

It is easy to think of homelessness as the result of chemical abuse or alcohol. Although this may be the cause in some cases, there is a multiplicity of problems which result in homelessness. For low income families, there is inadequate housing within their financial means. Others are unable to access adequate transportation to and from jobs because their skills limit them to second and third shift minimal wage employment. People often say that individuals who have been incarcerated in state facilities are educated better than those who have not; rarely is this true and it is difficult to explain away such an absence from the work force in order to obtain employment. Some are victims of domestic violence trying to stay safe and make it one more day. Others have been compromised from birth with little programming or support to teach them daily life skills or training to allow them to be functional in today's complex world. As much as we hate to admit it, many are our veterans who have returned from combat and have been unable to adapt to civilian life after suffering from post traumatic stress disorder.

There is great truth in the saying "But for the grace of god, go I".

Success Story of the Center



An overjoyed Isaac M.M received his American citizenship on Friday, August 22. Volunteer Carroll Tarvin was on hand to witness the occasion and to take pictures of the event.

Isaac was born in Nairobi, Kenya to a family of 3 brothers and 2 sisters. A brother and a sister live in the US. Isaac came to the US 4 years ago to avoid the atrocities of his fatherland.

He has come to PPR to receive assistance with a job. He speaks 4 languages. He has a college degree in Economics. Due to his health problems and lack of citizenship, Isaac has had a difficult time in obtaining a job in his field of economics. His citizenship has removed one serious barrier. We will continue to assist him in his need for employment.

