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through the power
of God's love

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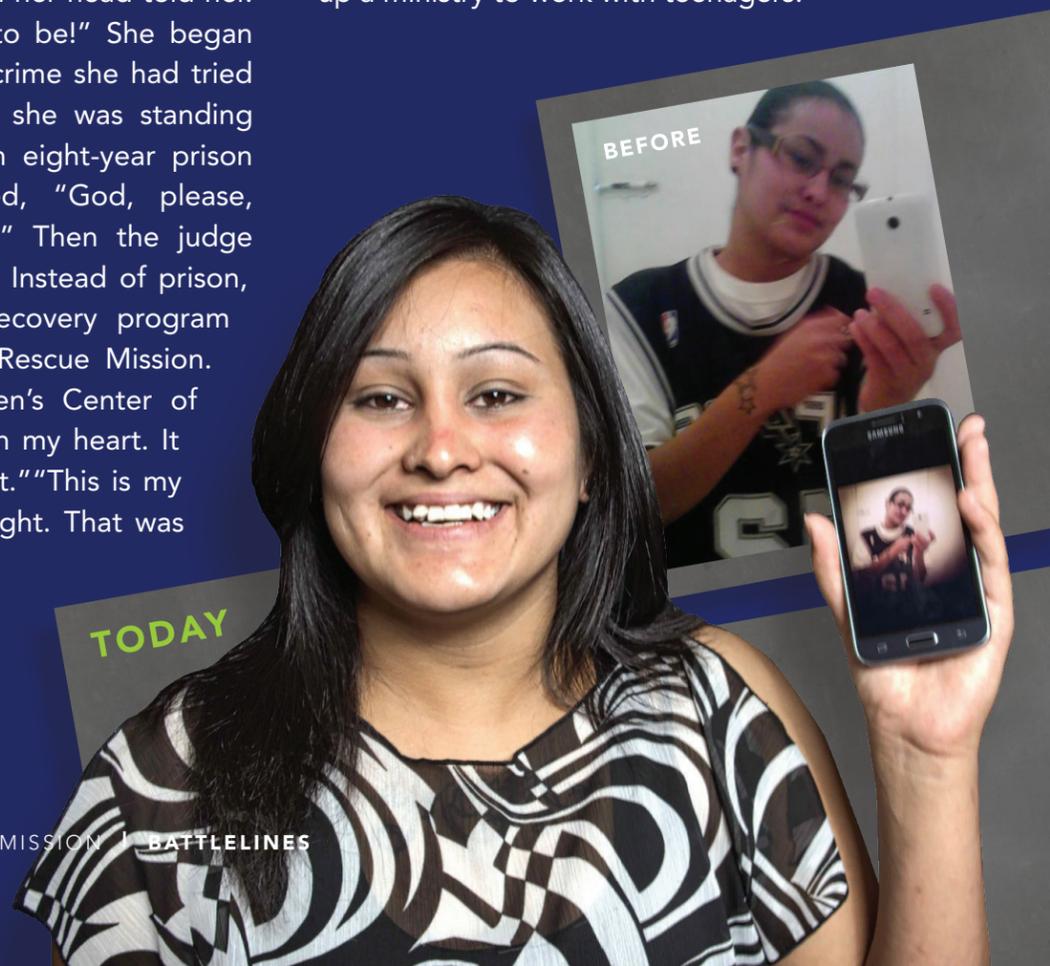
Santana never had a chance. That's what some people would have said. When she was just four, Santana lost her dad to a heroin overdose and the stepfather who took his place was an abuser. Santana's mom loved her, but as an addict herself she couldn't give her daughter the care she needed. Santana wanted to get away from the despair she saw around her. She got a job while still in her teens and started paying her own expenses. She was determined not to become a drug user but the pull of sin was too strong. "I got sucked in," she recalls, "I became an addict."

Santana was a heroin addict, headed for prison. It seemed that the drug life would be Santana's destiny. "This is where you came from," a voice in her head told her. "This is all you're going to be!" She began sinking into the world of crime she had tried so hard to escape. Soon she was standing before a judge, facing an eight-year prison sentence. Santana prayed, "God, please, give me another chance!" Then the judge offered her an alternative. Instead of prison, Santana could enter a recovery program run by the Albuquerque Rescue Mission. Hearing about the Women's Center of Hope, she says, "It rang in my heart. It had God written all over it." "This is my second chance," she thought. That was the beginning of Santana's new life.

