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NEWSLETTER

GOOD SHEPHERD MISSION

WHAT'S THE LATEST

"What is your life? You are a mist that appears for a little while and then vanishes." -James 4:14b

This nine months that I, Monte Robinson, have been at the GSM have flown by. As some already know, I was hired to step into the role of Director after Dave Smith retired after 30 years of service.



Monte and Debra Robinson

EDUCATION EXPANSION

There was much to learn in the first three months (as with any new position), but now we are accomplishing our new goals we have for the Mission. The first goal we had was to add to the educational programming. We went from having two classes to five. We hope to add more in the near future.

We are continuing our Celebrate Recovery class, and we went from one Bible study class to two. We added job training classes and life skill classes twice a week. So the weekly schedule looks like this:

- Monday - Bible Study
- Tuesday - Celebrate Recovery (Addiction Recovery Class)
- Wednesday - Bible Study
- Thursday - Job Skills Training rotates with Life Skill Classes
- Friday - Job Skills Training rotates with Life Skill Classes

OUR EDUCATION PARTNERS

COVENANT FELLOWSHIP

Covenant Fellowship has been leading Bible classes at the Mission for years. Their consistency in ministry is bearing fruit at the Mission and is a powerful witness to all of us.



WorkFaith's mission is to provide faith-based training and coaching for anyone who desires long-term employment. We could not be more pleased with this organization for soft skill coaching and practical skills curriculum that is taught live to our Lodgers at the Good Shepherd.



Workforce Solutions is one of our newest partners. Workforce will be training our Lodgers on how to search for jobs online in our new GSM computer lab starting on March 13th.



MET currently provides rural communities in Texas, Louisiana, Minnesota, North Dakota, New Mexico, Wyoming, and Kentucky with employment training, family services and activities through their network. They work with our Lodgers who are fathers. They train men on how to be better fathers and coach them on pushing forward to reconnect with their children.



Tri-County is providing group coaching classes on how to handle things like past abuse, depression and PTSD.

MEET ALEXIA

Alexia, a determined and hardworking single mother in her early 20s, arrived in Huntsville in early October, seeking new opportunities and a fresh start. Leaving behind a small town and vast personal challenges, she brought little more than a positive attitude and a fierce commitment to building a better future for her family.



When Alexia reached out to the Good Shepherd Mission, she was seeking a safe and stable place to work on her goals. After meeting with our staff, she was quickly welcomed into our transitional living program. From day one, Alexia immersed herself in our resources, attending Bible & life-skill classes, volunteering, and finding spiritual encouragement— all while managing an extremely demanding schedule. She walked to work daily, taking on long shifts at a fast food restaurant, in between time spent with her son and preparing for her looming GED test.

Through her unwavering determination and the support of The Mission, Alexia achieved her dream of a safe & stable home. She credits the Good Shepherd Mission with providing not only shelter and sustenance but also life-changing guidance, encouragement, and further knowledge of Jesus and his love for her.

We are honored to have played a role in Alexia's inspiring journey, and are so proud to see her thriving in this new chapter of her life. Her story is a testament to the power of perseverance, faith, and a supportive community.

Our donors are the key to Alexia's success. She was helped directly by our partners who have funded the work of the Good Shepherd Mission for almost 42 years!

THANK YOU!