

Mission Messenger

Annual ministry update

Thank you to everyone who joined us in prayer and giving last year—your partnership makes a difference! Because of you, we are able to provide continued care to those in need.

Services Provided

Here is an overview of statistics from 2023:

Meals provided: 13,213

Nights of shelter: 3,498

New guests: 98

Years in operation: 117

The number of meals provided increased slightly last year. This is the second year of an increase after a sharp drop in 2021. The nights of shelter provided remains steady.

Your Support

Last year, we received many donated items that are used in our daily ministry—including food, personal care, and housekeeping supplies. There was a decrease in financial support for the first

time in several years, and unfortunately we finished the year with a deficit of around \$13,000. We know that many people may be facing increased expenses, and understand that charitable giving is often one of the first things to be trimmed. We appreciate your prayerful consideration of support for 2024.

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

When people come to the Mission, they are desperate and often destitute. For many, we are a last resort. We look forward to opportunities to provide physical care—and more importantly—a message of hope to those who are facing despair.

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

Camp Roberts ministry opportunities

We currently have multiple openings for paid ministry positions with our summer day camp at Camp Roberts. We've been promoting these openings, but we need your help to reach even more people. 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. Thank you for sharing this information!

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.

Our current needs include:

- Liquid laundry soap
- Bleach
- Canned chicken and beef
- Grocery bags

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 children was started in 1975 through generous bequests. Nearly 50 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:

Sally Brenneman
Jerome Hunter
Al Mackey
Helen Shenk
Donald Wita
Larry Zimmerly

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I Hear the Words of Love

I hear the words of love,
I gaze upon the blood,
I see the mighty sacrifice,
and I have peace with God.

'Tis everlasting peace,
sure as Jehovah's Name;
'tis stable as His steadfast throne,
forevermore the same.

The clouds may go and come,
and storms may sweep my sky,
this blood-sealed friendship changes not:
the cross is ever nigh.

My love is oft-times low;
my joy still ebbs and flows;
but peace with Him remains the same;
no change Jehovah knows.

I change, He changes not,
the Christ can never die;
His love, not mine, the resting place,
His truth, not mine, the tie.

—Horatius Bonar



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Light after Darkness

Now from the sixth hour darkness fell upon all the land until the ninth hour. —Matthew 27:45

The crucifixion of Jesus Christ was such a dark event that physical darkness was manifest upon the earth. This fact should cause us to consider the true source of this darkness—our sin. God is holy and demands perfection, yet we have all fallen short (Rom. 3:23). Sin separates us from God and must be dealt with. It is only through the cross that we can be reconciled to God, and we who believe in Jesus are assured of our salvation because of His finished work on the cross.

After Jesus' resurrection, the angel who appeared at the grave was seen to be "like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow" (Matt. 28:3). The light surrounding the resurrection gives us hope for salvation—sin, death, and darkness have been conquered through the sacrifice of Christ.

Jesus said that He came as a Light into the world, "so that everyone who believes in Me will not remain in darkness" (John 14:26). Paul declares that we have been rescued from the authority of darkness, and transferred "to the kingdom of the Son of His love" (Col 1:13), and that we were "formerly darkness, but now you are light in the Lord; walk as children of light" (Eph. 5:8).

Praise God that He loved us so much that He sent His son to take our place, bearing the penalty of sin that we deserved. The work has been done; it was finished upon the cross. Now we stand in awe as undeserving recipients of God's grace. Repent from your sin, and place your trust in Christ and His sufficient sacrifice for your salvation.

—Aaron Ferguson

Around the Mission

Recently, one of our daily classes went longer than usual as two men in attendance were asking a lot of questions. This gave our staff the opportunity to point them toward biblical truth regarding the topics being discussed. Many of the men we see either have very little understanding of theology or hold beliefs that do not align with Scripture. We are thankful for the opportunity to open God's word and share the truth especially to those who are eager to learn more.

The biblical classes and studies that take place throughout the week are another way that we go beyond physical care as we want to see lives being transformed, and we know that transformation only takes place through the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Prayer partners

We are grateful for those who take time to pray for our ministry. Here are some specific requests that you can remember as you pray:

- That the hearts of those we serve will be open to the truth as the gospel is proclaimed
- For the health and safety of staff, volunteers, and guests
- For continued provision for operating expenses

If you have a prayer request, please feel free to share it with us and our staff will be happy to pray for you.