



Your compassion and support really do lead to miracles, just like Rockia's.



A Walking Miracle — Thanks to You

“I’m a walking miracle,” says Rockia, 44. She’s not exaggerating.

When Rockia was sexually assaulted at 15, her family offered her no support. She was never the same after that. Her self-esteem was so bad that she could no longer look at herself in a mirror.

At 28, depressed and unemployed, she turned to crystal meth. “That’s when everything really started going downhill,” she says.

When COVID hit, Rockia ended up experiencing homelessness on the streets for three years. “People tried to kill me four times out there,” she says.

When she finally cried out to God, **God led her to the Anne Douglas Center at Los Angeles Mission.** “That’s when I knew God has a purpose for me,” she says.

Her journey since, however, has not been easy. “But the chaplains kept working with me,” she says. “God told me it was my time. He was going to mold me and use me.”

She recently looked in a mirror — and she saw Jesus staring back. “It’s the most amazing feeling ever,” she says. “Now, I want to do His will and show others that He is real and He is Lord.”

She’s also grateful for donors like you: **“They took me out of the pit of hell so I could get my life back. I’m a walking miracle. It’s breathtaking.”**



A Ministry of Miracles



I hope you enjoy reading Juan and Rockia's testimonies in this newsletter. They are a powerful reminder of the miracles we see every day in the lives of those we serve at Los Angeles Mission. Here, men and women overwhelmed with addiction, hunger, homelessness, and mental and emotional wounds find new hope and healing in Jesus. Through Jesus, they are transformed into new creations.

That's why your support for Los Angeles Mission is so special. God is using friends like you and me to partner with Him in this ministry of transformation and new life. What an extraordinary privilege and blessing! Every dollar you give, every hour you volunteer, every time you pray for us, you are participating in God's plan.

This month, I invite you to reflect on the miracle of your own life. And when you do, ask God to grant you a renewed commitment and passion to partner with Him in this ministry of miracles at Los Angeles Mission.

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Your Support Led to Juan's New Life

"When I was younger, I used to see people on drugs and think, 'Man, they look dumb,'" says Juan, 25. "I'm never going to look like that."

Maybe it's because he overestimated his own strength of will, but soon after he left high school, he had a moment of weakness that led to much suffering: he was persuaded to try cocaine. That's all it took, and Juan was off and running.

"At first, I thought I could control it," he says. "But eventually, I needed more and more. Little by little, I lost my morals, my pride, my job, everything. The drugs took over, and my family was done with me."

Juan often tried to stop — and always failed. The last time he used, he finally admitted he couldn't quit on his own. He needed help, and soon Juan walked through the doors of Los Angeles Mission.

"I was never close to God before," he says. "I never went to church. But when I got into the program, I gave it a try. I started going to church, reading my Bible, praying every night, and I got closer to God. My one-on-ones with my chaplain really helped a lot, too."

Juan says his newfound faith has transformed his life. "It's changed everything," he says. "I'm sober, my family trusts me again, I got a job and some health problems I had have completely cleared up."

"Donors to Los Angeles Mission are helping people they don't even know, people like me. Basically, they made this new life possible for me."

Be Part of a Miracle

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