

EVANGEL HOME

Ministering to homeless women & children since 1955

Summer 2021

All things New!

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do not dwell on the past.
See, I am doing a new thing!”*

Isaiah 43:18-19



Christ Leads

People Care

Lives Change

From the DIRECTOR

Sarah Dawson

ALL THINGS

NEW!



Isaiah 43:18-19 *“Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.”*

The phrase “all things new” reminds me of what happens after the destruction of wildfires. It is devastating to watch the things we love burn. Yet after the fire and destruction, we see signs of new growth and new life. It takes some time before you start to see the new life spring up but eventually it comes. This process is necessary for the forest to be healthier. It has to burn away the unnecessary brush to be ready for what is coming. What looks like a barren wasteland after the fire becomes fertile for new growth and new beginnings.



This verse in Isaiah is powerful. “Do you not perceive it?” It would have been hard to see a way in the wilderness if the Israelites were focused on the past and only saw what they lost rather than what lay ahead. And to then see a stream in the wasteland...wow! Historically, cities were built near water so they would have a steady source to supply their needs. God is saying that He is going to take something that was previously unfit for use or habitation so that He can turn it into something that is vibrant and life-giving.

It has been amazing to see this past year in such a way and how this parallels the life of our residents. There has been so much pain this past year but God takes that and makes streams in the desert. He is doing a new thing! This is our greatest desire to minister to those women who have been damaged and broken by the world and watch God give them new life.

“All Things New” is our theme for this year. We realize that there is still a hard road ahead but we are looking forward to the new growth that will happen! Thank you for being a part of our journey!

With joy, Sarah Dawson

New Crossroads Residents



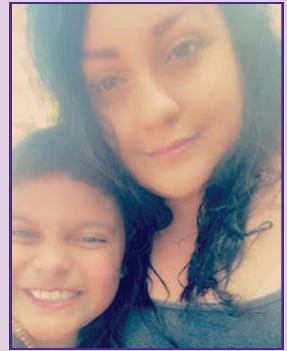
Selena

Selena and her triplets are pictured here in their new apartment! Selena is an incredible woman who is extremely patient with her kids. She always keeps a positive attitude even in the midst of great loss. You can often hear her singing about the Home.



Anastasia

Anastasia and her son are experiencing their own apartment for the very first time. Her son couldn't believe it the day she told him that they were going to get to stay and this was their new home. He loves to learn new things and knows a lot about Pearl Harbor. Anastasia has a soft heart that is soaking in all the love around her.



Volunteers Welcome!

We are welcoming back volunteers in limited numbers to help with cooking and other special projects around the home. Contact Jessica at volunteers@evangelhome.org for more information and qualifications about these opportunities.



Here is Jessica (rt.) with a volunteer. She is so excited to be back at work after last year's hiatus. She's on the job and happy to talk to you!





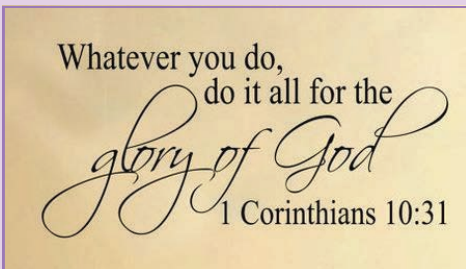
Amazing Love

Below is a letter from Karen, one of Evangel Home's faithful donors. It is such a beautiful example of God's amazing love and provision.

I want to share an amazing story about our sweet Lord and how much, in His providence, He has it all covered. My husband and I moved from Fresno to a new city about 15 years ago. I have continued to receive your newsletter so I have been able to keep up with the transition and changes.

After moving to our new home, we began supporting the local shelter. Although their program is much bigger than the Evangel Home, they offer the same life saving and life giving support based on the transforming message of the Gospel.

But now for the amazing part of the story...my husband passed away five years ago. We were blessed with a wonderful marriage and I so look forward to the day I will see him again because I know exactly where he is. For a few years I had been thinking of selling my wedding ring. It was a sizable diamond and I seldom wore it because it was a little much for my now more casual lifestyle in this new city. Not being sure of what I should do about it, I wisely decided to leave it with the Lord and the idea just continued to noodle around in my head...until the recent anniversary date of my husband's passing. That day, the Lord gave me an undeniable impression that it was time to sell the ring and to pass on the love.



