



# Bonner Gospel Mission

*Sewing the community since 1987*

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For God So loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son that whoso ever believes in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life.  
John 3:16

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We see a lot of men who come in our mission are actually running from God. You may ask, “How could this be?” When the men come into our mission they are coming from a very dark place mostly filled with sin and with that there is a lot of shame and

guilt. So, it’s hard for them to face God with their sin, even though God is filled with grace and mercy. Adam and Eve did the same thing, when they sinned they hid, but obviously they couldn’t hide from God

Genesis 3:8-10

*And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, “Where are you?” And he said, “I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself.”*

God asked Adam, “Where are you?” It’s as if God was asking Adam, “Do you think you can hide from Me?” God makes it clear throughout Scripture that you cannot run from Him. No man can hide from God’s grace or His wrath. If man can hide from God, that would make you equal to God. Even the people that are in Hell are experiencing God’s Hand of Judgment. But we as believers cannot run from God, no matter how big the sin is; God’s love is bigger than our sin. King David came to the same conclusion no matter where he goes God will be right there.

David says in Psalm 39:7-10

*Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in hell, you are there! If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even*

*there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.*

Do you ever feel like you're running from God? Or feel like you are covered in darkness? Why do you think we believe we can run from God? The answer is, if we actually could run from God; that would make us like God. If we can actually hide from God that would make us equal to God. The fact is, when God chose you, sin can no longer separate you from God. You cannot out sin God’s grace. We show the men here at the mission the amazing truth and love of God. He let’s nothing get between you and Him.

Paul says in Romans 8:37-39

*No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

It may feel like at times that we are separated from God, with some of the sin we commit, or the sin that is committed against us. But the absolute truth remains; as a believer, we are always in the presence of God.

So essence, we teach the men; when you run away from God, you may run into Him.

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## Mission Updates

### Testimony Time!

**Once in a while we like to share the testimonies from the men here at the mission to show how big Jesus is and how He has been working in the lives of the men here. We hope these testimonies bless you as these men glorify God in their stories**

#### Chris

My name is Chris, after my release from prison; I believed all the same lies that got me into prison. I lived in a beat up old abandoned trailer in the near by woods using methamphetamine and drinking vodka. I was in true darkness. I wanted to stop, but couldn't, or I didn't know how to stop. I remembered a guy I was in prison with telling about this mission he stayed in and told me that it wasn't like any other mission, so I called the mission and got a hold of James. At first I didn't want to come in, but I knew I had to, so I got accepted. I thought James was kind of hard on me, but now I know he was just trying to open my eyes to my need for Jesus. Since my arrival to the mission, God has given me a hunger and thirst for God's Word for the first time of my life. In addition, God has blessed me with sobriety, loving brothers who surround me and an awesome job with a Christian owner of a construction company. The mission also helped me get my ID. Not to mentioned a warm bed and wholesome food to eat and a roof over my head. God is at the center of the mission and I will be forever blessed for it.

#### Jacob

My name is Jacob, God brought me here to help me overcome an addiction and get stronger in Him. God has blessed me tremendously in just the few weeks I have been here. I am so blessed by the fellowship with the men from the North Summit Church; I am beyond blessed to be here.

#### Jeff

My name is Jeff, what brought me to the Bonner Gospel Mission was the need of a place to stay, because I was homeless and lost my way. However, since I have been at the mission I have found God and the faith in the fellowship of all the men here. I realized I had no true friends, but the guys here at the mission are my true friends because they actually care about me and seek Jesus. They helped me through a rough time that I was going through and now I feel God is touching me on my heart thanks to the fellowship and love they give me. Now my faith is with the Lord almighty Jesus. If it wasn't for Him I would not be here, praise God. Now I show my faith in the communities by going out and helping other people with their yard work in hope to show them what the mission is about by working for them, thank you Lord.

#### Duane

My name is Duane, I was born in religion, anointed and christened as a small child. I had only found religion. I grew up secular as my father had no taste for religion, I experienced booze, drugs, sex and violence by the age of 9, at 17 I found a religion, the religion of the military which didn't work. Which lead me to two failed marriages, two children, and 22 years of military service. Finally, I found a true faith in Jesus as a homeless veteran. I now want to live the rest of my life serving Jesus in the mission field. The Bonner Gospel Mission is helping me obtain my goal as a missionary. The mission has

# Mission Needs

### Pray Specifically For:

1. James Noriega as he navigates the day to day operations of the mission.
2. Our staff, to be able to minister to our guests with clarity, wisdom, discernment, patience, and the ability to listen well and give counsel that is in accordance to God's Word.
3. Our guests to have a sincere thirst for God's Word, to mature as new believers, and have a strong desire to attend a church that teaches God's Word.
4. The men to find true friendships with other believers.
5. Jobs for our guests: temporary day jobs or more long term ones
6. Our Nation, local community leaders, and emergency responders.

### Ongoing and Special Needs:

1. Food: Hamburger, chili, chicken, milk, eggs, bread, cold cereal, bacon, sausage, casseroles that we can freeze, and chips.
2. Homemade meals are a real blessing to us. If you would like to provide a meal please call and we can set up a time.
3. Financial Support for monthly operations.
4. We are hoping to start re-siding and painting our buildings. We feel it's important to keep and maintain our facility because they represent our ministry to this community. One of the many blessings BGM enjoys is the fact that we have no debt, so any money that is donated for special projects goes to that project. Praise God.