

# NEW BEGINNINGS GOLD COUNTRY

## **RANDY HASKINS** **DIRECTOR/FOUNDER**

New Beginnings is where Christian men and women can live after leaving prison, jail or the dead-end lifestyle. Our hope is to equip men and women to become valuable members in the body of Christ – We believe this can be accomplished by giving them a foundation of Jesus Christ.

*Go Therefore and Make disciples*

*Matthew 28:19*

## **Who We are**

New Beginnings is a non -profit discipleship ministry helping men and women, through the Word of God and daily habits, to break free of the bondages of addictions and other life-drainers, and instead to be filled with God's love, Spirit and peace. Over 4,600 persons annually are returned to the community of El Dorado County from just our local jail. There is a great need to introduce them to the One who can change their lives in a great way forever and help them on that journey with practical discipleship in a safe and positive environment.

## EMILY BURNS TESTIMONY

My name is Emily Burns. I was born and raised in South Lake Tahoe. By the time I was 11 I had begun to go down the wrong path. I was using drugs, drinking and running away from home. Also, I began to hang out with the wrong crowd and eventually began to use hard drugs. At age 14, I was admitted into the Juvenile Hall for the first time. That quickly turned into a vicious cycle until I was 17. When I was 17, I got into a fight and I did not want to go back to Juvenile Hall. I made a choice to run away to Mexico to find my biological father. Within 3 months, I realized that Juvenile Hall was a better option, so I came back and turned myself in. I ended up doing a year in Juvenile Hall. By then, I knew that something had to change, if I did not want to be in and out of jail for the rest of my life. I began going to church and bible studies conducted in Juvenile Hall. I had a lot of questions since I was baptized and disfellowshipped from a different religion. As I asked questions, God was always faithful to always answer. I began to have a relationship with the real and true God. It came to the point where I would pray or ask question and I would open my Bible and the first words I read were the answers I needed.

At that point, I began to pray for a place to go. I knew I could not go back to my hometown. I prayed and looked into many different drug rehabs and programs. God answered! I had a roommate who needed a place to go, so the Chaplain brought a woman who was leading a women's home in a program called New Beginnings to talk to her during a church service. We sat in a circle to talk and pray and when she saw me she felt the Lord speak to her "This is who you are really here for" Over time she came to visit me weekly and I was accepted into the women's home. When I was in the women's home I had the opportunity to focus on the Lord, His word and His living life with a purpose. I learned job skills by volunteering at our Thrift Store. I got my driver license and I started college. I finished the program in about 2 years. Now, I can not imagine my life without God.



## **Meet the Team**

Randy Haskins Director/Founder

Kirk McKillop/Director

Julia Haskins/Director

Joe Clavell/Director

David Sarmago/General Manager

Ralph Thomure/Donations Center Supervisor

Sara Mills/Supervisor of Thrift Store

Emily Burns/Supervisor of Thrift Store

Linda Foss/Development and Fundraising

## **Events-2018**

- February 10<sup>th</sup>-Truffles and Treasures Jewelry Event
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- June 12<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Golf Tournament-Apple Mountain Golf Resort
  
- More fun Events to follow in our next Newsletter

**New Beginnings Gold Country is-**

**Partnering with Serving California –**

Hope and change for prisoners, women in Recovery  
and Military Veterans

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