So this week I did exactly that. I had intended to donate the money received from the sale to the local shelter but when I woke up that morning I was taking it to be sold, my first thought was no, give it to the Evangel Home. Now seriously...what are the chances I thought of that by myself at the crack of dawn? It was as if the Lord was just waiting for me to wake up so He could

tell me His plan—the plan He had from the start before my husband ever bought the ring 30 years ago—that someday it was meant to bless the women of the Evangel Home. I told you it was an amazing story! And so it is an honor to more than cheerfully pass on the love. His love that is greater than all we can ask for or even imagine. But you already know that. Please use it in any way that is needed and give Him all the glory.

Simple Blessings Mean a Lot

The children staying at Evangel Home are grateful for the smallest of blessings that you, our faithful donors, provide for them.

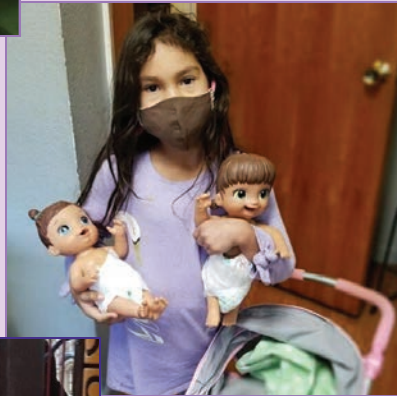
The blessing of a room, bed and cozy blankets.



The blessing of toys and time to create.



The blessing of not one, but two baby dolls to love.



The blessing of a play area with a covering and soft flooring that looks like lawn. The kids love it!



2021 Evangel Home Banquet

COME CELEBRATE WITH US IN PERSON!

Tuesday, September 14, 2021

6:30 p.m.

New Venue: Pardini's Catering & Banquets

2257 W. Shaw Ave., Fresno

Theme:

All Things New!

Reservation Form

Reservation Deadline: Tuesday, Sept. 7, 2021

As with everything this past year, we never know what will be happening on this particular day so a couple of weeks before the banquet, we will send out your tickets along with any precautions that may or may not be required for the event.

Contact Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone _____

Email address _____

TABLE SPONSORSHIPS

\$400 per table of 8 includes 8 tickets & program listing

Sponsorship name _____

How many of your 8 tickets do you want? (Unused tickets will be used to host residents or staff of Evangel Home.)

All _____ None _____ Other _____

TABLES OF 10 (if needed): **\$500 per table**

INDIVIDUAL TICKETS

\$50 each

How many? _____

Seating will be limited to 300 to maintain a little bit of distancing.

Total Amount enclosed \$ _____

Tickets on sale now!

Please make checks payable to: **EVANGEL HOME**

Mail reservation form and check to 137 N. Yosemite Ave., Fresno, CA 93701
or register online at evangelhome.org.

We will be updating our website regularly regarding banquet news. Please go to evangelhome.org and click on the "banquet" banner.

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Project Update

At the 2020 banquet, we raised funds for a security project. Thank you to all of you who participated! We have started the project. The first step was to remove the carports to make way for the new asphalt and the new fence. It has been such a blessing to see how God provides willing workers and givers. We have someone who is proficient in setting up security cameras volunteer their time and resources to make sure this system goes into place. We are taking the time to do it right and when the asphalt in the back is ripped up, we will be laying a conduit that will extend across our properties to be able to hide the cables and internet connections underneath the new parking area and children's play area. Look for future updates when the project is complete!



BEFORE



AFTER

2021 Banquet - *continued from page 6*

Rather than ordering your tickets by mail, you can order them online, if you prefer! You will even have the option to select your own table.

This year we are adding another option to be able to participate in the banquet. For those of you who are not quite ready to mingle with a large group or can't make it in person, the banquet will be able to be viewed the following day via our website. On September 15 at 6:30 p.m., you will be able to experience a virtual version of the banquet and hear all of the new things happening at Evangel Home. Go to our website and click on the banquet banner.



A Day of Triumphs and Fun in Yosemite National Park



It was the perfect time of year to head up to Yosemite and see the falls. In April we were able to take a few brave residents and staff to the Mist Trail at Vernal Falls. I was so impressed with their attitudes to try something new. Most had never been to Yosemite before and none, other than myself, had been to Vernal Falls. For those of you who don't know, it is a strenuous hike mostly uphill on the way to the top.



Tenisha, Grace and Nicole at Vernal Falls. Tenisha never thought she could do this, Grace is afraid of heights and Nicole was grateful for a day away after so many stresses these last couple of months.



Seeing people do something they have never done before, seeing them face a challenge or a fear and spending time in God's beautiful creation are three things that truly excite me about God and the life He has given. This trip was a perfect combination of these three things.

Lorrie and Grace in the Curry Village amphitheatre, with the beautiful dogwood trees in full bloom and Half Dome in the background.