Now, her days are filled with purpose, discipline, and God's love. Every morning at six o'clock, she joins the other women at the Center for devotions. They have a structured program of work, exercise, chores, and study. Education is an important part of their transformation. Santana has been in the program for over a year now. "It's exciting," she says, "because I'm clean, I'm sober." Best of all, she's found her true identity in Jesus Christ. "I am who God says I am! I am His child and He loves me!" she says, "Now I know that I am not what the world says I am. That's not me."

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"Now," she says, "what I want to do is become a psychologist, a counselor. And I want to open up a ministry to work with teenagers."



Giving Tuesday is Nov. 29th

You have heard of Black Friday and Cyber Monday, but do you know about #GivingTuesdayNM? #GivingTuesdayNM is the statewide coalition of nonprofits working to raise money for their organizations all on one day! Modeled after the global model #GivingTuesday, the state coalition works to communicate the power of giving with your time and financial resources to better our communities.

We are raising funds on #GivingTuesdayNM, November 29th to kick-off our holiday giving season. As a partner with us, you know how critical funding is to continue our programs and services all year long. To help with that effort, the Board of Directors of the Albuquerque Rescue Mission have generously donated \$10,000 in matching funds to match your donation made on #GivingTuesdayNM, November 29th! That means that your donation, when made online or received into our office on November 29th, will be matched, dollar for dollar, up to \$10,000!

WE NEED YOUR HELP, AND IT'S EASY:

- Make your year-end gift on 11.29.16.
- Help us share our important work with your friends and family and why you give to ABQ Rescue Mission on Facebook, Twitter, or other social channels using **#Abqrescue** and the hashtag **#GivingTuesdayNM**



ENDS OCTOBER 31

Holiday Food Drive

Help us stock our pantry!

Nearly 1 out of every 6 U.S. households doesn't know where their next meal is coming from. You can help us do something about this problem by hosting a food drive. Organize the people in your office, organization, school or neighborhood group and use social media sites (i.e. Facebook, Twitter, etc) to promote your Food Drive. The food items you donate will help us to feed needy families in Albuquerque.

FOOD DRIVE WISH LIST:

- Meals in a can (soup, stew, chili)
- Tuna or canned chicken
- Peanut butter
- Canned foods with pop-top lids
- Canned fruit in its own juice or water
- Low-sodium canned vegetables
- Olive or canola oil
- Spices
- Low-sugar whole grain cereals
- Healthy snacks (granola bars, nuts, dried fruit)

Please avoid donating items packaged in glass. If you find glass items in your barrel, please package them in protective boxes to prevent breakage.

Donations of food may be dropped off at the US Bank or UFC Gym location near you or you can drop it off at 214 Coal SW during regular business hours. If you have questions or need assistance, please call 346.4673.

Don't Know Where to Start?

HERE ARE A FEW SUGGESTIONS TO GET YOU STARTED:

1 Make It A Contest

- Conduct a competition between departments, households, classes or teams
- Hold a "Sack Drive" - Announce a specific size sack - for instance, a large paper grocery bag - and see which group can fill the most bags;
- Use food donations to qualify for a casual day, time off, or as admittance to an event (such as a picnic lunch);

2 Have A Theme

- "Go Nuts" and collect Peanut Butter
- "Gone Fishing" and collect Tuna
- "Where's the Beef?" and collect Beef Stew and Chili

3 Collect Different Food Items On Each Day Of The Week

- Macaroni Monday (Mac and Cheese mixes)
- Tomato Tuesday (Food items containing Tomatoes)
- Waffle Wednesday (Bisquick or Pancake Mix)
- Thirsty Thursday (Canned juice or juice boxes)
- Fishy or Fruity Friday (Fish or Fruit)
- Distribute The Food Drive Wish List

We sincerely appreciate all food donations - and we do our best to never waste anything - but some items are always in high demand. We've created a short list of items (Food Wish List on the left) which you can print out and distribute to your food drive participants.



How Can I Get A Food Box?

