

VoiceMail4All

Steve's Story

I got deported from the United States for not having the right paper work. The fact that I had paid my taxes for 16 years, had a child, was an active father, and had paid my child support counted for nothing.



When I arrived in London in July 2006, I needed some money. I went to sell some of the stocks that I owned. To my disbelief, the mother of my child had all three of my accounts frozen. Unknown to me, she had taken me to court, and because I was not allowed back in the country I could not show up. The judge therefore gave her everything she asked for. She moved into a really nice apartment, and I moved onto a park bench.

I had never been homeless before, and never saw it coming. I was determined to get a job and to get my life back. One of the problems I had was I did not have a phone. No job, no phone; no phone, no job. It was a vicious cycle I was stuck in, or that's the way it seemed, until I found The Passage.

The Passage has an IT room and one of the things they did for me was to prepare a CV with a VoiceMail4All number on it. The number has a local area code so it makes me look more stable. It wasn't long before employers started leaving messages for me, and soon I found a job. This in turn got me off the streets and into shared accommodation.

Another beauty about VoiceMail4All is I could stay in contact with my friends and family. I found the system really easy to access, as there is no shortage of pay phones in London. By going to a pay phone I could retrieve my messages for free, by punching in my personal pin code.

Thank you very much VoiceMail4All!