

Mission Messenger

Annual ministry update

Thank you to everyone who joined us in prayer and giving last year—we know that we are not alone in this ministry; your partnership allows the Mission to provide care to the homeless regardless of what is going on in the world around us.

Services Provided

Here is an overview of statistics from 2021:

Meals provided: 8,978

Nights of shelter: 3,052

New guests: 118

Years in operation: 115

The number of meals and nights of shelter provided were both lower last year. For the first time in recent history, the number of meals served dropped below 10,000. There has been a slight increase in people turning to us for meals and shelter in the first part of 2022.

Your Support

Last year, we received many donated items that are used in our daily ministry—so many that stor-

age areas are overflowing. Everything from personal care items, to food, to blankets and pillows were donated throughout the year. We are well-stocked and appreciate the generous giving.

Financial support also increased last year, and your giving completely covered expenses for the year. In December, we set a fundraising goal of \$100,000, which was exceeded with a total of \$125,250 given during the month. We are thankful for the trust you have placed in our ministry, and we appreciate your faithfulness in caring for others.

Ongoing Commitment

People come to the Mission when they have nowhere else to turn. We look forward to opportunities to provide physical care—and more importantly—a message of hope to those who are facing despair.

With your support, we remain committed to upholding Biblical truth, proclaiming the gospel, and serving others in Jesus' name.

In Memory of Marty Binion

Marty Binion, our coworker and brother in the Lord, was called home to Heaven on December 8, 2021. Marty served in the role of service coordinator since May 2020. We are so thankful for Marty's time of ministry here at the Mission. He served faithfully and willingly no matter the task. He had a passion for the gospel and for reaching the lost. He spent time investing in the lives of those we serve, and his ministry will have a lasting impact.

"Therefore we do not lose heart, but though our outer man is decaying, yet our inner man is being renewed day by day. For our momentary, light affliction is working out for us an eternal weight of glory far beyond all comparison, while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal."

—2 Corinthians 4:16–18

The Impact of Legacy Gifts

Throughout Lima Rescue Mission's history, legacy gifts have provided significant support for our ministry to the homeless and less fortunate, ensuring that we are able to provide care to others well in to the future.

Lasting impact

Our Camp Roberts ministry to inner-city youth was started in 1975 through generous bequests. Over 40 years later, thousands of children have been introduced to God's Word because of those legacy gifts.

Projects and improvements

Legacy gifts have allowed us to complete major projects and improvements that would not have been possible otherwise.

Financial stability

Legacy gifts provide financial stability for daily ministry, especially during times when we are serving more people, or when there are unforeseen expenses.

Future investment

These gifts also allow us to save funds that may be used for future ministry growth.

We're thankful for friends who have made arrangements for a gift after their passing. 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!

Memorials

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

- Marty Binion
- Gloria Bowers
- Charles Broecker
- Armando Cilli
- Dale Davis
- Paul E. Diller
- Earl Lee Fast
- James Forte
- Mary Lou Geier
- LaVern Hover
- Thomas Howell
- Christina Kesler
- Katie McGraw
- Charles E. Ray, Sr.
- Jean Tomlinson
- Delores Truman

I Will Sing of My Redeemer

I will sing of my Redeemer
and His wondrous love to me;
on the cruel cross He suffered,
from the curse to set me free.

Refrain

Sing, O sing of my Redeemer!
With His blood He purchased me;
on the cross He sealed my pardon,
paid the debt, and made me free.

I will praise my dear Redeemer;
His triumphant power I'll tell,
how the victory He giveth
over sin and death and hell.

I will sing of my Redeemer
and His heavenly love for me;
He from death to life has brought me,
Son of God, with Him to be.

—Philip P. Bliss



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Around the Mission

A man recently stayed in our overnight shelter while working and saving money for an apartment. When he came back to collect his belongings, he said he was happy to have his own place. This is a great example of how temporary shelter can help people make a transition into more permanent housing.

We would like to welcome Jacob Fenters to our ministry staff. He is serving in the position of service coordinator and will help with

many of the daily chores around the Mission. He will also coordinate services such as providing meals and shelter, and hold Bible studies and classes.

Although our food shelves are mostly full, there are some items that are still needed, including large cans of baked beans, peas, mixed vegetables, sauerkraut, and canned chicken. Thank you for supporting our meal ministry as we continue to feed others every day of the year.

Camp Roberts activities planned

We are looking forward to a summer of ministry at Camp Roberts, but we need your help! Last year, we were unable to hold camp because of a lack of applicants for open positions.

We have created a brochure to highlight the ministry and opportunities to serve which we will be sharing with churches soon. We're also asking for your help to make others aware of opportunities to join our children's ministry team and have an impact at Camp Roberts this summer.

Paid Opportunities

Positions include Children's Ministry Coordinator/Camp Director, and Counselor. We want the children who attend camp to have a personal experience, and our goal is to hire one counselor per five children.

Volunteer Opportunities

Current opportunities include Van Driver and Cook. We ask that van drivers commit to at least one full week (Monday-

Friday). This includes morning and afternoon transportation. No CDL is required, but you must have a driving record that is acceptable to our insurance provider.

The position of cook can be filled by one person, but is also a good opportunity for church groups. Perhaps your church would consider "adopting" a week of camp by serving lunch.

All applicants, whether paid or volunteer, must complete a background check with no offenses that would prohibit working with children.

Anyone who is interested may visit our website at www.limamission.org/employment for position descriptions and an employment application. Those interested in volunteering can find information on our website under the "How to Help" menu. We can also mail information upon request. Thank you for sharing this with those who may be interested!

Gifts of stock

Have you considered a gift of appreciated securities to the Mission? When you donate stock directly, you will not have to pay capital gains tax. If you are interested in donating stock, please contact us for information about making a transfer to our account. You may also contact Edward Jones financial advisor Jeff Lee at 419-222-4517.