Call 505-554-2780 to schedule an intake Appointment with our Resource Coordinator. Visit with them at your scheduled appointment and let them help connect you with resources that you might not be aware of, pray with you and review any food restrictions that you might have.

Food boxes are available for pickup at our Resource Center every Friday from 2:30-4:00pm after you have met with our Coordinators. Food boxes are reserved, no walk-ups.

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Find out how YOU can make a difference
WWW.ABQRESCUE.COM

ABQ Rescue Mission Resource Center
 2021 Second Street SW- just north of 1-40
 (505) 554-2780

Feeding at the Rock

On August 3, 2016, the Albuquerque Rescue Mission began a new strategic partnership with The Rock at NoonDay to better serve people in Albuquerque without access to nutritious food. ARM is now serving dinner at The Rock on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday from 4:00 P.M. to 5:15 P.M. at 2400 Second Street NW.

The food service is provided by the Albuquerque Rescue Mission utilizing The Rock's beautiful dining facilities. This partnership focuses on a wise use of community resources and reducing duplication of existing services. The Rock's facility has a capacity of 450 people - much larger than ARM's dining room. "The Rock has been serving amazing lunches for more than three decades along with breakfast in more recent years" says Dr. Allen Miner, Board Chairman at The Rock "We are excited to begin providing dinner at our facility by hosting the Albuquerque Rescue Mission."

“We're able to provide more help to more people” says Pastor John Hill, Executive Director of the Albuquerque Rescue Mission, “We both have the same goal - expressing God's love in practical ways to people in desperate need.”

“This is a true collaboration of two ministries with the same heart for the vulnerable” says Danny Whatley, Executive Director of The Rock at NoonDay, “This partnership allows us to better serve the homeless and near homeless community, especially as it relates to emergency services.”

The new partnership allows for the downtown campus to focus exclusively on residential recovery programs for up to 100 people. All other emergency services for the homeless and people in need have been moved to the Mission's new Resource Center at 2021 Second Street NW.

ALBUQUERQUE RESCUE MISSION Resource Center

Monday - Friday 8:30am - 4:00pm (closed 11:30 am - 12:15 pm for lunch)
2021 Second Street NW • 505.346.4673



DONATION PROCESSING

- Clothing room for those in need
- Intake of gently used donations



FOOD BOX PROGRAM

- The Albuquerque Rescue Mission provides boxes of groceries for families in need.
- Food boxes are designed to feed any size family three meals a day, for one week. Call 346.4673.



WOMEN IN CRISIS CENTER

- Monday - Friday, 1:00 - 4:00pm
- Welcoming homeless and at-risk women and their children into an enclosed, nurturing and safe environment during the day.
- Counseling - Personal consultation with each woman to determine best services to meet their individual and family needs.



GUEST SERVICES

- Counseling - Personal consultation with each guest to determine best services to meet their individual and family needs.
- Lockers - \$20 deposit plus \$10 per month (Beginning in October)
- Resources/Referrals - Guest connect to employment, housing, mental health, and other resources.

We all fall down sometimes. We all encounter trials and difficulties. And in those times, we can curl up in despair—or we can partner with those who will provide strength, encouragement, and hope. The Resource Center exists to be that outstretched hand; a steady support so people in need can get back on their feet. Guest service members listen, look at each situation objectively, and offer practical, wise steps to help put our guests onto a better path.

The Resource Center was created to help people in crisis navigate available resources, in a spirit of love, encouragement, and hope. When guests meet with a member of the Resource Center, they receive:

- A one-on-one conversation with someone who will listen to our guest's story and provide basic pastoral support.
- Information about services available from the Resource Center, the Albuquerque Rescue Mission, and Community Partners that may be able to provide additional help.
- Wise counsel about next steps to help improve our guest's situation, and help them grow emotionally and spiritually.
- Prayer and encouragement.



