

Mission Messenger

December ministry update

As a gospel-centered ministry, proclaiming the good news of Jesus Christ is our priority. Caring for others is the result and evidence of what we believe. In our ministry, physical and spiritual care are inextricable.

Physical Care

Throughout this year, we have had a regular supply of food donated by local restaurants. We appreciate these donations which have enabled us to prepare a variety of meals.

We continue to provide over-

night shelter and transitional housing, and we have seen a small increase in our overnight shelter numbers recently.

Spiritual Care

We have heard multiple testimonies this year of men who were saved while attending gospel services in our chapel. Those who turn to us are usually carrying a heavy burden—but here they learn of salvation through Jesus Christ, and that He will give them rest. Thank you for remembering these men in prayer.

Celebrating 115 years of ministry

Thank you to everyone who attended this year's anniversary banquet. We were blessed by the music of Soul'd Out, and we were thankful to hear stories of how God is working in the lives of men at the Mission.

Thank you to our presenting sponsors: Jicha Chiropractic, Thermal-Gard Window & Door, Tom Ahl Family of Dealerships, and all sponsors who made this event possible.

We received a lot of comments about how much people enjoyed the fellowship. It is truly refreshing to spend time with fellow believers and supporters of the Mission. 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!

There were a number of people in attendance who were invited by others—we appreciate those who invited guests and we encourage others to do the same! Our

banquet is a great opportunity to introduce people to the work of the Mission.

In our 115 years of ministry, there have been many families who have remained involved through 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've also heard from older adults who recall coming to the Mission with their family or church to hold services when they were younger.

We're thankful for all the families who have supported Lima Rescue Mission over the years; this type of continuity has been a tremendous blessing.

If you are the first in your family to support the Mission, we hope you will pass 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 weekends 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
- Laundry soap
- Rubbing alcohol
- Hydrogen peroxide
- Cold medicine
- Q-tips
- Body wash
- Insulated/waterproof gloves
- Crew socks (white)
- Twin sheet sets (white)
- Crossword puzzle and word search books
- Mechanical pencils

A complete and up-to-date list can be found on our website at www.limamission.org under the menu item "How to Help". The list on our website includes a link to our charity list on Amazon where you can order items and have them shipped directly to us.

*"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:

Gary Brenneman
 Claude N. Courtney
 Roger Courtney
 Linda Fast
 Michael Jenkins
 James E. Roeth, Jr.

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Silent Night, Holy Night

Silent night, holy night!
 All is calm, all is bright
 Round yon virgin mother and Child!
 Holy Infant, so tender and mild,
 Sleep in heavenly peace,
 Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night!
 Shepherds quake at the sight.
 Glories stream from heaven afar,
 Heav'nly hosts sing: Alleluia!
 Christ the Savior is born,
 Christ the Savior is born!

Silent night, holy night!
 Son of God, love's pure light
 Radiant beams from Thy holy face
 With the dawn of redeeming grace,
 Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth,
 Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.



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Year-end giving information

We are so thankful for everyone who has generously supported the ministry of Lima Rescue Mission throughout this year. As we approach the end of 2021, we want to let you know about current opportunities for giving, including the most recent tax updates.

Charitable Contributions

For taxpayers who normally take the standard deduction, there is a provision to claim a limited deduction for cash contributions to charitable organizations for the 2021 tax year. You can deduct up to \$300 contributed during 2021, or \$600 if you are married filing a joint return.

If you itemize deductions, there is a notable change this year. For gifts in 2021, you can generally elect to claim a charitable deduction for cash donations up to 100 percent of your adjusted gross income. Consult your tax advisor for more information. You may also search for the IRS Tax Tip

entitled, "Expanded tax benefits help individuals and businesses give to charity in 2021".

Lima Rescue Mission is recognized by the IRS as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization.

IRA Distributions

You might reduce your tax bill by making a distribution from your IRA to the Mission. This can satisfy the required annual minimum distribution for taxpayers age 72 or older, 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 2021, please mail or deliver to our office no later than Friday, December 31. If mailing a gift, please send as early as possible to allow time for processing. You may also donate via our website at give.limamission.org.

Thank you again for your support this year!

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
- That those who are saved will be encouraged and strengthened as they grow in Christ
- 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.

Leaving a Legacy

We're thankful for friends who have made arrangements for a gift after their passing. Legacy gifts help provide financial stability and allow for ministry expansion and special projects.

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!