When Kortney arrived a little over a year ago, she was quiet, did not believe in herself and wasn't sure if she truly believed in God. When asking her about the trip, she said she would have never chosen to face this challenge back then but this time she did. She could have chosen to go on the easy day but she chose the one that would cause her to get out of her comfort zone and grow even if it didn't work out. And it didn't.



Kortney, Tenisha, Lorrie, Grace and Nicole at the tunnel overlook in Yosemite Valley.

This day, she was not able to get to the top. But she amazed me because she kept going even when it felt like her legs were about to give out and slip down the mountain. She finally got to the point where it wasn't going to be safe to continue. We sent the other ladies on and ate our lunch right there with the raging waters sounding in the background. Kortney is a thinker. While we sat and ate we talked about the accomplishments she has made this last year. She stated that she can't really explain it, but being able to make it as far as she did this last year and on this hike was only because of God.

Great job, Kortney!

Vernal Fall is 317 ft (96 m) tall but it is among the most powerful waterfalls in Yosemite. Vernal cannot be viewed from the valley floor by car. To see it you must get on the trail. Luckily you have lots of options. The easiest path is along a well-marked path that begins near the Happy Isles Nature Center, which you can walk from Curry Village. From there, follow the trailhead to Vernal Fall footbridge (about 1 mile) or continue on to the top of the waterfall. This is a great option if you want to wander through the mist of this very powerful waterfall.

Pulpit in a Plastic Box?



Innovative and creative thinking happily brought back in-person chapel services to the women at Evangel Home.

The person bringing the message is positioned safely inside the plastic box, is not required to wear a mask, and can be clearly seen and heard by all those attending chapel.



Staff member, Grace, giving the box a trial run.



Current Home Needs

PANTRY & HOME

- Meat—all kinds, especially chicken, hamburger and lunch meat
- Cheese
- Pasta—all varieties
- Canned vegetables
- Tomato sauce
- Gloves (non-powdered)
- Bath, hand & kitchen towels, wash cloths
- Deodorant
- Hair conditioner
- Denture adhesive
- Laundry soap (for clothes)
- Bleach

SPECIAL: PILLOWS!

We are collecting brand new pillows. The few we have left are very flat and uncomfortable and it would be a wonderful treat to have a new, fluffy place for our women to lay their heads.



Crossroads Graduate

Kimberly

Kimberly is our first Crossroads graduate of the year! She has been so incredibly patient throughout all of the changes. She is a remarkable woman who loves to sing and praise Jesus for everything He has done in her life. She sets an example for her family and for other residents around. We are so glad that she found her voice because she is able to speak up and say when things aren't just.

Kimberly stands up for what is right. She is gentle, kind, and powerful. Some of the things said about her were that she is courageous and encourages others to do the same. She is patient with her children and knows how to teach them well. Kimberly is able to speak words of wisdom to those around her. She is welcoming, cares greatly for those around her, and knows how to have fun!



*Above:
Pinning by
her oldest
daughter,
Kortney.*



Kimberly with her happy family.



*Board members (left to right):
Jan, Lloyd, Judy and Sina.*

High School Graduate

Kortney

When Kortney first arrived at our doors a year and a half ago, she had never lived on her own but had dropped out of high school to help her mom with the other children when her mom wasn't able to be there for them. She had just recently started back to high school. During this time, she has not only kept up with her responsibilities of maintaining her first apartment and attending Crossroads classes, but she also just graduated from high school WITH HONORS! She has grown in confidence and love for the Lord. She is a delight to have at the Home. (For more about Kortney, see page 9 about Yosemite.)



Honored graduate, Kortney

Financial Update

As you can see from the numbers below, we were incredibly blessed by your generosity in times of so much change and uncertainty. It was incredibly encouraging to know that even in the midst of your own challenges, you chose to think about the women of Evangel Home rather than yourself. It did not and does not go unnoticed or unappreciated. One resident commented that she couldn't believe people who didn't even know her, cared about her. It makes a huge difference. Thank you!

2020 (January-December)

Income: \$850,033

Expenses: \$737,181

2021 (January-May)

Income: \$306,659

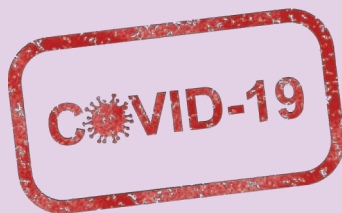
Expenses: \$309,852



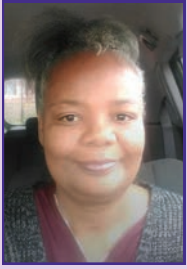
If you are looking for ways to give, check out our website under “Ways to Help Us.” For monetary ideas click on “Donating to Us.” For physical gifts go to our “Everyday Needs.” We have a new item of the month club. It gets updated each month with the items we most need to stock up on.

