



A Diamond in the Rough! Celebrating 60 years!

◆ Built by FAITH, and sacrificial giving! ◆

Testimonies about the first 30 years at the Mission were marked by a consistent thread of sacrificial giving! Faith in Jesus Christ and His sacrifice for us on the cross was imbedded into the very DNA of Sunshine Rescue Mission.

“A poor widow came and put two small copper coins into the treasury, which amounted to a cent. Calling His disciples to Him, He said to them, *“Truly I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the contributors to the treasury; for they all put in out of their surplus, but she, put in all she owned, all she had to live on.”* Mark 12: 42-44

The First 15 years

In the 1950's, Flagstaff was a growing college, tourist and business town. The popular Route 66 brought visitors, entrepreneurs and job seekers to the majestic mountain town. The San Francisco Peaks, NAU and the annual Pow Wow's attracted many!

During this time, a small, but FAITHful group consisting of local business men (Harold Harper and Bob Nauman), pastors and community members like David Strivings began to notice people sleeping on the streets and going hungry. After a few men died from exposure to the cold and train accidents, the men, moved by compassion, began to pray on a regular basis for the Lord to show them how they could make a difference in these individuals' lives.

First they opened a small soup kitchen on San Francisco. Sometimes they brought homeless or stranded families who needed shelter into their own homes.

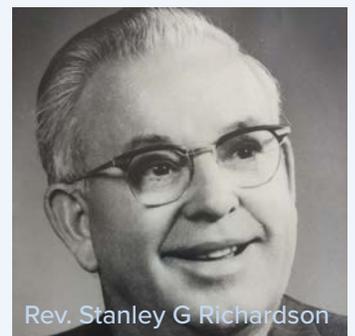
Rev. Stanley G Richardson moved to Flagstaff from Phoenix and became the first Superintendent of Sunshine Rescue Mission. It was through his untiring efforts and sacrificial living that the Mission was founded and incorporated in November of 1957. In 1957 the Board of Directors purchased a small house at 124 S. San Francisco. They operated this tiny Shelter of Hope for all who were in need from 1957 to 1962.

David and Mabel Strivings

David and Mabel were part of the prayerful group that founded Sunshine Rescue Mission, Inc. They were married in 1956. David was involved in prayer and volunteer services which offered decades of faithful shelter, meals and gospel services to multitudes of people. She recalls cooking meals and supporting David as the vision for a larger facility to house men, women and children was being birthed through prayer!

In 1962, their prayer began to take form. Rev. Charles Bradshaw became the Superintendent and stayed in that position until 1972. He oversaw the building of the current two story facility at 124 S. San Francisco Street. At Federated Church, the Strivings were involved in leading a two week summer Bible camp which 300 children attended. The children and their families raised money to buy 900 bricks for the new facility. She took her 6th grade students to watch the pouring of the Mission's foundation and they actually saw some of their purchased bricks being set into place. Mabel and David were truly “foundation builders.” Not only of the Mission building, but in the lives of the many children who saw their giving built into a new home for those who were homeless. The Mission was literally built, “Brick by Brick” by numerous volunteers.

In those days, David worked in Camp Verde. He would come home and go straight over to the Mission to build until dinner time. Everything was built by volunteer labor. Even the electrical and plumbing contractors donated their time.



Rev. Stanley G Richardson

They never knew who would show up to volunteer as the building was being constructed. Even the neighbors around the Mission came to help. Those without experience were put to work hammering, painting or moving materials...it was truly a community effort!

Mabel and David were directly involved in the ministry for over 45 years, cooking meals and having garage and enchilada sales to raise income for services. One of the special things that the Strivings liked to do was to bless each man, woman and child with a little Christmas gift. David said, "Even the poor people had Christmas socks in their homes." Over the years, giving gifts to the residents of the Mission and Hope Cottage became a tradition which has continued to this day. Every Christmas the Strivings opened their home to the staff of the Mission and Hope Cottage to share a special meal and time of prayer. Those were very precious times for me and my children!

As you can see, many traditions began in those first years and continue to this very day; all because of a common thread of sacrificial loving and giving through our Lord Jesus Christ!

-Stephanie Boardman



David and Mabel Strivings



Rev. Charles Bradshaw

The Sunshine Rescue Mission "A Place to Serve"

Three months ago I asked God where my next place to serve was going to be and He brought me to Flagstaff.

In the summer of 2010 I devoted my life to serve in the name of the Lord, simply to be his hands and feet. My wife and I began ministering to the homeless in east Texas. I was still struggling with a 30-year chemical addiction myself, but God still used me. By His amazing grace and love He delivered me from my addictions in 2013 and I continue to live drug free today.

My wife was diagnosed with small cell cancer in 2013 and the doctors gave her six months to live. God gave us three years before He called her home in June of 2015. On the anniversary of her passing God called me to leave everything behind and continue to minister to the homeless. I left Texas and found myself in Tallahassee Florida working with the homeless until he called me to Flagstaff.

It is an honor to be selected as Disciple of the Month here at The Mission. I have simply been doing what has been asked of me and am proud to be a part of such a great team.

In His Leading, *Marvin Johnson*



Marvin Johnson



AUGUST IS SUNSHINE RESCUE MISSION MONTH AT THE GARDEN

Donate your gently used items during the last week of July to help make this year's event a great success. Items will be sold at the auction and in the trift store. The proceeds will benefit The Mission, Hope Cottage and Dorsey Manor.

July 1, 2016 - March 31, 2017
 Income (all sources) \$638,794
 Operating expenses \$667,598
 (less depreciation)
 Net income (loss) (\$28,804)

New Intakes
 43 Moms with 84 kids
 19 Families with 26 kids
 161 single women
 533 men

Statistics

28,433 bed nights (all facilities)
 51,045 meals (Mission & HC) - 581 chapel speakers
 507 have come to Christ - 1154 Bible studies
 453 hours of service projects -Mission disciples
 293 hours of Genesis Relapse Prevention classes with 178 women
 66 hours of Genesis Relapse Prevention classes with 33 guys
 99 women have attended classes at Hope Cottage
 6 women have participated in job training
 88 guests left with jobs - 209 guests left with housing
 2068 non-guests had showers - 7953 items of clothing given away
 275 Thanksgiving food boxes, feeding 1156 people

McDonald & Jan Rominger and Paul & Sharon Charron gave gifts in memory of Toni Burns

Jean West gave a gift in memory of Steve Messenger and Mike Brown

Leonard & Doris Wright gave a gift in memory of Jack Kelly & Dick Cook

Flagstaff Disc Golf Club gave a gift in memory of Tim Miller