

# LIMA RESCUE MISSION

# Mission Messenger

## Fall ministry update

We were recently able to provide help with a special need thanks to a gift from one of our donors. This summer, a man rode his bike all the way from Fort Wayne to Lima; he and his wife were living in a rough area which they wanted to leave. He was hoping to find work here and was able to get a job right away.

One requirement for his job was a pair of steel toe boots. As it turns out, a donor had given us a gift card to use for anyone who might need steel toe boots. We took him to the store and were able to purchase the boots he needed for work.

He has been staying at the Mission while continuing to work, with the goal of finding a place for he and his wife to move to. Sometimes a physical move can bring about needed change. We hope his time at the Mission will be a help as he and his wife transition to a new location.

### Mission Notes

The number of men coming in for meals is usually consistent with very small fluctuations, but recently there have been sudden spikes and later drops which can make it difficult to plan for meals. Thankfully we have had a good supply of donated food to help through those times. Our over-

night shelter has been at or near capacity recently.

### Camp Roberts Update

Unfortunately we were not able to hold camp this summer due to a lack of applicants for counselor positions. As we have mentioned previously, we used to have to turn down applicants because we had more than enough staff. We have increased recruiting efforts with no success. Early next year we would like to visit churches in person, if possible, and provide more information about our Camp Roberts ministry and opportunities to serve. We are not asking to share during a service, only to set up a small display and be available to discuss the camp ministry with those interested.

### Giving and Current Projects

We have seen a decrease in giving over the first half of this year. While we have been careful to manage expenses, some increases are unavoidable. We also have a couple of repair projects that must be completed. We appreciate everyone who has continued their support, and understand that some have to carefully manage their own expenses at this time. Thank you for your continued prayers and support for our staff and those we minister to every day.

## Weekend servers wanted

We are looking for small groups of anywhere from two to five people who would be interested in serving meals, especially on Saturdays and Sundays that have openings. This activity takes place from 4:30–6:00 P.M. and involves kitchen and dining room preparations, serving the meal, and cleanup. If you are interested in joining us or would like more information, please contact us.

## Banquet upcoming

We hope you'll make plans to join us as we celebrate 117 years of ministry! Our anniversary banquet featuring LeFevre Quartet is scheduled for Friday, November 3, 6:30 P.M. at UNOH Event Center.

Our banquet provides a time of fellowship with our supporters and is an opportunity to raise funds in support of our daily ministry. If you've never been to one of our banquets, we hope you'll consider attending this year! Be sure to invite friends, family, or co-workers, as this is a great opportunity to introduce them to the ministry of Lima Rescue Mission.

General admission tickets are free; an offering will be taken at the end of the evening. If you're interested in reserved seating, you can sponsor a table with a gift of \$300. Each table seats eight, and tables are assigned as sponsorships are received.

To request tickets or sponsor a table, visit our website at [limamission.org/banquet](http://limamission.org/banquet), respond by mail, or call 419-224-6961. Please request tickets as soon as possible; we cannot guarantee availability closer to the event. We look forward to seeing you soon!



LeFevre Quartet

## Memorials

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

Marlys Cuzzocrea  
Barbara Doty  
John Paul Hefner  
Lerry A. Miller  
Denton Sullivan  
Karen Lynn Winters

## The Mission

There's a call going out across the land in every nation, a call to all who swear allegiance to the cross of Christ.

A call to true humility, to live our lives responsibly, to deepen our devotion to the cross at any price.

Let us then be sober, moving only in the Spirit, as aliens and strangers in a hostile foreign land.

The message we're proclaiming is repentance and forgiveness, the offer of salvation to the dying race of man.

To love the Lord our God is the heartbeat of our mission, the spring from which our service overflows.

Across the street or around the world, the mission's still the same, proclaim and live the truth in Jesus' name.

—Lyrics from "The Mission" sung by Steve Green, 1989



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## Sheep without a shepherd

By Aaron Ferguson

If you have read any number of written materials that we have shared over the years, you'll know that we frequently discuss physical and spiritual care. This is not a marketing phrase or a passing fad. These are, in effect, the core tenets of our ministry—the example for which we find in Jesus' earthly ministry.

Mark says that when Jesus saw a large crowd, "He felt compassion for them because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and He began to teach them many things" (6:34). Matthew also refers to crowds that were "distressed and downcast" (9:36). Sadly, these people were lost and hopeless without the truth, and Jesus was concerned about their spiritual condition. Their physical needs were not ignored, though, as Mark records Jesus' miraculous feeding of the 5,000 after His time of teaching, and Matthew and Luke note that He healed those who were sick.

The compassion that Jesus had for both the spiritual and physical needs of this crowd is an accurate picture of His ministry. Of course, the Gospels are full of similar accounts. Matthew twice summarizes that Jesus was preaching the gospel of the kingdom and healing every kind of disease and sickness as he went through cities and villages (4:23; 9:35).

## 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 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

The many miracles that Jesus performed—healing the sick, giving sight to the blind, feeding the crowds—had a distinct purpose. When Jesus told the paralytic, "Your sins are forgiven" (Matt. 9:2), the scribes accused Him of blasphemy. Jesus responded, "For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up and walk'? But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—then He said to the paralytic, "Get up, pick up your bed and go home" (vv. 5-6).

Clearly, these physical acts point to a greater truth—salvation through Jesus Christ. Those healed by Jesus didn't become immortal, and the crowds He fed would hunger again. In fact, when those very crowds were following Him, Jesus told them the reason they were seeking Him was "because you ate of the loaves and were filled" (John 6:26). But Jesus warns them not to work for the food which perishes, but that which endures to eternal life (v. 27) and that, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me will never hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst" (v. 35).

As Jesus points to Himself as the source of eternal life, so too must we point to Him as we care for the needs of others, proclaiming repentance for the forgiveness of sins in His name.

Our current needs include:

- Bleach
- Instant coffee
- Large #10 cans of corn, green beans, peas, pork and beans, sauerkraut
- Sugar
- Napkins, paper towels