

# Mission Messenger

## Annual ministry update

Thank you to everyone who joined us to help others 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 2025:

Meals provided: 13,071

Nights of shelter: 3,654

New guests: 82

Years in operation: 119

The numbers served were nearly the same as 2024, with a slight decrease in meals provided. In addition to overnight shelter, we continue to have an average of 15-20 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 another fun and productive summer camp ministry last year. In the fall, we resumed our after school program, and also added a night of discipleship with teenagers. It is our desire to continue ministry through the teenage years, and not lose contact with kids as they "age out" of normal camp activi-

ties. We are continuing to build relationships with children who attended camp during the summer, and we are excited about the growth we are seeing in each child. Plans are underway for this year's summer camp, and we appreciate your continued prayers for all who will be involved in this ministry.

### Your Support

Last year, giving in all categories was higher, and we finished 2025 with a surplus. We are thankful for this blessing and the faithfulness of our supporters. Our desire is to be good stewards of what the Lord has entrusted to us. We received many donated items that are used in our daily ministry—including food, personal care, housekeeping supplies, and items for our children's ministry.

We are thankful for the trust you have placed in our ministry, and we appreciate your faithful and generous giving 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 throughout the year.

### 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:

James Allen Eley  
Judy Griffith  
Becky Snyder  
Lee Warren

## 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:

- Cereal
- Canned beef and chicken
- #10 cans of vegetables
- Bottled water
- Napkins
- Facial tissue

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!

## Banquet scheduled

We are making plans for our 120th Anniversary Banquet, and hope you will be able to join us on Friday, October 30, 2026. More details will be provided soon.



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## Meal Volunteer

Ministry opportunity at Lima Rescue Mission



Would your church, business, family, or other group be interested in joining us to serve meals? This activity is ideal for a group of at least two and up to seven people and is a great way to get involved in hands-on ministry to the homeless. We provide meals every day, and the time of serving and cleanup runs from 4:30–6:00 P.M. You can join us to serve as a one-time activity, or get scheduled to serve on a monthly basis.

We are also looking for groups who are interested in providing supper! There are several options for providing meals. Some groups prepare food and bring it in slow cookers, some bring food to prepare in our kitchen, and others pick up from a restaurant (hamburgers, chicken, pizza, or similar). The number that we serve each day varies at different times (anywhere from 15-30 a night), and we will provide more details to those who are interested.

Our meal volunteers have shared positive feedback about their experiences, and we are grateful for everyone who joins us to serve in this way. If you would like to get involved in this ministry, please contact Chuck at 567-242-5601, or email [cferguson@limamission.org](mailto:cferguson@limamission.org).

## 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. Please contact us if you are interested in joining us, and visit [limamission.org/ministry-team](http://limamission.org/ministry-team) for more information.

## Automatic giving

Automatic monthly giving offers a convenient way to support the Mission. You can set up a gift through our website: just visit [limamission.org](http://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 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.

## How They Love Each Other

Gracious Emmanuel, send down your spirit of love on all your followers, that we may no longer glory in the little distinctions of any faction or denomination. Instead, may we show we are Christians, standing together under your glorious banner! May we wear your mark of honor on our shoulders, or like a crown on our heads.

In that way may the spirit of hatred, disgrace, and persecution vanish like a noxious mist before the sun. And may it again be said everywhere, as it once was: "Look how those Christians love each other!" Amen.

—Philip Doddridge