

Mission Messenger

December ministry update

We have been blessed and encouraged by your prayers and support throughout this year. We are thankful for the opportunity to complete multiple projects, provide daily care to those in need at the Mission, and expand the ministry of Camp Roberts.

Projects

Last year we completed two building projects at the Mission, and this year we addressed several needs at Camp Roberts. The new playground was one of our featured projects. We were also able to install new doors on the chapel and lodge buildings, new flooring in the chapel, and new picnic tables outside the lodge.

These projects are made possible by grants, legacy gifts, and designated funds. We are thankful for the Lord's blessings in allowing us to take care of maintenance and make improvements. We shared a booklet highlighting recent projects at this year's banquet, and extra copies are available for anyone interested.

Men's Ministry

This year our overnight shelter has been at-or-near capacity most of the time. There has been more frequent turnover, with a shorter length of stay. Recently, we have had more men move into our transitional housing, which provides an opportunity for those with a source of income to have more private living arrangements while saving for their own apartment. The number of those coming in for meals has been lower than years past, but also less predictable. There may be a

difference of 10-15 people from one night to the next, which can make it difficult to plan meals. We continue to look for volunteers who may be interested in joining us to provide or serve meals.

Camp Roberts

This summer we were able to hire additional staff for our camp program, which was a great help. Our after school program is currently taking place on Tuesdays, and this year we added a teen discipleship time on Mondays called Fireside Nights. We also have opportunities for families to get involved with a fall festival and Thanksgiving meal. We continue to look for opportunities to grow and reach others with the gospel through activities at Camp Roberts.

Finances

Last December, we shared about a significant shortfall. This year, we are pleased to report that we have been able to replenish our savings, mainly because of legacy gifts. Giving overall has increased this year. We are thankful for your continued support which provides stability for our ministry into the next year and years to come.

Looking ahead

We thank the Lord as we trust Him in our daily work. We look forward to the many opportunities we have been given to care for others as we focus on the message of the gospel. Thank you for joining us this year—you make it possible to reach others in need in our community every day.

Current needs

Donating items from our needs list is a great way to make a difference in the lives of the poor and homeless, and anyone can get involved by collecting these items. The best time to bring donations to the Mission is on weekdays from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. or Saturdays from 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Our current needs include:

- Deodorant
- Body wash
- Shampoo
- Shaving cream
- Twin blade disposable razors
- Cough drops
- Cold/flu medicine
- Pocket size facial tissue
- Hand lotion
- Lip balm
- Nail clipper sets
- Combs
- Mints
- Bleach
- Bags of sugar
- Canned beef and chicken
- #10 cans of baked beans, mixed vegetables, corn, green beans

You can find a complete and up-to-date list on our website at limamission.org/needs. Thank you for giving!

*"Glory to God in the highest,
 And on earth peace among men
 with whom He is pleased."*

—Luke 2:14

Memorials

The Lima Rescue Mission would like to thank everyone who recently contributed in memory of the following individuals:

Ronald Brown
Donna Brumbaugh
Harold Cobb
Thomas Moore

Van driver wanted

We are looking for a van driver for our Camp Roberts ministry one day each week during the school year, with potential opportunities to drive in the summer as well. Please contact us if you would like to learn more.

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Come, Thou long expected Jesus,
Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth thou art;
Dear desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.

Born Thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.

By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit,
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

—Charles Wesley



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Celebrating 119 years of ministry

On Friday, October 31, we gathered to celebrate 119 years of ministry. Thank you to everyone who attended this year's anniversary banquet! We enjoyed the music of Greater Vision, and were blessed by the time of fellowship. We saw a video highlighting the ministry of Camp Roberts, and heard a testimony from Mark about his time of volunteering at the Mission.

We appreciate all of the generous sponsors who made this year's banquet possible. The banquet provides an opportunity to thank our supporters, and is also a fundraiser for our daily ministry. We are thankful for all who gave so



generously this year. The banquet is also a great opportunity to introduce people to the work of the Mission, and we appreciate everyone who invited guests this year.

We are thankful for all supporters—those who started giving recently and others who are carrying on a family tradition of support over multiple generations. Your generosity ensures that Lima Rescue Mission will be equipped to care for those in need for years to come. Thank you for your role in this ministry, and for joining us in our commitment to uphold biblical truth, proclaim the gospel, and serve others in Jesus' name.

Year-end giving information

As we approach the end of 2025, we want to let you know about current opportunities for giving. When making certain types of gifts, we are occasionally asked for our EIN, which is 34-4474977. Lima Rescue Mission is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, and documentation is available on our website or by request.

Gifts of Stock

We can accept gifts of appreciated securities, and by donating directly to us instead of selling, you will avoid capital gains tax. If you are interested in donating stock, please contact us and we will provide the information needed to make a transfer to our account.

IRA Distributions

You might reduce your tax bill by making a qualified charitable distribution from your IRA to the Mission. This can satisfy the required minimum distribution while not resulting in taxable income. It's effectively another way to qualify for a charitable tax benefit, whether you itemize on your taxes or not.

Gift Timing

To ensure your gift is credited for 2025, please deliver to our office or mail by Wednesday, December 31. We encourage you to mail your gift as early as possible to allow time for processing. You may also donate via our website at give.limamission.org.

For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us;
And the government will rest on His shoulders;
And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

—Isaiah 9:6