



Mission Newsletter

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Praise God... it's been almost two years that I have been involved with AALRM, helping men and women in this growing family. Please pray that we are able to minister to all people who come to us and that we may be there for people who have slipped back. Thank you, Jesus, for the blessings that you are providing. The following testimony is provided by a woman in our group.



Hi, my name is Jade Allen and I am a recovering addict. My parents were very dysfunctional. My mother is a recovering alcoholic so I pretty much grew up in chaos. My father is a Vietnam vet and struggles with posttraumatic stress disorder. Drinking became a way of life at a young age for me. My mother dealt with stuff through drinking. Happy, sad, angry, mad, it didn't matter. It's what we did.

My drug habit picked up. At 28 I started shooting meth and heroin. I lost everything and went to prison. It was the best thing for me. I went to boot camp and found a reason to live. People there were families and I was so grateful for when my family was not there. I got out and was sober for 6 years. Then I got cancer and 3 months after I was healed, my mother got cancer. I relapsed and started shooting meth again. My husband went through a 6 month treatment program but had a major relapse after he got out.



I found God in Arizona and Mississippi. There were amazing people who knew we were struggling and hurt. They came together and brought me to Jesus. I didn't know who Jesus was. I started getting sober and saw that I deserve better and my kids deserve better. I came back to Montana and that's when I heard about E Free and Steve DeBoer. I met some really great friends. The women in my group are amazing. Dave Bayne has been a strong person in my life and helped me get through some hard times.

I'm doing pretty well but it is this church that has brought me to Jesus and this church that has brought me sobriety and my family peace. I love Steve and all the women in my group. Without you, I would be nowhere. Jesus Christ has been amazing in my life.

Jade

We Need Your Quality Merchandise for the *Alive Again* Garage Sale

We are holding our 2nd annual AALRM garage sale on Saturday, May 19th, 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at EFree. We need your quality merchandise! All donated items are tax deductible and donation receipts are available from AALRM, a 501(c)3 non-profit. Sorry...no clothes, TVs, or computers accepted. *Steve and his crew can pick up items... give him a call at (406) 581-7934.* We also need help in organizing the sale itself... let us know if you are available. Lastly... come on by for some great deals!

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 issues”

A Great Super Bowl Victory



We experienced the greatest Super Bowl halftime ever at EFree church— Dale’s baptism! Forget Madonna’s antics... we got to be a part of Dale’s declaration of faith and submission to our dear Lord through his baptism. He enthusiastically exclaimed, “This is the highlight of my year!”

A week later, Dale and his wife Tasha dedicated their son, DJ, to the Lord. What a blessing to see Dale and his family draw close to God!



Friday Night Attendance Continues to Grow



We thank Jesus that he is bringing more people to our Friday night program... during the last month, we have averaged about seventy people for dinner! And speaking of dinner... so many individuals and groups have come forward to help with Friday night meals... thank you so much! If you are able to begin, or continue, helping in this capacity, contact Suzy Larson at (406) 580-1358. We would also appreciate more volunteers for setting up and cleaning up.

New Discussion Group Started on Friday Evenings

A new discussion group is meeting immediately after the meal and worship on Friday evenings. “Healing Is A Choice” is a program designed by Stephen Arterburn of New Life Ministries. John Graves leads the group, with several other volunteers participating. Attendance is currently 5-8 people who are finding the meeting very valuable.

AALRM Seeks Program Administrator

With the many organizational and logistical requirements of this growing program, the AALRM board of directors has approved funding for a part-time Program Administrator. The budget initially only allows 10 hours/week. Responsibilities will include organization of all elements of the Friday night program plus program communication. Inquiries should be submitted to Steve DeBoer.

Your faithfulness in praying for Alive Again Life Recovery Mission means SO MUCH! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! Your partnership allows me to minister to Gallatin Valley individuals who struggle with an unhealthy addiction or habit. Again, with your prayers and financial support, individuals are now walking in freedom.

Your Friend & Brother in Christ,

Steve



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