



# overflow 9:12

Overflow Showers. Compassion. Grace. Hope. Jesus.

## First Year Anniversary Edition

### HELLO FRIENDS!

Overflow 9:12 had its first shower outing on March 23, 2023 at Spirit Filled Church in Indio CA. One year later – just over a month ago – we held an anniversary celebration to honor every single contributor to our mission:

Site owners who invite us to serve on their property. Partnering organizations who provide care & services alongside us. Hands-on volunteers at each site. Donors of professional services. Donors of clothing, products, shower supplies. Assemblers of our grace-to-go hygiene kits. Donors of financial support. Those who have prayed for us. Those who have encouraged us. The team of What Wood Jesus Que who provided scrumptious BBQ for the celebration. Southwest Church who donated a grand space and volunteers for the celebration.

That's a lot of **celebration!** A lot of **gratitude** extended to a lot of **contributors!**

Each contributor has been plugged into Overflow 9:12 in **SOME** ways, knowing **SOME** pieces of what we do. Now everyone knows the scope of the operation and together we celebrated God's goodness to this ministry through what all of you have made possible:



SPRING  
2024

Your gift of \$45 provides one refreshing shower and five hygiene kits

**DONATE**  
TO SUPPORT  
OUR UNHOUSED  
SHOWER  
GUESTS  
ON OUR  
WEBSITE



Since our Beginning in March 2023, We've Provided a Total Of:

81  
SERVICE  
OUTINGS

3,593  
CLOTHING  
ITEMS

1,105  
GRACE-TO-GO  
HYGIENE  
KITS

45  
FAITH  
ACCEPTANCES/  
AFFIRMATIONS

980  
SHOWERS



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Our mission is carried out in a total of

**5 shower sites**

in **4 different cities**

around the valley, serving

**7 times every month.**

The mission remains the same as our very first outing:

**Provide mobile shower services and partner with additional providers to serve the unhoused with the unconditional compassion, generous grace, confident hope and undeniable truth of Jesus.**

## *Palm Springs* **STORIES**

Here's a snapshot of one day in March at Our Lady of Guadalupe. Yes, all this happened in **one single day**.

One of our volunteers used GPS to get to the church, but it took her a strange route out of the way - the wrong way - except that it turned out to be God's way. She spotted a long-time shower guest hobbling after recently having surgery. Our volunteer took Ralph to Jewish Family Services where they connected him to a new shelter opportunity. All the while Ralph is marveling at how God orchestrated that "chance encounter".

James is a shower guest who came to saving faith in Jesus on



**YOU GUYS HELPED ME BACK FROM THE BRINK. I AM SO GRATEFUL FOR OVERFLOW. -T**

**THANK YOU FOR LISTENING TO ME. THANK YOU FOR LOOKING AT ME AND LISTENING.**

- R

the spot after his shower 6 weeks ago. Now he was back assuring another unhoused man that prayers do make a difference and joining in prayer for him.

One of our long-time guests came by just to say Hello and Thank You. We've always spent extra compassionate conversation time with Lloyd through some very hard times. He is now sheltered, has work, and has peace that we've not seen before.

Roger, another of our regular guests from the beginning who is now sheltered and working, also came by just to say Thanks.

While waiting for her shower, another guest got a call from HUD approving her for an apartment. Eloise was excited to get showered and outfitted with clothes to be clean and presentable (her words) for her visits.

One of our shower guests, thanks to the initiative of our Overflow volunteer, was on-the-spot accepted into Coachella Valley Rescue Mission. CVRM left with Dade that very day.

The Church Parish Director walked out to talk with us and proclaimed us to be the Jesus People that he needs and wants on that church property. We'll humbly take that affirmation any time!

And we broke all records for a single day, showering a total of 25 wonderful guests.

## *Indio* **STORIES** | ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH

### **ABUNDANT LIFE, WOW!**

This is our fifth and newest location, and they are taking Matt 25:40 service to the next level. Guests are greeted by an army of compassionate church volunteers with the warmest, most joyful hospitality that would make anyone feel welcome. We're joined here by more volunteers than we have at any other of our service sites.

