

2013 Annual AALRM Banquet a Blessing to Many



The 3rd Annual AALRM Banquet was held at EFree on Thursday, October 17th. Participants enjoyed a gourmet meal prepared by The Food Studio, testimonies from two AALRM attendees, and both a silent and an open auction. People bid on many items that ranged from a dessert to a flightseeing tour to a Hawaii vacation. Alive Again thanks everyone for all those work worked on conducting the



banquet, sponsors, auction item donors, and all those who bid on items and supported the ministry. In the two accompanying photos, participants and MC Paul Trey are shown sporting the caps that AALRM Director Steve DeBoer knitted for everyone. It was evening filled with blessings.



During the banquet, Chris Evans gave a stirring testimony, which is summarized below.

Hi, my name is Chris Evans. I was born on Christmas day and I was brought home in a holiday sock. My Mom was 15 at the time doing LSD and pot while she was pregnant with me and after I was born. I never knew who my father was. When I was very young, there was a lot of physical abuse I endured from family members and they were also using drugs. I never felt like I fit in anywhere.

At 5 years old, my relatives had me rolling joints and cheered me on which made me feel accepted. Around 6 years old, I ended up in a foster home where there was more physical abuse. My mother got remarried and I finally was able to go home around 9 years old. However, the abuse still continued.

At age 12, my Mom shot me up with meth so she could have a partner. After this, I got into a lot of trouble for the next 4 years from using other drugs. I ended up in prison. While in prison, my Grandma died of an overdose. After 2 years in prison, I got out and my mother died of an overdose on oxycodine and I went into 10 years of drug chaos. I created many victims along the way as I was still that scared little boy that never grew up. I ended up back in jail and that is where I started to learn about this Jesus person but I never had love of any kind so this new love was very hard for me. I went to a 1 year meth program and ended up at the pre-release center in Bozeman. There I saw a poster that talked about a Christian 12-step program which was Alive Again and I knew this was the kind of program I needed.

I found I mattered to Jesus, to my mentor Steve who I found there and to many others. I wasn't sure that Jesus was God's Son but boy, did He know how to love. It was so much for me that I started using again and ended up in the hospital after a major stroke which almost killed me. When I woke up after my stroke, my drug friends were not there to visit me but my new friends from Alive Again were there many times in the next 5 months as I also had two open heart surgeries. God has given me a second chance at life. I am once again attending Life Recovery living for the Lord and doing well. I need Alive Again Life Recovery and their friendship and the love that is shown upstairs in the meetings.

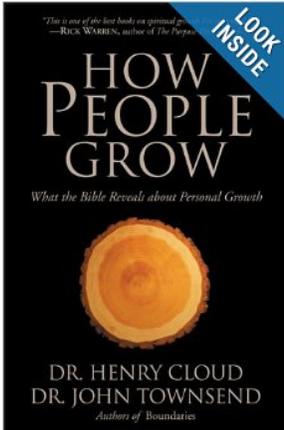
Our Purpose Statement:

“Alive Again Life Recovery Mission operates for the purpose of creating a safe Christian environment for individuals of all ages to fellowship, learn, and heal from addictions and addiction-related effects”

Calling All Cooks!

We continue to seek people and groups who can help with cooking on Friday evenings. We have others who help out and we also have easy recipes that work well for the approximately 70 people who attend. This is a lot of fun and a great contribution to the program. If you would like to help out individually or are in a group that can serve, call Steve DeBoer at (406) 581-7934.

New Workshop Series to Begin in January



A new workshop based on Cloud and Townsend's book *How People Grow: What the Bible Reveals About Personal Growth* is scheduled to begin on Friday, January 17th and run through mid-March. The authors unlock age-old keys to growth from Scripture to help people resolve issues of relationships, maturity, emotional problems, and overall spiritual growth. They shatter popular misconceptions about how God operates and show that growth is not about self-actualization, but about God's sanctification. Discussions on topics in the book will be held in a class that will be held concurrently with the existing 12-step meetings.

Praise ...

For Tony doing so well after surgery.
For the great turnout at the banquet.

And Prayer...

For one of our participants to stay sober so he can regain custody of his children
For all of our participants... as this time of year can be especially difficult.

And Our Thanks...

For our Friday Night helpers – the discussion leaders, cooks, dishwashers, nursery workers, worship musicians, and board members.
For everyone who helped with the banquet.
For your faithfulness in praying for and supporting Alive Again Life Recovery Mission. THANK YOU! Your partnership allows all of us to help Gallatin Valley individuals who struggle with unhealthy habits or addiction.

Financial Needs

As with nearly every non-profit, times have been tight since the recession hit in 2008. AALRM operates on a very modest budget, and our resources have been stretched to the limit this year. We thank everyone for your financial support of AALRM. The ministry continues to grow. There are tremendous needs in our community, and your donation supports us in ministering to those in need, in the name of Jesus Christ. A donation form is enclosed.

Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.

Matthew 25:40

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