

Overnight shelter trend continues

Throughout last year, we saw an increase in those turning to us for shelter. By the end of the year, we had provided more nights of shelter than any other year in recent history. As we progress through 2017, our overnight dorm continues to be full more often than not, and we've had a steady flow of people turning to us for help for the first time.



7,482 nights of shelter were provided in 2016

What we're doing

Despite more people than usual, our staff continues to spend time with each individual, getting to know them better and to learn what has led them to seek help at the Mission. We evaluate needs, determine the best ways to help, and provide connection with other services as needed.

We strive to provide a safe and secure environment which promotes healing and recovery. We provide services with the understanding that we expect to see individuals making positive changes, setting achievable goals and working toward becoming independent, and we provide support, guidance and encouragement as they do so.

Christmas giving

Thank you to everyone who gave items from our needs list this past Christmas! Our shelves are stocked and we have an ample supply of clothing and personal care items to distribute as part of our daily ministry. Several years ago, it was a challenge to keep a supply of these items on hand. More recently, we've received so much that we have a dedicated storage area for personal care items. We are blessed by your support and thankful for your care for others!

How you can help

We appreciate your concern and your faithful support. Your financial gifts are a blessing as we see increased expenses with an increase in the number of people served. Your prayers are an encouragement to our staff as we work to effectively reach and care for everyone who turns to us in a time of crisis. Please pray that the hearts of the men who come to us will be open to the message of God's love for them.

2016 Statistics

Last year, we provided 17,621 meals, 7,482 nights of shelter, and had 171 men come to us for help for the first time. Throughout the year, we held daily chapel services, Bible studies, and classes covering a variety of topics. In addition, our Camp Roberts ministry reached 180 children during the summer months.

We saw an increase in financial support last year, which is a blessing as we continue to help more people. Thank you for giving generously! Your gift reaches out to others in their time of need.

Video available

A video showing the ministry of Lima Rescue Mission is now available. The complete video is just over 11 minutes, and a 2 minute summary version is also available. The videos can be viewed online at limamission.org/video. We can also provide the video for your church or group to show.

Website updates

We've recently made several updates to our website, including adding resources to share more information about homelessness, what we do to help others, and our approach to ministry.

We often receive requests from students writing papers about homelessness and poverty, and anyone researching this topic should find the "About Homelessness" page helpful. It contains statistics, links to annual snapshot surveys, information about a recent study on the faith-based response to homelessness, and a section of frequently asked questions.

Other information available on our website includes details about what we do, financial information, a list of our staff and board members, how to help, links to our latest publications, ability to watch videos about the ministry, and more.

If you know someone who is interested in learning more about the ministry of Lima Rescue Mission, our website is a great resource to share with them.

Stay connected online:
www.limamission.org

Memorials

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

- Jerry Churchill
- C. Louise Clapper
- Vincent DeVita
- Martha Fast
- Michael Gasser
- Lenore Gratz
- Bud and Dorothy Honigford
- Mary Jackson
- Tom McNeff
- Allison Neuenschwander
- Harriet Park
- James E. Wiechart
- Marilyn Wren

Legacy giving

We're thankful for friends who have made arrangements for a gift after their passing. These 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 will be able to help arrange the best option for you.

Looking ahead

Our 111th Anniversary Banquet is scheduled for Friday, October 27th. We are looking forward to this event and hope to see you there! More information will be available in the coming months.



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*Remembering donors who have cared for the needs of others
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Easter message every day

Sharing God's love with others is our core ministry, and Easter is a time to reflect on God's saving love (1 John 4:9-10).

As Jesus ministered during his time on earth, he clashed with the religious leaders of the day. Steeped in tradition, they were offended by his teachings and appalled by the people he associated with.

The chief priests and the scribes became so consumed with stopping Jesus that they "sought how they might take him and put him to death."

Although they may have thought everything went according to plan, and they were finally rid of this man — Easter came and what

seemed to be the end was actually a beginning. The grave was empty! Jesus had taken up his life again, just as He said He would. "No one has taken it (life) away from Me, but I lay it down on My own initiative. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to take it up again." (John 10:18)

The empty grave was the beginning of the Gospel message "... that Christ died for our sins...that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day..." — a message for all people of all ages in all the world. For everyone who believes this message, it is the beginning of a new life. This is the message we share every day.