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Greeters, door openers, personal prayer guides, plated meals served under a canopy on tables nicely covered with table cloths, hair stylists, large shopping bags, plentiful clothing hanging on racks organized by size, shelves to emulate a shopping experience.

Their volunteers meet us when our truck and trailer arrive, and immediately rally round to unload, set up equipment, and organize supplies in an environment of teamwork and attention to detail. Abundant Life serves as Overflow 9:12 serves – as though we’re working for the Lord as well as our unhoused guests. It’s nothing but first-class service at this newest site that lifts spirits with grace and dignity.

Those previously ignored and shunned are now being seen and served with love. Remember, heart change = life change.

**I'VE BEEN LIVING OUT OF MY TRUCK. I'M WORKING AND ALSO WORKING TO GET MY OWN PLACE. SO THANK YOU FOR THIS SHOWER, CLOTHES AND HOPE TODAY. –D**



## Palm Desert **STORIES**

At Ramona Tire Service Center, many things have stayed the same and yet many things have also changed. We're seeing about the same number of guests each time we visit, but many are joining us for the first time. "Tim" is recently homeless and is keeping to himself much of the time. He comes in at the end of the service time so that most people have come and gone already. He is concerned with keeping his 'stuff' and fearing that it could be stolen. So much so, that he didn't want a clear bag so that others couldn't see what he was carrying around. He chose a black garbage bag to hold his possessions. He is one of our neighbors that seems less eager to engage and prefers to keep to himself out of self-preservation.

"Johnny" was back again and this time he was a bit chattier. He is a man of few words normally and this time he smiled, shook my hand and with his kind and warm eyes, said 'thank you' when I offered some hygiene or clothing items. He very politely declined a shower but did accept other supplies with that big smile. There may not have been a lot of words, but his eyes and demeanor said it all. It's been over a month since we've seen him, so it was great to have him come by and get some items. He is not normally trusting of others by necessity. He has a rough story that he has yet to fully share, but it was a huge thing that he joined us and talked with us as much as he did. Little by little, relationships are beginning to grow as the roots of trust are taking hold.

One of our service providers, Peggy with Bridges2Hope, has successfully secured housing for another woman. Peggy is a nurse by profession and spends her day off out there with her team every week. Rain or shine, hot or cold, holiday or not, Peggy and Bridges2Hope are there serving, caring, and offering assistance. Peggy has been able to obtain housing for six people over the last couple of months. This is a massive thing that they have been able to accomplish. As a result, we're seeing new faces fill in where former guests have left. We take the victory in that lives are being transformed one at a time. We may still be seeing the same number of guests, some of whom are now considered part of our 'regulars', but to look closer at them tells us the bigger picture.

Lost are being found. The hopeless are regaining hope and those in greatest need are receiving unconditional love and support from many fantastic service providers at Ramona Tire. And, oh yeah, they are also getting some refreshing showers and love from us as well. Thank you for your support. We couldn't share the love, grace, and hope without you.

**IT MAKES ME FEEL HUMAN AGAIN. –W**



**HOT TEMPS BRING NEW NEEDS:** As temperatures climb here in the summer desert, refreshing showers become more important for our unhoused guests. You may wish to shower health, dignity, compassion & hope on those most in need through a monetary donation or an item from our online wish lists.

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***VOLUNTEER NEEDS:***

- Experienced truck-trailer driving
- Supply loading & equipment set-up
- Guest registering & hospitality

**VOLUNTEER**  
TO SERVE  
WITH  
US



CHECK OUT OUR  
**DOLLAR DAYS**  
**WISH LIST**

FOR HYGIENE KITS  
AND BULK ITEMS ON  
OUR WEBSITE



CHECK OUT OUR  
**AMAZON**  
**WISH LIST**  
FOR CLOTHING  
& SUPPLIES  
ON OUR WEBSITE



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\*names have been changed for the privacy of our guests

