

# Mission Messenger

## Summer ministry update

This year, our overnight shelter has routinely been at or near capacity, while the number coming in for meals remains below normal.

We have seen an increase in men dealing with drug addiction and mental illness. Our staff evaluates every case and may refer individuals to outside rehabilitation. Sadly, there are some who would rather be without a place to stay than receive help getting clean. We appreciate your continued prayers as we address these issues.

### Testimonies

Jacob Fenters, the newest member of our staff, has shared some encouraging updates about a couple of the men he has been working with.

"D" has been coming to Bible studies regularly, and has asked many great questions during class time. You can see how curious he is about Christ and that he wants to know more about Jesus. He is also one of the last men to leave the chapel after evening sermons; he usually stays to talk with whoever was preaching.

"H" has been with us for awhile now, first in our overnight shelter and now in one of our private rooms. You can tell that he is greatly seeking the Lord. He comes up to our staff frequently asking questions about the Bible. He has been doing his own research and digging into the Word himself. He is constantly asking about a new portion of scripture that he just read. I believe Jesus is working in tremendous ways in

his life, and it is a blessing to see him grow in his faith.

### Funding

Like everyone else, we are experiencing increased expenses this year. Unfortunately, we have also seen a decrease in giving. We appreciate your continued support as you are able to give.

### Camp Roberts

We were proceeding with plans to hold summer day camp this year, but there was only one applicant for open jobs. Because we lacked enough applicants last year, we took extra steps to promote job opportunities at Camp Roberts this year. In fact, we began promoting employment opportunities for this summer at Camp Roberts in September 2021. Some of the steps we have taken include:

- Created a special brochure to promote Camp Roberts and describe ministry opportunities; approximately 600 were distributed.
- Contacted churches to request assistance in promoting opportunities.
- Shared in multiple newsletters, on our website, email updates, and social media posts.
- Although we have a limited budget, all jobs pay above minimum wage.

The lack of interest in serving at Camp Roberts is discouraging, but we plan to pursue holding camp again next summer. Please pray that we will be joined by people who have a heart for serving others.

## 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
- Instant coffee
- Single serve condiments, including salt and pepper, mustard, sugar/sweetener, coffee creamer
- Tea or lemonade drink mix

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

## Banquet scheduled

Our 116th Anniversary Banquet is scheduled for Friday, November 11, 2022, with Redeemed Quartet. We hope to see you there!

As soon as one banquet has ended, we begin scheduling for the next year. Our goal is to hold the event as close to our November 1 anniversary as possible. This year, available dates were more limited than usual.

More information will be available in the coming months. You can visit our website at [limamission.org/banquet](http://limamission.org/banquet) to sign up for banquet email updates and be notified as soon as tickets are available.

## Memorials

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

Chester Good  
Jeanette Gossard  
Alyce Kae Harman  
Wally Kincaid  
Mike Lieb  
Mary Rotroff  
Warren Stemen  
Carolyn Wilcox

## O Christ, Our Hope, Our Heart's Desire

O Christ, our hope, our heart's desire,  
redemption's only spring,  
Creator of the world art Thou,  
its Savior and its King.

How vast the mercy and the love  
which laid our sins on Thee,  
and led Thee to a cruel death,  
to set Thy people free.

But now the bands of death are burst,  
the ransom has been paid;  
and Thou art on Thy Father's throne,  
in glorious robes arrayed.

O Christ, be Thou our lasting joy,  
our ever great reward;  
Our only glory may it be  
to glory in the Lord!

—Translated by John Chandler, 1837

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## A Biblical worldview

Last year, we made a point of emphasizing our commitment to ministry: to uphold Biblical truth, proclaim the gospel, and serve others in Jesus' name. Now, I want to share about a Biblical worldview, why we hold to such a view completely, and why there is no other option for a Christian.

This is important for a couple of reasons. First, with the work that we do, there are many (and often changing) secular views on how to address issues of homelessness and addiction. Time does not permit analyzing all of those—and their frequent failures to address core issues.

Our emphasis is on the gospel message. We know that for a man to truly change, he must be transformed—something that is only possible through saving faith in Jesus Christ.

Second, a number of well-known Christians have continued to espouse worldly views, attempting to integrate them with sound beliefs. This results in dangerous false teaching.

Much can be said about this topic, but I want to briefly share several reasons why it is important that Christians have an exclusively Biblical worldview.

- The world loves darkness and hates the truth (John 3:19-21).
- We are not of the world; therefore the world hates us (John 15:19).
- God has made foolish the wis-

dom of the world (1 Cor 1:20).

- We should not be unequally yoked with unbelievers; light has no fellowship with darkness (2 Cor 6:14-16).
- Godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation; the sorrow of the world brings about death (2 Cor 7:10).
- We should not be bound by man-made systems of works (Gal 4:3, Col 2:8, 20).
- We are to keep ourselves unstained by the world (James 1:27).
- Those who seek friendship with the world set themselves as an enemy of God (James 4:4).

Most importantly, every point above is Biblical, not from a system devised by man. To re-emphasize one point: Godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation; the sorrow of the world brings about death (2 Cor 7:10). Many man-made systems emphasize repentance for perceived wrongs, but none offer salvation.

Scripture is sufficient—man is not. We are sinners, unable to save ourselves. That's why our hope is in the gospel. Jesus Christ died for our sins—He bore the punishment that we deserved. We must repent and believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

There is salvation in no one else (Acts 4:12)—no person, no worldly system can save us. That's why maintaining a Biblical worldview is a must for all Christians.

## 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!