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Our source of funding and why it matters

Most supporters are aware that we do not receive government subsidies, or any funding that would restrict our ministry. For our entire 111-year history, we have been blessed with support from people who care about the needs of others and want to provide meaningful help in a time of crisis.

Financial support from friends of the Mission allows us to carry on a ministry that aligns with our purpose, vision and values. We're thankful for all who share and support what we believe. We want to assure you that we'll never compromise our beliefs in the name of funding, or accept any gifts that would restrict our ability to freely carry out ministry.

While funding is critical to continued operation, we are not motivated by money. There are no specific thresholds to cross or numbers to achieve, as some organizations may face with funding that has many strings attached. Relying on such sources of funding can lead to an emphasis on meeting certain numbers instead of meeting individual needs. Some organizations also face loss of

funding altogether if it is deemed that they have helped others too little, or too much.

We're able to keep our focus on specific needs and circumstances, which vary for everyone, and provide better individual care. There are many opportunities to make positive life changes.

We believe — and we have seen — that the gospel of Jesus Christ changes lives. That truth is what motivates us every day. We know that we are sharing a message that so many need to hear.

From our beginning in 1906 to the present, we have operated entirely on faith in God to supply every need. Physical and spiritual care is provided to the poor and homeless every day because of the faithful support of ministry partners.

You are making a difference beyond what you may ever know! Lives are being changed, and those who experience true change are able to be a positive example to others — the impact of your giving can reach far beyond the Mission's walls.

Thank you so much for your part in this ministry and for sharing God's love with people in need!

*But my God shall
supply all your need
according to his riches
in glory by Christ Jesus.*

PHILIPPIANS 4:19

Toiletry bag blessing

Thank you to everyone who helped fill toiletry bags to give away on Christmas! The bags contained personal care items such as deodorant, razors, tissues, hand sanitizer, and more. Enough bags were made to give to new guests throughout this year.



Meet our board

The Mission is governed by a Board of Trustees made up of dedicated Christian leaders who are committed to furthering ministry to the homeless and less fortunate in our community. The board is responsible for policy setting, fiscal management, spiritual direction and general oversight.

In addition to oversight, the board provides valuable guidance. They review ministry reports, financial information and budgets and help determine the direction of programs and services. They are donors, volunteers, and community ambassadors. Their dedicated service allows the Mission to carry on a Christian ministry that addresses important needs in the community.

We appreciate our board and their leadership! If you see any of our board members, please take a moment to thank them for their service.

2018 Board of Trustees

Bruce Rodden, President
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Employment openings

We are currently seeking individuals for various part-time positions at Camp Roberts this summer. Visit www.limamission.org/employment to view current openings and position descriptions.

Memorials

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

Durbin Ward Brown
 Dr. John L. Carroll
 Donna Christman
 Francis John Guagenti, Sr.
 Waneta Keller
 Joe Leatherman
 Prudence Long
 Eugene McCall
 Merlin "Moe" Steveley

Legacy giving

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!

Looking ahead

Our 112th Anniversary Banquet is currently scheduled for Friday, November 9th. The event has been moved to a later date this year due to scheduling conflicts. More event information will be available in future newsletters.



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2017 Statistics and summary

Last year, we saw a 13 percent decrease in nights of shelter provided, dropping to more average levels. 2016 was well above average, and had the highest number of shelter nights provided in the past ten years. The number of meals served was roughly the same as the previous year.

In 2017, we provided 17,538 meals, 6,517 nights of lodging in our overnight shelter, and saw 152 men turn to us for the first time.

Activities throughout the year included discipleship, Bible studies, classes on a variety of topics, and chapel services conducted by staff and volunteers. Clothing and personal care items were distributed daily. We were joined by many volunteers, some individually and others in groups, who were involved in serving and preparing meals.

We're thankful for everyone who joined us to help reach others in 2017!

Automatic giving offers convenient option

In recent years, the number of gifts by check has decreased as donors choose alternate ways to give. One such option for those who give regularly is automatic monthly giving.

How does it work?

- You let us know how you want to give, the amount of your gift and what day it should be transferred
- Your gift is transferred automatically each month
- Your gift is entered in our records and we will still mail a receipt unless you specify otherwise
- You can contact us to change or cancel your automatic gift

If you're already signed up for automatic giving, or give regularly through other methods, thank you for your commitment! If you think you'd be interested in automatic monthly giving, please check the box on the response form enclosed with this newsletter and we'll send a sign-up form. Automatic gifts can be made with a credit card or checking account.

You can also set up a recurring monthly gift online at <http://donate.limamission.org> by choosing an amount, selecting "Recurring Donation" and completing the form.

News and notes

▪ Preparations are underway for this summer's ministry at Camp Roberts. The camp provides a safe haven for children who are facing difficulty. It's a place where they can have fun, learn about God's Word, and spend time in a safe and caring environment. Please keep this important ministry in your prayers as activity increases in the coming months! If you'd like to make a donation toward Camp Roberts now, you can note your designation on a gift form, or donate online at LRMission.org/CampDonate2018.

▪ If you are interested in seeing the ministry of Lima Rescue Mission in person, we offer tours of our facility to groups or individuals. We can provide a video presentation and a question and answer session with our Executive Director as well. Our staff is also available to make a presentation at your event. Please contact us to make arrangements.