



# THE ASTORIA RESCUE MISSION

Matthew 5:14 "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.

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## GOD'S LOVE AT WORK

Meals Served  
516  
Night's Lodged  
125

Missionary, Chris Hirai was with us for but a brief time, but during that time he became an invaluable part of the Astoria Rescue Mission family.

Three days a week, he conducted bible studies in the morning. Twice a week, he led chapel services. For the past three weeks he participated with the men on our program, helping them clean the streets of Astoria. He helped paint the front of the house, along with other varied tasks.

His Christian council was insightful and encouraging. His friendship, inimitable.

He will be loved and will be missed.

*We asked Chris to share a few final thoughts with our dear readers.*

The past three weeks I have had the pleasure of going out with the guys from the Astoria Rescue mission into the town of Astoria to pick up trash. We carry buckets and don safety orange vests to clean up the streets of our town.

The men have taught me and shown me about Christ though this simple act of giving and serving, by putting the words of the gospel into practice. They commit a very selfless act by serving others. They perform an action that does not benefit themselves, but it is to the benefit of those around them. They are performing a work of love and kindness. Just like Christ - an act of compassion and mercy.

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In our Bible study at the mission, we looked at the book of Jude, and read how we are to be merciful, and try to save people's souls. (v23) Picking up cigarette butts and garbage doesn't save people But it is a way to serve and forgive those who have soiled this town. Just as our souls are marked by the sin we commit, we have forgiveness and redemption in Christ. The men are loving God and others as they serve and embody this gospel good news.

I want to thank the Astoria Rescue Mission for the opportunity to serve and minister to the men. Jesus Christ said what you do for one of the least of these you do for me. The Astoria Rescue Mission is meeting a need in the community as well as helping men grow in their walk with Christ. It's been an honor to come alongside and learn and grow with these men.

Favorite verse:

John 15:17 "This is my command: Love each other."

Jesus Christ gave us his example, and told us to do the same: Such simple words, and the heart of what it means to follow.

The Astoria Rescue Mission needs a new van and/or pickup.

Our old van is getting tired and will soon need to be put to pasture. If you have (or know someone who has) a van or pickup (in good working order) that needs a good home, please call us at 503-325-6243 or 503-440-0789  
Thank-you & LORD Bless!!



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*Thank you, Chris for being a "placid well" through whom the Living Water of the Lord flows to others.*





# The Lifeline



A young man is walking along the boardwalk when he hears a cry of desperation, "HELP, HELP."

He runs to the bank and sees a person flailing away in the water, unable to swim. The young man looks about frantically to find something to help save the drowning man. He sees two ropes lying side by side. One is used, well-worn and faded with age. The other is neatly coiled, obviously new, gleaming in the afternoon sun.

He grabs the neatly coiled rope and tosses one end to the man in the water. After a little struggle, the drowning man grabs hold as the man on the shore begins to pull him in. He is within feet of the rocks when the rope snaps and once again the man begins to go under.

The man on the shore looks on in astonishment as the man struggles desperately to keep his head above water. He can't understand what's happening. He wants to help.

He threw the lifeline. The line was new and looked strong. He looks on in confusion as the man goes under for a fourth time.

As he stands there trying to decide what to do, he suddenly sees another man run past him and throw out the old rope.

Once again, the man in the water, ever so weak, miraculously finds a grip and clings tightly as he's pulled to safety.

The young man had every good intention of saving the fellow from drowning. He did everything the other man did... except for one thing. He chose the wrong rope. He didn't check the strength and integrity of the lifeline he was throwing. If he had examined it closely, he would have discovered that the rope was a factory reject and was thread worn in several places, while the other rope, even though it was well used, was strong and able to bring the man to safety if he clung on tight.

Sometimes a person may have every good intention in his or her excitement to bring people to Christ. He wants to see lives saved, but in his desire to see people saved, he is throwing a truth to them that on the outside seems attractive. However, when put through the trials and tribulations of life, the person is unable to cling to the rope because it was manufactured in the factory of one's mind, unable to withstand the trials and tribulations of life and eventually the drowning man loses his grip on the lifeline and finds himself sinking ever deeper and farther from the outstretched hand of the Lord.

We must teach that the *entire* Bible is the inspired Word of God. We can ill afford to cut away the parts we find unattractive or hard to swallow. If we do, we'll be like the man on the shore, staring helplessly as we see the people we so desperately want to help drowning in their own sins, unaware that we, too, are drowning right along with them.

When the good rope was thrown, the drowning man had to hold on tight.

In the "Parable of the Sower," the Word was given, but it only took root in those whose soil was free from rocks and thorns. God is the "Master Gardener." If we don't allow Him to weed out the thorns and rocks (doubt and worldly cares) in our heart and replace it with good fertile soil (A heart full of God's love, joy and faith), then it doesn't matter the integrity of the lifeline thrown. Our grip will eventually slip, and we'll find ourselves stuck in the mire and clay of this world.

*In this age of permissiveness, it is more imperative than ever that we hold tight to the inerrant Word of God and teach others to do likewise. We can never allow ourselves, no matter what, to compromise the Word of God.*

People's very lives are at stake.

*RRWarriner*

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# Jeremiah 22:16

He defended the cause of the poor and  
needy, and so all went well.

“Is that not what it means to know me?”  
declares the **LORD**.

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
C H A P E L  S C H E D U L E						1 AVAILABLE NIGHT	2 MARK TANGUEY
	3 DWELLING PLACE	4 CBBC ED COOLEY	5 DON MELLISON	6 AVAILABLE NIGHT	7 JOE HEDGES	8 AVAILABLE NIGHT	9 MARK TANGUEY
	10 FLOYD BAKER	11 CBBC ED COOLEY	12 AVAILABLE NIGHT	13 AVAILABLE NIGHT	14 1 <sup>ST</sup> BAPTIST OF ASTORIA	15 AVAILABLE NIGHT	16 MARK TANGUEY
	17 JIM RAY	18 CBBC ED COOLEY	19 AVAILABLE NIGHT	20 AVAILABLE NIGHT	21 AVAILABLE NIGHT	22 AVAILABLE NIGHT	23 MARK TANGUEY
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