

# LIMA RESCUE MISSION

# Mission Messenger

## Fall ministry update

Our overnight shelter continues to be at or near capacity, and recently the number coming in for meals has increased slightly.

Many men are actively working, and some have moved on to find their own apartments or into our on-site transitional housing.

Although small, the rooms we have available offer more privacy and flexibility. These are meant for someone who has at least a small source of income, and we

## Join our ministry team

We currently have multiple openings for paid ministry positions. These include:

- Service Coordinator
- Maintenance Technician
- Cook
- Children's Ministry Coordinator

We see all opportunities not as jobs, but as ministry. When you join our ministry team, you are making a lasting investment in the lives of people in need—your interaction with others may have an eternal impact! Although there

## Will you share?

Our supporters have the opportunity to help further our ministry by sharing what we do with others. Many have started donating after finding out about the Mission from someone they know. Every time you tell someone about the Mission and encourage them to consider giving can have a significant and lasting impact on our ministry.

There are several ways to tell others about what we do. You may consider sharing this newsletter—we would be happy to provide additional copies. Our website at [www.limamission.org](http://www.limamission.org) has more detailed information about our history, finances, and what we do every day. We have videos available that share the story of our ministry, and we can also provide a brochure and other literature to share. Thank you for telling others about Lima Rescue Mission!

charge a small fee to help with upkeep. This offers a good option for someone who is starting a job and may not have enough money for their own apartment. One man recently told us that he was unable to locate an affordable apartment, so one of the rooms we offer was helpful in his situation.

We appreciate your continued prayers and support of our daily ministry!

may be challenges, the work you do is vital. We have been contacted many times over the years by people who tell us how the Mission helped them in a time of crisis. By committing to this ministry, you are answering God's call to proclaim the gospel.

Please visit our website at [limamission.org/ministry-team](http://limamission.org/ministry-team) for complete job descriptions and an employment application, or contact us to have this information mailed to you.

## Banquet upcoming

We hope you'll make plans to join us as we celebrate 116 years of ministry! Our anniversary banquet featuring Redeemed Quartet is scheduled for Friday, November 11, 6:30 P.M. at the Civic Center in Downtown Lima.

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 \$250. Each table seats eight.

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!



*Redeemed Quartet*

## Memorials

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

Richard E. Amstutz  
 Doug Davis  
 Larry Knick  
 Dennis Mault  
 John Moorman  
 Bernard Murray, Jr.  
 Charlotte Prater  
 Virginia Rutter  
 Daniel J. Smith

## 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
- Cereal
- Quick oats, grits
- Tea or lemonade drink mix
- Disposable cutlery
- Foam cups (12 oz.)
- Napkins
- Grocery bags

You can also find a list on our website at [limamission.org](http://limamission.org). Thank you for giving!



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## The narrow gate

By Aaron Ferguson

"Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it. For the gate is narrow and the way is constricted that leads to life, and there are few who find it." —Matthew 7:13-14

Looking around today, it's easy to see that there are in fact many people who are on the broad path to destruction—those who are going their own way, living in flagrant sin, having rejected the gospel of Jesus Christ. But what about the narrow gate? Who are the few that will find it, and are we among those few?

Jesus' further words should give us pause. He says, "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven" (7:21a), and "I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness'" (7:23). In verse 22, we read that many will claim service in the Lord's name as a reason to be welcomed into the kingdom of heaven. It's clear that they did not have a saving faith, but believed their good works would be sufficient for salvation. Good works are a result of—not the cause of—salvation. (See Eph. 2:8-10, James 1:22-25, 2:26.)

The fact that there are many who are on the broad path to destruction, and that some of those truly believe they are saved, tells us that these individuals are among us today—perhaps closer than we may think. How, then, can we ensure that we enter through the narrow gate?

There is only one way—Jesus Christ (John 14:6). We must first acknowledge that we are sinners

deserving of God's wrath; we have a godly sorrow over our sins. We understand that salvation is by grace through faith in Jesus Christ—not of ourselves. This gift is gracious because we are completely undeserving. We acknowledge that the penalty for our sins has been paid in full by Christ's perfect sacrifice on the cross. We repent, turning from our sins, placing our faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

Not only is God's grace a gift, but faith as well. This is not merely a speculative faith. Saving faith causes a total change in our character resulting in a complete commitment to and reliance upon God.

One who has entered through the narrow gate is marked by repentance, submission to Christ as Lord, and a willingness to obey His Word. Those who do the will of the Father will enter heaven (Matt. 7:21b). If you are in doubt—pray! Ask God to open your eyes to the truth and to grant you faith and repentance unto salvation.

Enter through the narrow gate. Repent and believe in Jesus Christ! Take up your cross and follow Him.

"He who believes in the Son has eternal life; but he who does not obey the Son will not see life, but the wrath of God abides on him." —John 3:36

## Open Our Eyes, Lord

May that good Spirit of Jesus Christ open the eyes of our minds, that we may see and approve things that are excellent. May He persuade our hearts to receive the truth in the love of it, and direct our steps to walk in the paths of mercy and truth, that we may be saved. Amen.

—William Ames (1576-1633)