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2020 Ministry update

This year has gone a bit differently than expected for most people. It's a reminder that God is in control of all situations, and everything is working together according to His plan. Our human nature doesn't like to give up control, but in order to experience true peace, we must submit to God's will.

At the Mission

We have been able to continue our daily ministry with some modifications. The maximum capacity of our overnight shelter has been reduced. We are providing meals in take-out boxes for those not staying at the Mission. We will continue to monitor current conditions and adjust procedures accordingly. One thing has not changed—we continue proclaiming the gospel message every day.

We know that volunteers are anxious to get back to serving, and we look forward to seeing everyone soon. We will be reaching out with more information about volunteer activities in the near future.

We are tracking expenses for items in response to the pandemic, which have totaled around \$2,000 so far. Thank you for your continued support during this time.

Camp Roberts

After much consideration, we have made the difficult decision to not hold our Camp Roberts summer day camp this year. This is not a decision we made lightly. We know the Camp Roberts ministry has a profound impact on the lives of the children we serve.

The stories we hear from counselors at the end of every summer, and the testimonies from adults who attended camp as a child affirm this. Since the camp ministry began in 1975, we have never experienced an interruption in summer activities.

At the time of writing, there has been no clear communication from the Ohio Department of Health regarding summer day camps. If camps are permitted to be held, it would likely be with restrictions in place, some of which could prove impractical for our environment.

A significant consideration is the amount of time spent physically preparing the campgrounds. Normally we gradually begin work in mid to late April, with May being full of daily work around the property. The response to the COVID-19 pandemic has required our complete attention at the Mission, and we have not been able to spend the time needed at Camp Roberts. It is difficult to explain all that takes place in preparation for camp, but there is no way to “flip the switch” and have everything be ready to go. It is a long and deliberate process.

Though we will not be holding camp this year, there are still expenses associated with Camp Roberts. We have hired someone part-time to handle basic maintenance, such as mowing and trimming. Earlier this year, we replaced a water softener. Just recently, we found out that two sewer pumps and a control panel need to be replaced. Even

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
- Dryer sheets
- Facial tissue
- Paper towels
- Sugar (granulated and powdered)
- Instant coffee
- Dehydrated onions
- Cheese soup
- Canned vegetables (Especially whole kernel corn, peas, mixed vegetables)

A complete and up-to-date list can be found on our website at www.limamission.org under the menu item "How to Help". The list on our website includes a link to our charity list on Amazon where you can order items and have them shipped directly to us.

And we know that God causes
all things to work together for
good to those who love God,
to those who are called
according to His purpose.

Romans 8:28

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Memorials

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

Gene Beery
Bruce Freed
Harold J. Lammers
Veronica Luersman
Kathy Selhorst
Brian VanGundy
Eugene Wurth

Information update

Our annual information update mailing has been delayed, but you can contact us any time you would like to make any changes or updates.

You can specify mailing and receipt preferences, add birthday or anniversary information, change your address, or correct any other information.

To update your information, you can note changes when you mail a response form, send an e-mail to info@limamission.org or call us at 419-224-6961.



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in a “shut down” state, there are maintenance activities that take place throughout the year.

We know that considering current circumstances, most people will understand that we are not able to hold camp this year; but we also know that many will be disappointed. We have considered what could be done to allow us to hold camp in some form,

The Deceptive Dime

Fifty pennies all counted out, ready to be placed in a wrapper and included in the bank deposit—some bright and shiny, not too long from the mint—others discolored from the many hands through which they have passed and the many places they have gone. Pennies—not worth much. One of them didn't fit in with the others when they were slid into the coin folder. It looked like the others, covered with an accumulation of grime, but a closer look showed it to be ten times more valuable than the others. It was a dirt-encrusted dime, badly in need of a scrubbing to show its true worth.

Among the men who come through the doors of the Mission looking for a helping hand, some are much like that dime; so covered with the grime of sin that they seem of little value. Just to look at them, it is impossible to tell if they were once productive members of society; if they loved and were loved; whether some-

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but after reviewing all information, we feel the decision to cancel this year's camp program is the best—and safest—option at this time. We appreciate your continued prayers for the ministry of Lima Rescue Mission, and for all the children who would have attended Camp Roberts this summer.

By Ruthela Welty, Summer 1988

one, somewhere, would welcome them home. But of one thing we can be certain—God loves each one with a redemptive love and wants to wash away that accumulation of sin and reveal their true value. Because of God's great love, the Mission is here to offer shelter and food, but more importantly, to provide each man with an opportunity to become a “new creature” through faith in Jesus Christ.

The dirty dime had no choice; it would continue masquerading as a penny unless someone bothered to scrub it clean. The men who come to the Mission do have a choice. Each individual can accept the truth of God's Word and experience the new life He has promised, or continue on with the “crust” of sin growing greater with each refusal to come to Christ for the much needed cleansing. The dime's deception would cost someone nine cents; deceiving yourself about your need of a Savior will cost you eternal bliss.

News and notes

▪ We would like to welcome Marty Binion, who joined our staff in May and is serving in the position of Service Coordinator. Marty's responsibilities include laundry, pick-ups and deliveries, leading classes, and coordinating services such as meals and shelter.

▪ We are looking for individuals and groups who are interested in providing meals, especially in late June through mid-July. Please contact Chuck Ferguson if you are interested in this opportunity: call 419-224-6961 ext. 201 or e-mail cferguson@limamission.org.