

No. 49 in a series.



{ *Who are the people you see every day?* }

# People We See

*in downtown Los Angeles.*



**Meet Steve.**

**AGE:** "I'm 46."  
**BIRTHPLACE:** "Los Angeles."  
**FAMILY:** "Eight brothers and three sisters."  
**PARENTS MARRIED OR DIVORCED?**  
 "Not married."  
**MILITARY SERVICE:** "No."  
**EDUCATION:**  
 "I made it to ninth grade, but then I went to jail. I was caught throwing bottles at the cops."  
**FAVORITE CHILDHOOD MEMORY:**  
 "I can't think of any, to be honest. Praise Jesus I don't remember much. Oh wait, I do remember my mom telling me that she hated me."  
**RELIGION:** "Jesus Christ."  
**WHERE DO YOU LIVE?**  
 "I stay in a housing project when I can."  
**DO YOU HAVE FRIENDS?**  
 "I had three friends die recently because of drugs."  
**FAVORITE PLACE IN LOS ANGELES:** "Broadway."  
**WHAT WAS THE LAST JOB YOU HAD?**  
 "I was a chicken worker in County Jail."  
**FAVORITE TV SHOW:** "*Laurel and Hardy*."  
**FAVORITE ACTRESS:** "Lucille Ball."  
**FAVORITE CANDY:** "Starbursts."  
**FAVORITE FOOD:** "I'll eat anything."  
**HIS STORY:**  
 "My downhill slide all started when I was 10. One of the teacher's aides at my school took me to a Dodger game and had me try some weed. After that I was hooked. My dad kept some weed in a shoebox. I used to steal from him. Then I started drinking, and from there I started on PCP. At 15 I was hooked on PCP. Then coke, crack and then heroin. To be honest, I simply started hanging around the wrong people when I was 10 or 11. I also hung around gangs, too. I hope tonight my mom will let me stay with her in the projects. I found Jesus and I'm now clean and sober."

*The Club gave Steve a toothbrush and toothpaste, soap, two pairs of socks, shampoo, hand wipes, some food, \$20 and bottled water.*

The interview took place April 13 at Fourth and Broadway downtown. Note: Due to an *Alive!* error, our May "People We See" placed the correct text with the incorrect photos. This month's, and next month's, entries will now be correct. We apologize for the error. — Ed.

*Photos by Angel Gomez and John Hawkins.*

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{ In this monthly feature, Club CEO John Hawkins, Director of Member Services Angel Gomez, introduce you to people you see every day, but you might not know who they are. The Club reminds you that we all have names and stories to tell. }