00pm



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