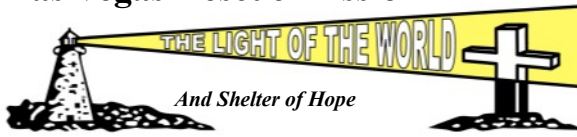


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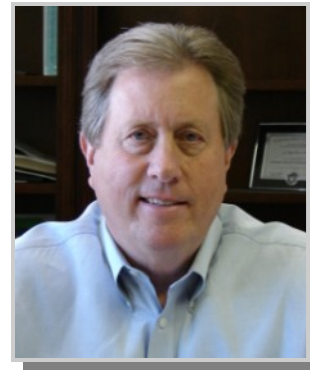
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## SEARCHLIGHT

### From The Executive Director

I recently had the opportunity to spend some time with the founder of the Las Vegas Rescue Mission, Pastor Edward Compton, during his visit to the Mission. Pastor Ed is now retired and lives in Hemet, CA, but pays a visit to the Mission frequently. As many of you know, Pastor Ed and a group of men organized to form the Las Vegas Rescue Mission in 1970 on a small piece of property at 480 West Bonanza Road, which has since grown into our 4-1/2 acre campus with a multi-faceted ministry and outreach to the Las Vegas community.



**Robert Brunner**  
Executive Director



The original purpose and goal for the Mission didn't require a strategic plan or long list of objectives. The needs were obvious and simple: the homeless needed a

hot meal, a clean and safe place to stay and the opportunity to look for work. From the Mission's very beginning, the lines were long and the availability of food and overnight shelter was often limited. Through the generosity of many in the Las Vegas community, the needs were always met and the list of services and number of people served continued to grow. In addition, we are able to place many into part-time work which has turned into full-time jobs for a large number of our residents over the years. A huge "thank you" goes to many local employers, including WalMart, Sam's Club, World Market Center and various hotels, who have allowed these men and women a second chance to prove their worth at a new job.

In many ways the Mission has changed. We have added buildings, staff and services to provide an excellent Addiction Recovery program for both men and women. Our residents receive professional counseling and recovery care. We have added a Transitional Recovery Program as a "half-way house" step to those who have graduated from the 12 month Recovery Program and desire to continue a connection with the Mission. Over 100 men and women live on campus as residents in our Addiction Recovery Program.

One thing that has not changed, however, from our very beginning, is the opportunity to provide meals, overnight shelter and clothing to the needy

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among us. The severe economic downturn in Las Vegas has been reflected in the increased number of individuals and families who come daily through our gates. We continue to serve over 30,000 meals monthly, provide overnight shelter for men, women and families, and welcome individuals and families into our Thrift Store for clothing and other basic necessities. We can do all this because of the continuing generosity of our donors. The cost to operate the Mission continues to climb and our budget is tight every month. During this time of the year, leading up to

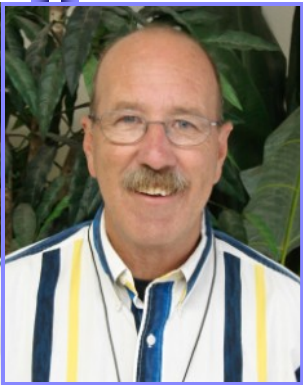
Thanksgiving, we would greatly appreciate any financial support you can send to the Mission. Every dollar stays right here and is used in covering the expenses required to meet the needs of those who seldom have anyplace else to turn.

Thank you again for your wonderful generosity and faithfulness to the Las Vegas Rescue Mission. We continue to trust the Lord and His faithfulness to the Mission.

Robert Brunner  
Executive Director

*“Today I have hope and can see the real person in the mirror—the one that God created”*

## Testimonial by Bob McAbee



**M**y life has been a roller coaster ride of many highs and some terrible lows. I am 58 years old and have fought my addictions of alcohol and gambling for the past 30 years. I was introduced to God at a very young age and knew the path that God had laid out for me. The early years of my life were good because I was following God’s guidance and direction in all aspects of my life. When God is in charge good things happen. But then I wanted to be in charge of everything. I stopped reading my Bible, going to church and following God. This was the beginning of 30 years of trouble, turmoil and even catastrophes in my life.

I started drinking and gambling very heavily. It didn't matter what the occasion, I drank all the time. I became a person that I didn't even know myself: mean, unforgiving and out to use you any way I could. I went through a few wives and many very good jobs but it seemed that every 4 or 5 years I lost everything. Of course, I didn't think the problem was me, it was everyone else. I started to become very withdrawn. Loneliness set in and I began to wonder how can I get off this out-of control path my life was on. Jobs were of less quality and less money. Every aspect of my life began to completely unravel. I had no friends or family left that would put up with me or even talk to me.