COVID Update

While most of California has been opened, due to our unique situation of being a congregate setting, we will still be maintaining some of our policies such as masking and distancing for a little longer than the rest. It can get confusing and frustrating to adjust to rapidly changing and sometimes conflicting guidance and rules, so for now we are remaining cautious and sticking to what our women are used to. We want to make sure that each of the ladies that comes here feels comfortable and safe.



Goodbyes & Hellos



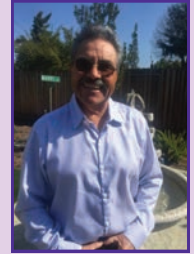
Staff Member Hello - Michelle

Welcome to Michelle! She has been volunteering in daycare for several years when we have needed her and is joining us as a part time house manager in the Crisis Home. She is known for her gentleness and kindness with others. Michelle is a great addition to our staff.

Board Member Goodbyes

Manny Lopez

Manny was our Vice President last year. He stepped down because he was moving away. Manny is the kind of guy who helps with no questions asked and delights in serving others.



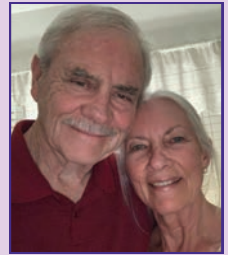
Deb Avedisian Deb served two terms for a total of six years. She was a great advocate for the staff and always attended the resident graduations. Deb is a wonderful example of a courageous leader.

Board Member Hellos

Lloyd Gardner

Lloyd and his wife, Mary, have been chapel leaders at Evangel Home for three years. He has been a pastor and school teacher most of his life. He is passionate about seeing young people

grow and learn, not only in their life, but in their walk with Christ.



Emily Dull Emily has a long history with Evangel Home, having been an intern and then our office manager for five years. She agreed to come on the board so she could still stay connected with the Home she loves. She and her husband, Ryan, just welcomed baby number four! Congratulations!

HONORARIA

November 1, 2020 - May 31, 2021

Judith Aced

Wilda Frasher

Bill & Susan Adams

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Shane & Katie Anderson

Kim E. Anderson

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Gerre Brenneman

Shirley Armbruster

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Verna Hagemier

Sarah Dawson

Allan & Bernice Hedberg

Warren Judah Dull

Lorrie Lynn

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Wilda Frasher

Judy Aced

Emily Garibay

Cherry Verwey

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Judith Schneider

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Courtney Hogendorn

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Lura Reddington

Gayle Matsubara

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Tim & Janet Da Silva

Memorial & Honoraria Donations

If you would like to remember a loved one with a memorial donation or honor a special person or a milestone through a gift to Evangel Home, please complete the following form.

Honoraria

Memorial

Name of deceased or honoree

Honoraria occasion (optional)

Send acknowledgement card to:

Address

City

State

Zip

Remembered by (your name):

Address

City

State

Zip

Amount Enclosed

\$ _____

Checks may be made payable to:

EVANGEL HOME

Mail completed form to:

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Fresno, CA 93701

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November 1, 2020 - May 31, 2021

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Kim Anderson

Karl Avakian

Bruce & Karin Baloian

Florence Bedoian

Jeanette, Patricia, Ken & Sue Abrahamian

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Jennifer Dawson

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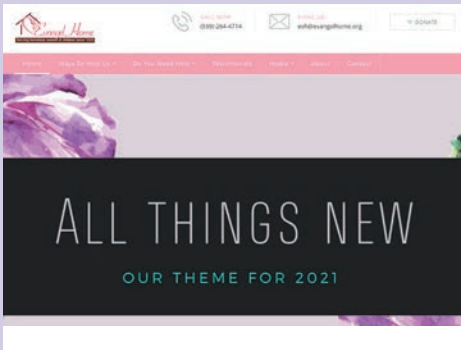
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Kathy VanGronigen

Russ & Patty Dykstra





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RADIO SCHEDULE

'HEARTLINE'
KRDU 1130 AM

Saturday 7:30 a.m.
Saturday..... 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 5:45 p.m.

KCIV 99.9 FM
Saturday 8:30 a.m.

KGED 1680 AM
Saturday..... 11:00 a.m.
Sunday..... 11:30 a.m.

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