

# SEARCHLIGHT

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## Cinderella Finds Her Prince

All her life, Lemotean felt like the mistreated Cinderella, before her prince appeared. The middle child of three daughters, and struggling with weight issues, she was virtually ignored — or abused — by her parents. “I was really scared of my dad,” she says. “He always yelled at me and beat me until blood dripped down my legs. Or he’d keep me locked in the basement.”

But life only got worse. When she was 15, she was kidnapped and raped by three older boys. She was fortunate to survive. But her spirit was already crushed. With an “I don’t care” attitude, she started stripping, selling drugs, sniffing cocaine, selling her body — and having kids. She lost all four of her children to foster care before she was 26.

After that,” she recalls, “all I could do was smoke dope and feel sorry for myself. Then I got angry and evil. I wanted to hurt everyone who’d ever mistreated me. But the person I really hated was myself. I tried to kill myself, but I couldn’t even do that.”

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Tired of her life and wanting to change, Lemotean came to the Las Vegas Rescue Mission. “I wanted a regular life. I wanted to be loved,” she says. “When I walked through these doors, it felt like Jesus carried me in here, and I thought, here we go.”

She immediately got into counseling to deal with issues in her past. Spiritual guidance has deepened her faith in God. She completed her GED. But most important, she says, she got the chance to care for and serve others through the thrift store and assisting her case manager. “I just said, ‘Use me, God. Whatever you want me to do.’ And He put all these people around me.”

Her healing and transformation have been so dramatic, Lemotean has been recommended for a two-year college scholarship to learn how to help more girls like her.

Lemotean’s prince finally appeared. “God found me here,” she says. “The Las Vegas Rescue Mission, this is holy ground. And I have to be a part of this. I’m at home.”



*When I needed to know someone loved me, I found Jesus — thanks to you.*



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## ANOTHER SIMPLE WAY ■ YOU ■ CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Collect and donate simple, everyday items that will make a big difference at the Mission.

### SUGGESTED OVERNIGHT SHELTER ITEMS:

- Shampoo
- Toothpaste
- Deodorant
- Denture Cream

### SUGGESTED KITCHEN ITEMS:

- Spices
- Seasonings
- Hot Sauce

Thank you for the  
GIFT OF HOPE.



## A Message from My Heart . . .

Dear Friend of the Las Vegas Rescue Mission,

**A**s president of the board of directors at the Las Vegas Rescue Mission, I'm so grateful to work alongside you as together we serve the hurting and homeless men, women, and children in our community. Your abundant generosity and compassion for our vulnerable neighbors humbles me.

Thanks to you, the Las Vegas Rescue Mission has been able to meet all our financial obligations and to continue to provide — and even expand — our emergency services, shelter, and long-term care for men and women struggling with addictions.

In addition, I know that your contributions to our clothing and canned-food drives have always ensured that hundreds of hurting families are well-clothed and fed throughout the year, and that we could continue serving 30,000 meals a month in our kitchen.

### Summers are Challenging — but There's Hope, Thanks to You

Yet as I look ahead to summer, I know we will continue to face many challenges. There are still far too many people struggling with homelessness in Las Vegas who need our help. At the same time, summer is our most challenging season of the year, as all our utility costs — especially for water and air conditioning — climb dramatically, stretching our financial resources to our limit.

I know many organizations like ours expect to cut services this summer. We can't let that happen here. In fact, with your faithful support and prayers, I hope the Las Vegas Rescue Mission will actually expand our help for hurting neighbors.

As I said, I'm so grateful for your generosity and sacrificial spirit — and I do not take your support for granted. I thank you for your trust and your partnership in this extraordinary ministry we share in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Your servant to the homeless,

Harry E. Hinderliter, III, President, Board of Directors



“Your gifts enable us to point them to the forgiveness, redemption and hope of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.”

## People struggling with hunger

**T**he Apostle John wrote, “If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in him? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth” (1 John 3:17-18, NIV).

