

Mission Messenger

December ministry update

Recently a man stopped by with a donation and told us that he stayed at the Mission one night around 30 years ago. He recalled some of the struggles he was facing during that time including drug use and time in prison. He decided he didn't want anything to do with that lifestyle anymore, and with the help of someone he met while at the Mission he got clean and ended up working and is now retired. Even though he only stayed one night, he expressed gratitude that we

were here for him when he was in need. We're always happy to hear from people who were at the Mission in the past and to find out how they are doing and what has changed in their life over the years.

Mission Notes

The number of men coming in for supper has increased recently, and our overnight shelter has been at capacity most nights. We appreciate your prayers as we work to assist everyone in the best way possible.

Celebrating 117 years of ministry

On Friday, November 3, we gathered to celebrate 117 years of ministry. Thank you to everyone who attended this year's anniversary banquet! We enjoyed the music of LeFevre Quartet, and were blessed by our time of fellowship—it was encouraging to see so many of you again this year.

We appreciate all of the generous sponsors who made this year's banquet possible. In

addition to a time of fellowship, the banquet is a fundraiser for our daily ministry, and we are thankful for everyone who gave generously! Our banquet is also a great opportunity to introduce people to the work of the Mission, and we appreciate everyone who invited guests this year.



LeFevre Quartet at this year's banquet

Throughout our history, there have been many families who have supported us over multiple generations. We have heard from donors who started giving because their grandparents or parents gave and they know how much the ministry meant to them. We continue to hear from people who came to the Mission with their family or church to hold services when they were younger. We're thank-

ful for all the families who have supported Lima Rescue Mission over the years; this continuity has been a tremendous blessing.

We are thankful for all who have passed on the tradition of giving, ensuring that the ministry will be equipped to care for those in need for generations to come.

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

Our current needs include a variety of items to be used in our daily ministry:

- Bleach
- Rubbing alcohol (bottle or wipes)
- Cough drops
- Deodorant
- Shaving cream
- Body wash/3-in-1 soap
- White crew socks
- Facial tissue
- Paper towels
- Napkins
- #10 cans of corn, green beans, sauerkraut, pork and beans
- Hot sauce
- Canned chicken or beef

You can also find a complete and up-to-date list on our website at limamission.org under the "How to Help" menu. 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:

Eleanor Brown
Jo Howard
Jim and Margaret Schimmoeller
Kathryn Stepleton

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What Child is This?

What Child is this, who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems
sweet, while shepherds watch are
keeping?

Chorus

This, this is Christ, the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels
sing: haste, haste to bring Him laud,
the Babe, the Son of Mary!

Why lies He in such mean estate,
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading.

So bring Him incense, gold, and
myrrh, come, peasant, king to own
Him. The King of kings salvation
brings; let loving hearts enthrone Him.

—William C. Dix, 1865



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Rejoicing in salvation

By Aaron Ferguson

"But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people. For today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.'" Luke 2:10-11

Every year around this time, we frequently hear the admonition to remember the true meaning of Christmas. How is this meaning defined? Some will say that we celebrate the birth of Jesus, yet still miss how profound that miracle really was and how it affects all people not only today but for all eternity.

The birth of Immanuel—God with us—set in motion events that would secure our salvation. Though He lived a perfect life, Jesus bore the penalty of our sin, purchasing salvation for all who would repent and believe in Him. On the cross he crushed the head of the serpent, and on the third day He conquered death.

In Luke 2, we see a picture of rejoicing in the assurance of salvation. On the eighth day, Joseph and Mary took Jesus to the tem-

ple where they met a man named Simeon, who had received a revelation of the Spirit that he "would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Christ" (v. 26). Simeon took Jesus into his arms and said "my eyes have seen Your salvation" (v. 30), as Joseph and Mary marveled at all that was being said. He told Mary that "a sword will pierce your own soul as well" (v. 35), looking ahead to Jesus' death on the cross.

Anna also came up and began giving thanks to God, and continued to speak of Jesus to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem (v. 38).

Simeon and Anna believed, and rejoiced, that salvation had arrived. This immense blessing, completely undeserved by us, is worthy of our meditation and awe during the Christmas season.

Year-end giving information

Thank you to all who have generously supported the ministry of Lima Rescue Mission throughout this year. As we approach the end of 2023, 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 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 2023, please deliver to our office or mail by Friday, December 29. Because the 31st is a Sunday, 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.