

LIMA RESCUE MISSION

Mission Messenger

Annual ministry update

We are thankful for everyone who joined us in prayer and giving last year—your partnership has an impact! Because of you, we are able to provide care to the homeless regardless of what is going on in the world around us.

Services Provided

Here is an overview of statistics from 2022:

Meals provided: 12,460

Nights of shelter: 3,559

New guests: 108

Years in operation: 116

The number of meals and nights of shelter provided in 2022 were noticeably higher than 2021, while 2021 was a below-average year.

Your Support

Last year, we received many donated items that are used in our daily ministry—including food, personal care, and housekeep-

ing supplies. Financial support increased slightly last year, and your giving completely covered expenses for the year. We are thankful for the trust you have placed in our ministry, and we appreciate your faithfulness in helping us care for others.

Ongoing Commitment

People come to the Mission when they have nowhere else to turn. We look forward to opportunities to provide physical care—and more importantly—a message of hope to those who are facing despair.

Although we have been understaffed, we have continued providing services without interruption. Please pray that we will be able to fill open positions soon.

With your support, we remain committed to upholding biblical truth, proclaiming the gospel, and serving others in Jesus' name.

Ministry staffing and Camp Roberts plans

In addition to current openings at the Mission, we need to hire a full complement of staff for our summer day camp at Camp Roberts. We've been promoting these openings, but we need your help to reach even more people with this information. We are happy to provide printed materials including brochures and flyers summarizing current openings. You may also direct people to our website at limamission.org/ministry-team for a list of current openings, complete job descriptions, and an employment application.

Grant allows purchase of laundry equipment



A generous grant recently allowed us to purchase new washers and dryers to replace units that had reached the end of their useful life. These are used daily by residents and for housekeeping. We appreciate this gift!

The Impact of Legacy Gifts

Throughout Lima Rescue Mission's history, legacy gifts have provided significant support for our ministry to the homeless and less fortunate, ensuring that we are able to provide care to others well in to the future.

Lasting impact

Our Camp Roberts ministry to inner-city youth was started in 1975 through generous bequests. Over 40 years later, thousands of children have been introduced to God's Word because of those legacy gifts.

Projects and improvements

Legacy gifts have allowed us to complete major projects and improvements that would not have been possible otherwise.

Financial stability

Legacy gifts provide financial stability for daily ministry, especially during times when we are serving more people, or when there are unforeseen expenses.

Future investment

These gifts also allow us to save funds that may be used for future ministry growth.

We're thankful for friends who have made arrangements for a gift after their passing. There are several options for making a legacy gift, including a fixed amount or percentage listed in your will, a payable on death account, an IRA, life insurance policy, or other options. Your attorney or financial advisor will be able to help arrange the best option for you.

Thank you for considering a gift that will leave a legacy!

Memorials

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

Della Archer
Teresa Clement
Joanna Conrad
Scott Ellison
Vern Hover
Paul Kreher
William McLaughlin
Robert J. McPherson
Carina Mendez
Judy Mowery
Jean Page
Bonnie Poe-Eddingfield
Marvin Stephens
Harold Street
Thomas Truman

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

In the cross of Christ I glory,
towering o'er the wrecks of time;
all the light of sacred story
gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o'ertake me,
hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
never shall the cross forsake me;
Lo! it glows with peace and joy.

When the sun of bliss is beaming
light and love upon my way,
from the cross the radiance streaming
adds new brightness to the day.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
by the cross are sanctified;
peace is there that knows no measure,
joys that through all time abide.

—John Bowring



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Just a Thought

The work of Christ on the cross

I believe it is beneficial to frequently contemplate the cross and Christ's suffering on our behalf. The punishment for sin is not simply death and then going out of existence; sin and unbelief will be punished eternally. Those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus "will pay the penalty of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of His might" (2 Thess. 1:9).

This means that on the cross, Jesus absorbed the wrath of God—the eternal punishment for all sins ever committed by everyone who would ever believe in Him. Isaiah 53:10 says, "But Yahweh was pleased to crush Him, putting Him to grief", and "As a result of the anguish of His soul, He will see it and be satisfied; by His knowledge the Righteous One, My Servant, will justify the

many, as He will bear their iniquities" (v. 11).

It is impossible for us to fully comprehend the heavy burden that Jesus bore on the cross. But we know that His sacrifice was acceptable to God, and was sufficient and complete: "But He, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, sat down at the right hand of God" (Heb. 10:12).

After suffering on the cross, Jesus proclaimed, "It is finished!" (John 19:30); the penalty for sin was paid, redemption was accomplished. It is only through the cross that we can be reconciled to God, and we who believe in Him are assured of our salvation because of Jesus' finished work on the cross. The more we ponder all that Christ has done for us, the more we will be in awe of God and driven to worship Him.

—Aaron Ferguson

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 weekends from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Our current needs include several items for our food ministry:

- Bags of pasta and noodles
- Canned chicken and beef
- Large #10 cans of pork and beans, sauerkraut, pudding
- Disposable cutlery
- Napkins

Meal volunteer opportunity

Would your church, business, or family be interested in joining us to serve meals? This activity is ideal for a small group and is a great way to get involved in hands-on ministry to the homeless. We provide meals every day, and the time of serving and cleanup runs from 4:30–6:00 P.M. You can serve as a one-time activity or on a monthly basis. We are also looking for groups who are interested in providing meals! If you would like to get involved in this ministry, please contact Chuck at 567-242-5601, or email cferguson@limamission.org.

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