Clearly, God's love fills you! Your gifts have helped provide food for those who hunger, clothes for those who have so little, and shelter for those struggling with homelessness right here in Las Vegas. Without your support there would be no Las Vegas Rescue Mission. None of this would be possible. So, on behalf of every precious man, woman, and family seeking our help today,



# Unlocking Secrets

“I have dealt with depression, bipolar and anger issues and fear of rejection my whole life,” says Nathan, 39. “I think that’s why I got into drugs and alcohol, to make me feel semi-normal instead of all the extreme highs and lows.”

Nathan recalls little of his childhood — except for the violent physical and verbal abuse he experienced from his father. Raised in a strict religious cult, Nathan had few friends and isolated himself. He was so traumatized, he left home at age 14 and bounced from house to house, alone. He discovered early that alcohol and meth seemed to help him better manage his extreme mood swings.

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Despite his abuse of drugs and alcohol, Nathan managed to get married and held a good job, working with marble and granite. “But I had a bad reputation for missing work,” he recalls. “I’d get heavy into my addiction and quit going. When I worked, I tried to be perfect. But I always knew I’d fail somewhere. I failed at so many things in my life.” He lost his marriage and his job.

Finally Nathan decided to come to the Las Vegas Rescue Mission in July 2014, not only to escape the drugs and alcohol, but to deal with the issues from his past that had so damaged his life.

The Mission helped Nathan get on appropriate medications to manage his depression and bipolar issues.

*Thanks to you, I’m building a new foundation on Jesus.*

And he also started counseling “to unlock those secrets in my head that have caused me to be the way I am. I know a lot of it stems from the abuse I experienced. I have high hopes that I’ll be able to deal with this,” he says.

He also credits his growing relationship with God. “It’s all about the Bible here,” he explains. “Basic instructions before leaving Earth. Having Jesus in my life is going to benefit me. I know I’m only just beginning to build the foundation, and I’m not finished. But right now, thanks to the Las Vegas Rescue Mission, the panic and anxiety are gone.”



## er and homelessness need you this summer!

thank you for being God’s hands, feet, and compassionate love in this ministry.

### Please help again this summer

I hope you enjoyed reading about Lemotean and Nathan in this newsletter. They are just two of the lives you have helped transform through your gifts and prayers. Now, with summer upon us, we have the opportunity to work together again to show our guests there’s a better way to live. For your convenience, we urge you to use the remit slip in this newsletter to give your gift. You may also give your summertime donation on our secure website at [www.vegasrescue.org](http://www.vegasrescue.org). To arrange for a visit to the Mission, please call us today at **(702) 382-1766**.

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SUPPORT THERE  
WOULD BE NO  
LAS VEGAS RESCUE  
MISSION. NONE  
OF THIS WOULD  
BE POSSIBLE.



# Did you know...?

**LAS VEGAS RESCUE MISSION PROVIDES AN AVERAGE OF 1,000 meals each day to men, women, and families in need. Each day we also provide emergency shelter, basic needs and many other services to the homeless, hungry, and hurting.**



**LVRM WILL PICK UP YOUR DONATIONS OF furniture, clothing, electronics, household items and anything else you may have that can be given a second life helping someone else. Call the number on the truck to the left or make your request online at [vegasrescue.org](http://vegasrescue.org) to schedule a donation pickup at your home, business or church any Monday through Saturday.**

**EVERY SERVICE PROVIDED BY THE MISSION, 365 days a year, is only made possible by the generosity of friends like you and the Las Vegas community. LVRM receives no government funding.**



## My Summer Gift

**YES, Harry, I want to help give hurting men and women new hope and a second chance at life. Here's my summer gift of:**

- \$20.50** to provide **10** meals and other assistance
- \$30.75** to provide **15** meals and other assistance
- \$61.50** to provide **30** meals and other assistance
- \$\_\_\_\_\_ to provide as many meals and as much care as possible
- Please bill my credit card:
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