
NEWSLETTER — FEBRUARY 2018



DALE

Dale has been living at the Alberta House and working at The City Gate for several months. Dale was raised in Roswell New Mexico and left there at the age of 10. Dale has a younger brother and a younger sister. In 1971 Dale and his family moved to Southern California and that is where his parents divorced. That same year his father tried to kill his mom, brother, and sister. Dale became a wild child at that point and went to a juvenile detention center for a year. At the age of 13, after getting out of juvenile hall, Dale started running with a couple of gangs. He stopped going to school and became out of control. When he was 18 he lived on the beach for a year doing all the same things. At the age of 22 he wanted to try raising a family but then started using drugs more often. After losing his wife and step children in 1986, Dale moved to Spokane to get away from the drugs and gangs in California.

He started a new family in 2001, having his first biological son, Tino. In 2013 Dale became homeless in Spokane for the first time. He got things together for a couple of years and then became homeless again in 2015. That's when he met Pastor John and Elisha and says his life has never been the same. Dale has been clean for two and a half years now. He gave his life to God and was Baptized a few months ago. Dale also says living at the Alberta House has been such a blessing. There are so many people he now considers family.

Dale gives all glory to our Lord for the new life he has! He also attends men's Bible study every Tuesday. God has made many amazing changes in his life. Now Dale is just trying to be a good role model and example for his son. He says he doesn't know where he would be without The City Gate and God's amazing grace.

THE CITY GATE STAFF

- John Murinko, Pastor**
- Shirley Murinko**
- James Gulbranson**
- Kathy Gibbons**
- Buffie Harmon**
- Jimmy Hahn**
- Dale Sanchez**
- Robert Santos**
- Misti Santos**
- Elisha Shelton**
- Eric Murinko**
- Dave Valluz**



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- **Jessica**
- **Mavis**
- **Alberta House Tenants**
- **Scott**
- **David**
- **Dale and his Family**
- **Amanda**
- **The City Gate Staff**
(We have all been very sick)
- **Mary**
- **Danny**

Word from the Board



The following was taken from an article written by Amy Cutler in the latest newsletter from The Genesis Institute. I felt the thoughts expressed are particularly appropriate, not only for the clients who come to The City Gate, but for us all.

“We often desire for everything to be perfect in our lives in order to feel better about our current situations – ourselves, families, our friends, our churches, our finances, our neighborhoods, our governments. When we think of a new year, we think about resolutions and ways we can improve these situations. While these can be very good things, the reality is that nothing will be perfect until we reach heaven. This is where we live – in the tension between a broken world on earth and the hope of heaven with our Lord. As we continue to live in this tension our prayer is that we are able to endure, grow, and watch God transform our lives into something amazing We eagerly anticipate that we will see his hand at work while also living with the hope that heaven will be worth it all and everything will be made right.”

At The City Gate we do try to address the very real tensions that exist in the lives of our clients. Many are broken to the point that it is very difficult for them to see the hope that comes from our Lord. But we have seen the transformation that can take place though prayer and love, providing for physical needs, counseling, and social interactions. As you consider your gifts of time, resources and finances for 2018, I invite you to join with us so that, paraphrasing Amy, we will continue to see His hand at work in lives today all the while presenting the hope of heaven where everything will be made right.

John Kittel
Board Member





Come in and check out our newest addition!

RUTHIE'S CORNER ESPRESSO

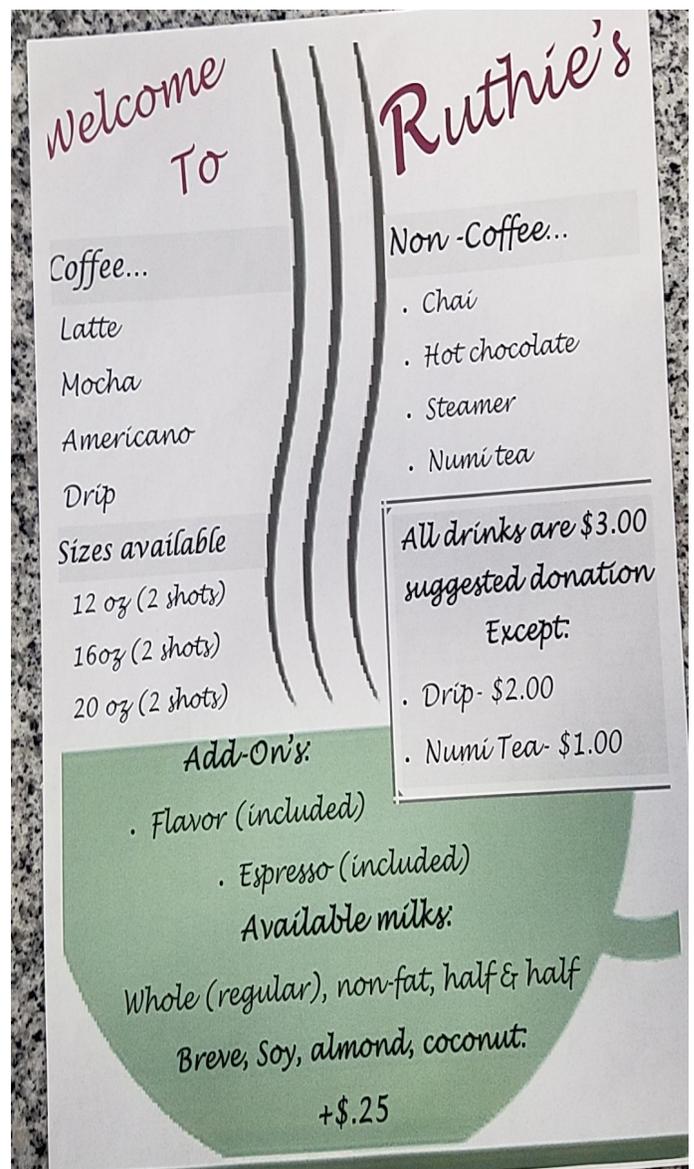
is now **OPEN!** It has been in the works for 2 years. Ruthie's is a non-profit espresso café. You can get any size and flavors for your coffee and your donations go directly to help support The City Gate.

We are excited to have Kylie as our manager and professional barista. It's a great place to just relax, read a good book or meet a friend and hang out in our comfy recliners or sit at a nice private table in the corner.

Ruthie's is located at 1102 W. 2nd Ave, on the corner of 2nd and Madison. (same building as The City Gate)

HOURS:

Tuesday-Friday 7 am-4 pm



*Prices are suggested donations



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To Reclaim, Rebuild and Restore, Lost and Broken Lives

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A Gathering Place...

“Come to me all who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest” — Matthew 11:28

NEEDS:

- Mens jeans size 32-40
- Men's coats all sizes
- Boots for Men and Women
- Gloves for Men and Women
- Frozen Veggies
- Meats
- Hand Warmers
- Coffee
- Butter
- Juice mixes
- Tomato sauce
- Crushed tomatoes



Without the support of volunteers who give their time and energy to this ministry, The City Gate would not be the haven it is to so many people. Whether you come once a week or once a year, you have contributed to keeping this place up and running. Your donations, regardless of time, money, food, prayers or clothing, have done so much to help the people who walk through our doors everyday. As pastors and as Christians, we want to thank you for heeding the voice of the Lord and ask you to keep