

Mission Messenger

Men's ministry testimony

A man who previously stayed in our overnight shelter recently took time to share his appreciation for the care he received while at the Mission. A portion of his letter is below:

"I write to you not only with gratitude, but with a heart that remembers. There was a season in my life when I had no place to go, no rest, and no peace within me. The nights were heavy, and my soul was burdened beyond words. Yet in that place of hardship, your doors were open.

You gave me more than a bed—you gave me refuge. In the quiet of those nights, under your roof, I found a place where I could lay down not only my body, but my sorrow. Many times, I wept and cried out to God there. And I believe with all my heart that He heard me.

Your mission became a sanctuary in my wilderness. A place where the broken could come as they were, and not be turned away. Through your compassion, I began to understand something sacred—that even in my lowest state, God had not abandoned me.

What you do is not small. It is not ordinary. It is deeply holy. You are standing in the gap for those who have nowhere else to stand. You are bearing witness to Christ not through words alone, but through mercy, patience, and love."

We appreciate hearing from people after the time they spent with us, and knowing that the ministry has had an impact. We are thankful for the opportunity to proclaim Christ daily and for those who make it possible.

Camp Roberts summer activities

Our summer camp ministry is scheduled to begin June 8th. We are currently making final preparations as we look forward to the summer ahead. We appreciate your prayers for staff, volunteers, and the children who will be attending. You can visit facebook.com/CampRoberts for updates throughout the summer.

Leadership spotlight: Board of Trustees

Lima Rescue Mission is governed by a Board of Trustees made up of dedicated Christian leaders who are committed to furthering ministry to the homeless and less fortunate in our community. The board is responsible for policy setting, fiscal management, spiritual direction and general oversight.

In addition to oversight, the board provides valuable guidance. They review ministry reports, financial information and budgets and help determine the direction of programs and services. They are donors, volunteers, and community ambassadors. Their dedicated service allows the Mission to carry on a Christian ministry that addresses important needs in the community. A listing of current board members included in the right column.

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 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

Our current needs include:

- Bleach
- Napkins
- Bottled water
- Sugar (bags)
- Canned beef and chicken

You can find a complete and up-to-date list on our website at limamission.org/needs. Thank you for giving!

Meet the board

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If you see any of our board members, please thank them for their leadership and faithful service!

Memorials

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

Joe Bornhorst
Thomas D. Clutter
Gene Wilson Harpest
M. Anne Makley

Rock of Ages

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure;
Save from wrath and make me pure.

Not the labors of my hands
Can fulfill Thy law's demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress;
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly;
Wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath,
When my eyes shall close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.

—Augustus Toplady

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Redeeming the Time

Scripture focus: Ephesians 5:6-21

As we reach the halfway point of 2026, you may stop and ask—where has the time gone? Perhaps another question we should ask is, "Am I making the best use of the time?" Scripture encourages us to consider our use of time. In Ephesians 5, Paul says, "Therefore look carefully how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil" (vv. 15-16).

How do we know if we are making the best use of the time? One way is by asking if we are honoring God with our time. We do this by considering if what we are doing is pleasing to the Lord (v. 10), and if we are doing God's will (v. 17). As we grow spiritually, we

become more sensitive and better able to discern God's will.

While we could list a number of activities that are a good use of our time, Paul includes an example in the verses that follow, specifically relating to our interactions with other believers. To summarize, we should focus on building each other up and holding each other accountable (vv. 19-21). Our fellowship with other believers is always a good use of time.

Each one of us should consider our use of time as we seek to honor God by making the most of every opportunity.

—Aaron Ferguson

News and notes

- As part of their annual "Clash of Colors" competition, students at Temple Christian School collected cases of bottled water to donate to the Mission. We appreciate the generous and helpful gift!

- There are currently multiple projects taking place at Camp Roberts. A deck with built-in seating has been constructed and is awaiting installation in the woods at a location where multiple trails intersect. This will be used for picnics, prayer time, and other activities. A backup generator is also scheduled to be installed, which will provide power to the entire campground in case of an outage. This will allow important equipment such as the well pump and sewer pumps to remain operational.

- A new commercial range was installed in the kitchen at Camp Roberts in March. This replaced a 50-year-old unit which was failing. It includes 6 burners, 2 ovens, and a griddle. New lighting was also installed in the range hood.

- There are multiple opportunities to join us in serving or providing meals. If you are interested, please contact Chuck at 567-242-5601 or cferguson@limamission.org.

- Our 120th Anniversary Banquet is scheduled for Friday, October 30, 2026. We hope you will plan to join us this year!

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 types of legacy gifts, and 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!