

# Mission Messenger

## Annual ministry update

Thank you to everyone who joined us in prayer and giving again last year—your partnership makes a difference! Below is a summary of activities that took place through your generous support of Lima Rescue Mission.

### Services Provided

Here is an overview of statistics from 2024:

Meals provided: 13,546

Nights of shelter: 3,717

New guests: 78

Years in operation: 118

The number of meals and nights of shelter both increased last year. This is the third year of a gradual increase after a sharp drop in 2021.

In addition to overnight shelter, we had an average of 20 men in transitional housing through the year. This arrangement provides an opportunity for those who have some income, but not enough to afford a place of their own. They are able to have a more private space, and learn to budget for monthly expenses while still being able to save for future goals. Many who secure jobs have gone from our overnight shelter to transitional housing to their own apartment.

### Children's Ministry

We are thankful for a fruitful summer camp ministry last year. In the fall, we were able to re-launch our after school program. Although this ministry was inactive for several years, we had a desire to resume activities during the school year. We are continuing to build relationships with

children who attended camp during the summer, and we are seeing growth as the kids are learning more about the Bible, asking questions, and sharing what they learn with others.

We are making plans for this year's summer camp, and we appreciate your continued prayers for all who will be involved in this ministry.

### Your Support

Although our everyday contributions were lower, giving in other categories, such as legacy gifts, was higher. Thankfully, we finished 2024 with a surplus.

Last year, there was an abundance of donated items that are used in our daily ministry—including food, personal care, house-keeping supplies, and items for our children's ministry. Thank you for giving generously!

We are thankful for the trust you have placed in our ministry, and we appreciate your faithfulness which allows us to care for those who turn to us for help. Because of you, we are able to reach others in a time of need.

### Ongoing Commitment

When people come to the Mission, they are desperate and often destitute. For many, we are a last resort. We look forward to opportunities to provide physical care—and more importantly—a message of hope to those who are facing despair.

As you join us again this year, we remain committed to upholding biblical truth, proclaiming the gospel, and serving others in Jesus' name.

## 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 children was started in 1975 through generous bequests. Fifty 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 are 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:

Jim McGuire  
Shirley McLaughlin  
Jean Shrider  
Samuel Smith  
Sue Sohn  
Ted Stepleton  
Tomas "Tom" Torres

## 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 Saturdays from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Our current needs include:

- Laundry soap (liquid)
- Bleach
- Paper towels
- Facial tissue
- Tylenol/Ibuprofen
- Canned beef and chicken
- Pasta sauce
- Cereal

You can find a complete and up-to-date list, including items for our Children's ministry, on our website at [limamission.org/needs](http://limamission.org/needs). Thank you for giving!



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Donate online at [give.limamission.org](http://give.limamission.org)

## Automatic giving

Automatic monthly giving has become increasingly popular, and it's easier than ever to sign up. You can set up a gift through our website: just visit [www.limamission.org](http://www.limamission.org), follow the donate link, choose "Monthly" and enter your payment information. Gifts can be made by credit card, checking, or savings account.

If you create an account on our website, you'll be able to make changes to your payment method, date of gift, amount, and more. If you would rather not donate online, you can request a form and sign up by mail. You may contact us any time if you need to discontinue or make changes to your automatic monthly gift.

## Camp Roberts ministry opportunities

We are excited about this coming summer of ministry at Camp Roberts! As we make plans and review needs, we will share updates about opportunities to serve on our website, social media, and in e-mail updates. This year, we may have a need for volunteer van drivers. Please contact us if you are interested in joining us, and visit [limamission.org/ministry-team](http://limamission.org/ministry-team) for more information.

## Prayer partners

We are grateful to those who take time to pray for our ministry. In this newsletter, we are sharing a list of our staff so you can pray for them by name. Thank you for thinking of us! As always, if you have a prayer request, please feel free to share it with us and our staff will be happy to pray for you.

### Men's Ministry

Nick, Mark, Jace, Mike, Steve, George, Alan

### Children's Ministry

Amber, Ashlyn, Bekah, Leyton, Rozelyn

### Administration

Chuck, Colleen, Aaron

## Such a Great Ransom

As often as we are tempted to run away from serving you, Lord, let us remember the price with which we are bought.

How great a price, the thought of which fills us even with secret shame—as well as admiration and love.

Lord, you have paid such a ransom for me! Shall I now act as if I thought it was not enough? As if you had acquired only a partial and imperfect right to me, so I might divide myself between you and strangers, between you and your enemies?

May we be entirely yours! And may we make it our business, even on the very last day and hour of our lives, to glorify you with our bodies and with our spirits, which are yours.

Lord, we await your salvation. And in the meantime, we will follow your commands. Filled with life by so exalted a hope, we will purify ourselves, even as you are pure. Amen!

—Philip Doddridge (1709-1751)