



# AALRM Newsletter

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## Our Purpose

### Statement:

*“Alive Again Life Recovery Mission operates for the purpose of creating a safe Christian environment for individuals of all ages to fellowship, learn, and heal from addictions and addiction-related effects”*



Hi everyone, Steve DeBoer here. I would like to thank all our supporters. Through your help many participants in AALRM have found their way out of addiction and are back enjoying their lives. I would like to point out that many men and women that we mentor are “orphaned”. They really had no parent helping them grow up. Most do not know their father, or he is in jail or has passed away from addictions. In addition, their mothers are often in addiction or are struggling with many different relationships and have left the kids to fend for themselves. They often grew up seeing addiction all around and some of their parents got them on drugs or alcohol as early as 6, 7, or 8 years old...so sad! They do not use this as an excuse, but it is the reality they have lived with. I wish you could hear all their heart wrenching stories and hear and see all the pain in their eyes with what they have been through as children. With God, all things are possible. I

keep reminding each one in the group what God tells us in the Bible, “I can do all things through God who strengthens me,” Philippians 4:13. We are continuing to see miracles as Jesus provides a path out of this darkness.

God bless all you for your giving hearts to Alive Again Life Recovery Mission.

Brother Steve

## WE APPRECIATE YOUR YEAR-END SUPPORT THAT IS TAX-DEDUCTIBLE

Our financial needs are significant at year-end, as giving has not kept up with our expenses this year. We spend less than 10% of our budget on administration... we put nearly all our resources into helping people be free of addictions. Please consider us in your year-end giving, which is tax-deductible.

We need donated items for our auctions to be held at our AALRM Banquet on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 (see back of page). We already have some great vacation rentals, a nice vehicle, and other items for the auctions, but we definitely need more. Get a write-off on your 2017 tax return for all donations made by year-end... thank you!



## Alive Again Participants Continue to Help Local People in Need

An essential component of the recovery process is for people to empathize with and serve others. We assist in making connections between AALRM participants and those in need. Recently Steve went with three others to help an elderly man clean up his acreage so that he could sell it. After six hours of hard work (note tired looks on faces to the right, ha-ha!), the property looked great! The gentleman who owns the land has called several times and profusely thanked our team for all they did! Thank you, Jesus, for teaching us how healing occurs.



## Bowling, Billiards, and an Outdoor Escape

We had a great turn-out for our bowling/billiards event at the MSU Sub... nearly 50 people! On the left you see our fearless leaders, Marlisha and Steve, joining in the festivities. Highlight of the afternoon was when Seth King, a professional billiards expert, displayed his skills by sinking four balls in separate pockets with one shot! It is hard for most of us to appreciate how special an event like this is for many of our participants. An afternoon of good, clean fun with no alcohol or drugs is an experience that they don't soon forget... they are so appreciative!



They also appreciate just getting out in nature and enjoying each other's company. Here you see Steve and several others up Hyalite Creek near Grotto Falls. These fellows exclaimed to Steve



how much they appreciated being sober and having a great day outdoors. They joined in the tradition of building a small rock tower by the falls. The words of Isaiah 53:5 ring so true, "But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed."

## Mark Your Calendars for Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 for AALRM's Banquet

You won't want to miss our AALRM Banquet on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 at E-Free Church. The silent auction begins at 6:00 p.m., with a gourmet dinner served by chef Daniel Wendell of The Food Studio at 7:00 p.m. As always, we will have great music, testimonies, and live auction items. Please... we need more auction items! Thank you for contributing!