Clothing

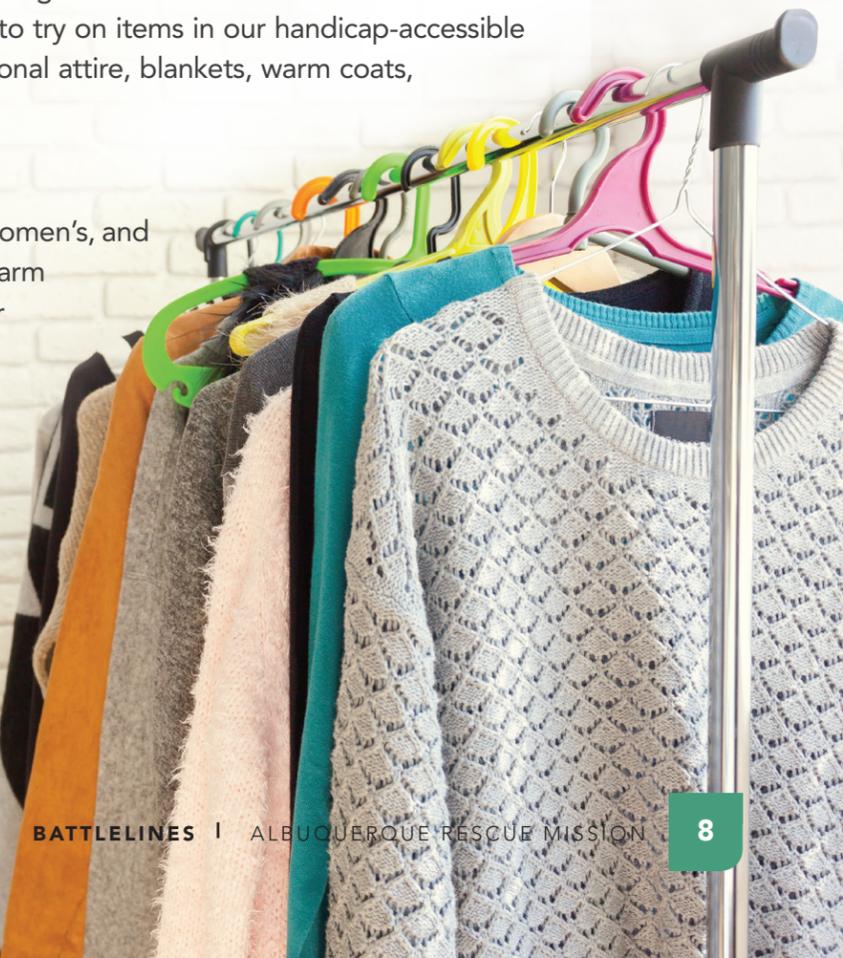
In today's economy, people are forced to make tough choices. Choices like whether to pay the electric bill, feed their family, or provide clothing for their children—choices that can seem overwhelming. But there is hope.

At the Resource Center, families can find clothing for themselves and their children – and so much more. Guests will even have the opportunity to try on items in our handicap-accessible fitting rooms! Our inventory includes professional attire, blankets, warm coats, and children's shoes.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

We are always in need of gently used men's, women's, and children's clothing, shoes, coats, gloves, and warm hats. We are also in need of new underwear for all members of the family. We ask that all clothing be freshly laundered before making a donation.

You can drop off your clothing donations at the Albuquerque Rescue Mission Resource Center, 2021 2nd St. NW, during regular business hours.



Women In Crisis Center

A Safe Place

We are excited to announce the grand opening of our Women In Crisis Center (WICC). The WICC welcomes homeless and at-risk women and their children into an enclosed, nurturing, and safe environment during the day. Caring staff and volunteers offer a lifeline during a time of crisis. Whether homeless for some time, newly homeless, or on the verge of homelessness, women of all ages and mothers with children are greeted with love and understanding.

Women

Each woman is met by a Client Ambassador who is focused on building a relationship, meeting her needs, and instilling hope for her future.

Women With Children

WICC provides daytime services for homeless and at-risk mothers and their kids, giving them the tools needed to break free from homelessness. This is a special place where mothers and children can get off the streets and enjoy one-on-one interaction or find a quiet space where a tired toddler can nap or a mother can rock a baby to sleep. We provide books, games, toys, puzzles, and crafts.

Each woman is met by a Client Ambassador who gets to know each guest and her children. Together, they work to find permanent help and hope for a better tomorrow.

Resources

The WICC not only affords women a safe refuge from the street, it also provides a myriad of rehabilitative services that are built on personal relationship - getting to know each woman and her needs.

