

NEXT STEP

Lives Transformed for Good

Spring 2019 Update

What's Happening at Next Step?

Lots...as usual! We have completed some great Bible studies - 1 and 2 Thessalonians, Titus, Ezra, Nehemiah - and started new studies (Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi) plus a topical study on "Brotherly Love". We continue to have our on-site worship service twice monthly, with one of our participants playing worship music for us. The Next Step men attend local church services weekly at four different churches of their choice. In addition, the men meet with their individual accountability partners, and one of three men who assist with basic financial management. And for fun, we've been to the ABQ BioPark, a local car show, and the movies. A local church plans to host the men for a Memorial Day weekend meal and worship service. The men are also looking forward to a fishing trip and perhaps an ABQ Isotopes game this summer.

Meet Pete!

While there are no "typical" participants in Next Step, many of the men have come to us with similar stories. Pete is no different. Our mission is to provide help and hope to men who have taken steps to move from a damaged or broken lifestyle to a life that glorifies God. Recently released from a NM Department of Corrections facility, Pete came to saving knowledge of Jesus while in prison; now he is ready to continue his pursuit of a vibrant relationship with Jesus, find a job, restore family relationships, and stabilize his life. Pete has come from a difficult background yet has taken some amazing steps to change his lifestyle. He loves the Lord and His Word. Having joined us in April, 2019, he has begun connecting with his family, has been baptized at a local Bible teaching church, and started a new job. Additionally, he is building a reputation as a humble servant, a loving brother in Christ, a hard worker, and a man after God's heart.

Group Outing at the ABQ BioPark



How Is Next Step Doing Financially?

The Executive Summary: God continues to provide so we're very grateful! Since we initiated our fundraising efforts in the fall 2018, we have added several monthly donors, including a couple of churches, and received many generous onetime gifts. Our goals are threefold: (1) have sufficient donations to support the on-going ministry efforts; (2) develop a level of giving to support the hiring of a full-time ministry director, and (3) acquire the residential facility which we currently lease. We've made progress on all three goals – thank you – yet have a long way to go.

We are so thankful to have you participate in Next Step through your service, prayers, and giving. Please contact me at dchandler@NextStepNM.com if you have any questions.

In Christ,

Doug Chandler, Founder and President