***Still I could not quit.***

Then the economy tanked. Evictions, bank-

ruptcy and total loss of everything followed. I was nothing and had nothing when 13 months ago I was standing on the corner of Charleston and Maryland with absolutely no where to go. I have never felt so lost. That was when I heard that still quiet voice say “Come back home.” I walked to the Las Vegas Rescues Mission but wasn’t sure why. I spent 3 nights in the overnight shelter, grateful for a place to stay. That’s when I learned about the Recovery program and I was about to have a new beginning. I felt God’s love and compassion immediately. He never left me, that’s what His Word says. It was me that left Him. I envisioned what Jesus had done for me on the cross and wept. My Savior was there for me when I needed Him the most.

God began to transform me and make me feel whole again. When I thought I was not worthy of His love or forgiveness, He showed me differently. It is all about Jesus and nothing about me. He can do all things, I can do nothing good on my own. With His help, I paid attention and actively participated in classes and began to feel good about myself again. God gave me a wonderful mentor who has helped me through every step of this program. I have been a part of Community Church of Henderson for over 8 months which has been a big help. God continues to bless me in all areas of my life – in May, I began a joint venture with the Mission and an organization called Clean The World, which became a part-time job. I stayed faithful and worked hard, and on September 12th, I begin a full-time position with them. God has truly been good to me and the Mission is a great place. Today, I have hope and can see the real person in the mirror - the one that God created. I will never be alone again. Praise GOD.—Bob McAbee

**GIVE**

## 2011 Annual Canned Food Drive October 1 thru December 31

### How can I give?

- 1) Individually collect items
- 2) As a group: family, neighborhood, church, school, business, etc.
- 3) Financially – send in a monetary gift and mark CFD in the Memo

### Items I can collect to make a BIG difference

- Canned vegetables/fruits
- Instant potatoes & other boxed non-perishables
- Canned soup
- Thanksgiving “fixings” – cranberry, gravy, stuffing, etc.
- Pastas, Ramen noodles
- Any and all canned and non-perishable items



### When Can I Collect?

You can collect for a day, a week, or all three months – whatever amount of time works for you. Every bit matters to the people we help!! When you have collected, simply call our Donations Dept. (702-382-1766 x1245) to schedule a pick up and we will come get it!!! (Of course, you can bring it to the Mission, too, if you want. Let us know you are coming and we would be happy to give you a tour.)

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL (702) 382-1766 AND ASK ABOUT OUR CANNED FOOD DRIVE**

**HELP**



Since it is “Back to School” time – we want to thank all of the student groups who come to help the Mission!! We look forward to another great year with you in 2011-2012.

**LEARN**

## Coming this Fall: A new look to our communications

While we will continue to provide positive stories of life-change and current happenings at the Mission – we will be doing it with some new looks. Thanks for being our faithful readers, we look forward to many more months and years of sharing with you.

# Revival Week

With **Pastor Edward Compton**  
Founder of the Las Vegas Rescue Mission

*Each Night* **MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH**  
TO  
**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16TH**  
**7:00PM TO 8:30PM**



Pastor Edward H. Compton

**Great music, testimonies,  
fellowship, and  
refreshments every night**

**Everyone is welcome**

### OUR VISION

Through Jesus Christ, the Las Vegas Rescue Mission strives to be the model for providing hope and life-changes which equip those who seek it's help for independent living and spiritual fulfillment.

### MINISTRY NEEDS

**We have an urgent need for the following items!**

**Deodorant** 

**Bras**      **Panties**

 **Socks**

**New Clothing Give-away Room**

We are now providing even better service to those in great need with a new clothing give-away room. We need your donations of clothing & shoes for men, women & children. You can drop off your donation at the Mission between 8:00am—8pm or call 932-8170 and we will pick up larger donations.

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### SERVICES PROVIDED

## August 2011

Meals Served	29,420
Emergency Beds Provided	4,606
Men:	3,179
Women:	904
Children:	523
Individuals Receiving Free Clothing	1,797
Residents In Addiction Recovery Program	115

### CHAPEL SERVICE

**MONDAY - SATURDAY: 7:30PM TO 8:30PM**  
**SUNDAY MORNING: 8:00AM TO 9:00AM**  
**SUNDAY EVENING: 7:00PM TO 8:30PM**

**PASTOR JEFF CHAVES: (702) 382-1766**