- **CLOTHING** – Friends of ARM graciously donate clothing for people experiencing homelessness and need. We distribute this clothing to men, women, and children who may have little more than the clothes on their back.
- **PERSONAL HYGIENE** – Restrooms and personal hygiene supplies are all available to our guests. We also offer diapers for mothers with children.



(Yazzmine Bouldin, Women In Crisis Center Director - Loves Bringing Hope to Women and Children in Crisis)

- **GUEST SERVICES CENTER** – Scheduling a job interview, resume building, applying for jobs, interview preparation, and legal aid counseling.
- **INDIVIDUAL ASSESSMENT/ COUNSELING** – Client ambassadors assess each individual guest to determine their unique circumstances and needs. We then offer them individualized assistance and referrals for employment, housing, government aid, mental health, substance abuse, recovery, and other services.
- **LIFE MANAGEMENT CLASSES** – Trained staff and community volunteers address a variety of issues and critical needs. Classes include recovery from substance abuse, vocational guidance, parenting skills, nutrition education, domestic violence, sexual victimization, and financial management.
- **SPIRITUAL ENCOURAGEMENT** – Daily chapel services, Bible studies, and discipleship programs offer the spiritual hope and healing that is essential to building a new life.

How You Can Help

WICC is in need of female volunteers to come and serve as Guest Ambassadors and mentors. Women's groups are invited to call 554.2461 to talk about opportunities to provide women and children's clothing, toys, and hygiene products for women in need. If you are interested in teaching a fitness, career, self esteem, Bible study or some other class that you feel would be helpful to women and children at WICC, please call Yazzmine at 554.2461.



Estate Planning



WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF MAKING A BEQUEST?

- You leave a lasting legacy to be remembered
- You lessen the burden of taxes on your family
- You may receive estate tax savings

HOW DO I MAKE A BEQUEST?

A bequest is one of the easiest gifts to make. With the help of an advisor, you can include language in your will or trust specifying a gift be made to the Albuquerque Rescue Mission as part of your estate plan.

WHAT ARE MY OPTIONS?

- A bequest can be made in several ways:
- You can gift a specific dollar amount or asset
- You can gift a percentage of your estate
- You can gift from the balance or residue of your estate
- You can make a beneficiary designation of certain assets

How do I get started?

Talk to your estate attorney or financial planner about including a gift to the Albuquerque Rescue Mission in your will.

Gifts from the Heart holiday toy drive

On December 16th, we will be hosting our annual Gifts From the Heart event. This is a celebration of the greatest gift ever given - Jesus. We celebrate by giving gifts to children who wouldn't be getting any gifts this Christmas.

The list below are items we are looking for. Please drop off your toys at either Don Chalmers Ford location (Rio Rancho and Coors/Sequoia), Fanning Orthodontics (8212 Louisiana NE, Suite A) or at our downtown location, 214 Coal SW.

WHAT IS NEEDED:

- Crayons and Markers
- Toys for girls ages 6-15 yrs.
- Children and Young Adult Books
- Toys for boys ages 6-15 yrs.
- Infant and Toddler Toys

Winter Shelter

Beginning November 15th, the Albuquerque Rescue Mission will begin a new season operating the Winter Shelter for the City of Albuquerque. Open until March 15th, the Winter Shelter provides a safe, warm place for men, women, and families to stay each night during the cold winter months at no cost.



Vans and buses operate up and down Central Avenue and other areas where homeless people congregate to pick up anyone who wants to go to the Winter Shelter. Free transportation is available until midnight every night.

For a full list of pick up locations for the Winter Shelter, please go to abqrescue.org.

Volunteer Opportunities

If you are interested in investing your time, talent, and energy into the life changing work we do, take a look at the opportunities below. If something jumps out at you, let us know at abqrescue.org/volunteer.

- **Dinner Service: M/W/F/Sat - 3:30 pm - 6:30 pm**
- **Women's Center of Hope: Worship, Bible Studies, Mentoring, Tutors**
- **Resource Center - Processing Donations of Clothing and Small Household Items, Guest Services**
- **Nourish (Food Box Program): 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm - Assemble and Distribute Food Boxes**
- **Women In Crisis Center: T/W/Th - Women's Clothing Room, Mentoring, Guest Services**
- **Christmas Gifts From the Heart: December 12th to 16th: Christmas Gift Assembly, Event Staff**
- **New Life Program for Men: Mentoring, Tutoring, Worship**



Turn That Extra Car, Truck or Boat Into A Changed Life



Easy and tax-deductible, Drive Generosity accepts everything from your Toyota Tacoma to your John Deere tractor. They take all vehicles with a title - even if it doesn't run. When you donate your vehicle to Drive Generosity, you help the work of the Albuquerque Rescue Mission.

Go to drivegenerosity.org or call 934.8000 for more info.



Tuesday, November 22nd from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm, the Albuquerque Rescue Mission will be hosting our annual Great Thanksgiving Feast. Everyone and anyone is invited to join us for a free fabulous, festive traditional Thanksgiving dinner with all the delicious trimmings, right down to the pumpkin pie! It will be a day of celebrating the goodness of God and giving thanks for His provision and blessing.

Spread the word! We will be having special music and ministry for this incredible event as well. Let everyone know!

GivingExpress

You can increase the impact of your giving when you sign up for our secure electronic giving, GivingExpress. GivingExpress saves you time and postage, and your gift arrives automatically each month, speeding your help to those who need it most. And because GivingExpress saves us time and money, more of your gift goes directly to showing God's love to more people.

- It's convenient, safe, and secure
- Use a credit card, debit/check card, or electronic funds transfer (EFT)
- Cancel or change your donation anytime

Sign up for GivingExpress at abqrescue.org.

A Message from Pastor John Hill

Dear Friends:

I am excited to announce a very big change coming to the Albuquerque Rescue Mission in 2017! The details of these changes will be revealed in the next few months. These changes are anchored in a renewed commitment to the Unchanging One, Jesus Christ, and to the Word of God. We are amazed at what the Holy Spirit is doing in our ministry and we are following His lead to be more effective in following the Great Commission of Christ to "Go out and train everyone you meet, far and near, in this way of life... instructing them in the practice of all I have commanded you..." (Matthew 28:19-20, The Message)

Something is definitely wrong in Albuquerque. All over the Duke City, both in the streets and in places we can't see, we are confronted with soul crushing poverty. We all know someone in our family or sphere of influence who is dealing with the destructive cycle of incarceration. Families are being torn apart by people who are blind in how they live - not seeing the devastating consequences of their behavior. And in true Breaking Bad form, New Mexico leads the nation in drug overdose deaths!



There is a light in the darkness. There is no darkness so deep that it can overcome the light. There is an answer and a hope. His name is Jesus! The Gospel Rescue Mission movement began over 100 years ago with a burning passion to "...preach the Message of good news to the poor...to announce pardon to prisoners and recovery of sight to the blind...to set the burdened and battered free, to announce, 'This is God's year to act!'" (Luke 4:18, The Message). As long as there are poor, imprisoned, blind, burdened and battered people needing freedom in Albuquerque, we will continue our work.

Albuquerque has changed since we opened our doors in 1954. Now we're changing so we can demonstrate God's unchanging, relentless, and unstoppable love to our beloved city in 2017 and beyond.

Sincerely,

Pastor John Hill

Pastor John Hill
President/CEO, Albuquerque Rescue Mission

WOMEN'S CENTER OF HOPE

We have openings for women over eighteen years of age who want a fresh start in their lives. The Women's Center of Hope has room for up to twenty-six women coming out of incarceration, addiction, and homelessness. The Women's Center of Hope is a structured 1 to 2 year residential program that focuses on spiritual issues, physical health, educational development, employment, addiction recovery, emotional healing, and relationship skills.

Go to abqrescue.org or call 346.4673.

NEW LIFE PROGRAM FOR MEN

Our men's New Life Program has expanded! We have room for up to seventy-two men. If you know of a man who wants to break free from the chains of addiction, homelessness, or the cycle of incarceration, now is the time to call 346.4673 or visit abqrescue.org for more info. Our one to two year residential programs are filling up quickly, so now is the time to take advantage of this free program - shelter, food, clothing, and programs are included. All participants need to bring is a desire for a new life.



“When you see broken beyond repair, we see healing beyond belief.”



“When you see too far gone, we see one step away from home.”

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