

News from Los Angeles Mission

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Encouraging hearts . . . celebrating recovery

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Our busiest Easter season ever is just around the corner. For record numbers of neighbors facing homelessness, hope and healing can begin with a meal.

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The Miracle of Resurrection Life

As we prepare to celebrate the resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ and the promise of new life in Him, I'm reminded that this is what Los Angeles Mission is all about. Here, men and women struggling with overwhelming emotional trauma, addiction and homelessness find new hope and healing in Jesus. They are resurrected into new life and second chances. They are transformed into new creations.

What an incredible privilege God has given to us, to witness these beautiful miracles. What a blessing it is to partner with Him in this resurrection ministry. Every dollar you give, every hour you volunteer and every time you pray for us, you are participating in God's miraculous renewal of another life.

This Easter season, I invite you to reflect on the new life we can all experience in Him. And when you do, ask God to grant you a renewed commitment and passion to partner with Him in this resurrection ministry at Los Angeles Mission.

For a little encouragement, visit LosAngelesMission.org/EasterMessage for my Easter sermon. I hope it will bless you, just as you've blessed me and so many others. Thank you!

Transform Lives With \$2.53 Easter Meals!

This Easter season, your support will provide meals, hope and more to neighbors experiencing homelessness.

For men, women and children on the streets in Los Angeles, Easter is just one more day of misery. Survival is all that matters.

But your compassion and loving generosity can change that. You can provide our neighbors experiencing homelessness with meals, care, comfort and the promise of new life in Christ. While the food you give fills their stomachs, it's the love and compassion of Jesus from our staff, volunteers and friends like you that really inspires change. His love heals!

This Easter season, we're expecting thousands of men, women and children. They're hungry for food and a reason to hope. Your support is needed now to help provide tens of thousands of meals and care to people who are turning to the Mission because they have nowhere else to go.

Please support the Mission with a generous gift today! Thank you!



Easter is rapidly approaching, and we need your help right away!



Your support will give hope to someone experiencing homelessness.



Feeding a hungry soul is the first step to new life this Easter season.

**Every \$2.53 feeds one hungry
person, opening the door to
hope and new life.**

This Easter, Mella Is a New Creation — Thanks to You!

“When I used to look in a mirror, all I could see was a lost little girl,” says Mella, who currently resides at the Anne Douglas Center for Women at Los Angeles Mission.

Mella grew up in a loving, church-going home. She was a straight-A student at school. Her future looked bright.

But that all changed when she was kidnapped, raped and trafficked at the age of 15.

Although Mella was rescued a few months later, she could never escape the memories and trauma. For nearly 30 years, she’s suffered from PTSD and panic attacks, and even more abuse from the men she’s dated. When Mella finally fought back, she ended up in jail for assault. The judge then ordered her to the Anne Douglas Center for Women.

“I’ve been in therapy here, and I have an incredible case manager,” Mella says. “They remind me that, in Jesus, I’m a new creation. God is miraculously transforming me, and I’m now beginning to help other women here who have experienced so much pain, like me.”

“When I look into a mirror today, I see love. I see Mella, child of God,” she says. “I want to thank the donors, because they gave me this chance to live and love again.”



“He has Risen . . .”

Matthew 28:6

Through your ongoing gifts and prayers, you are an active participant in the miracle of new life here at the Mission.

Resurrected from His Fears, Thanks to God and You!

Thirty years ago, 24-year-old Cesareo rushed to the hospital, seriously ill. He was sure he was going to die. Even his doctors thought so. But he didn’t die . . .

Cesareo had struggled with fear and crippling insecurity his entire life. Although he didn’t die in the hospital, his illness continued to sap his strength, and his fears and self-esteem plummeted. In a place of tragic weakness, he turned to meth to get him through each day.

Finally, last year, Cesareo snapped and ended up in jail. The judge ordered him to come to Los Angeles Mission.

“I was really afraid at first,” Cesareo says. “But everyone at the Mission welcomed me and loved me. No one had ever talked to me about God before, but I started to see how God worked so many miracles here. Since I came here, I’ve dedicated my life to God. I don’t care what anyone thinks about me anymore. I only care what God thinks.”

Cesareo has been drug-free for more than a year now, and he’s deeply grateful for people like you who helped save his life. “Thank you,” he says. “Please keep donating, because there’s no place else like this. The help I got here has been incredible.”

Your support transforms the lives of neighbors like Cesareo. Thank you!



Cesareo is so grateful that caring friends like you helped heal his broken heart.

UPCOMING EVENTS/ SAVE THE DATES

Volunteer Opportunities

Check out meaningful volunteer opportunities at the Mission. Visit lamission.volunteerhub.com or call (213) 629-1227 Ext. 301 to see how you can make an impact for neighbors in great need.



Where There's a Will

(No Really . . . Where IS Your Will?)

Congratulations! If you have a completed, legal Will, you already understand the peace of mind that comes from having a plan in place. But before you check "Will planning" off your to-do list, make sure you aren't settling for one of these not-so-helpful documents.

1. The Will That Missed the Mark

Through your Will, you not only care for the needs of your loved ones, but you can also give to ministries like Los Angeles Mission in a significant way. Does your Will reflect your values? Make sure your Will mirrors what matters most to you.

2. The Will That's Out of Date

If your goals and circumstances have evolved, or if it's been more than three years since you last looked at your Will, it's probably time to dust it off and review it thoroughly.

3. The Will That's Lost

If there's one thing that can render your Will useless, it's if no one knows where to find it. Make sure you tell your family practical details like where documents are stored and any lock combinations or keys they'll need to access them.

Need help making sure your Will reflects your goals and passions? Through our partnership with Barnabas Foundation, you have complimentary access to trusted planning support, all from a biblical perspective. To learn more, call Kyle Patterson at (213) 629-1227 Ext. 304 or email K_Patterson@lamission.net.

How To Make a Lasting Difference This Easter



Nutritious meals, shelter and compassionate care are essential building blocks of recovery for men, women and children experiencing homelessness. To help Los Angeles Mission meet these urgent needs, please consider becoming a Meals-A-Month partner. This dedicated group of donors provides a steady stream of support that helps us budget and plan more efficiently, stretching every dollar a little further.

To sign up online, visit us at Give.LosAngelesMission.org. Or call (213) 629-1227 Ext. 334 to join by phone.

Give Hope That Leads to New Life This Easter

Send back the enclosed reply form with your special Easter gift to provide meals, care and life-changing services to people who need hope and a second chance. Please give generously during the Easter season and offer encouragement to people who are looking to rebuild their lives. Thank you!

Your Gift Will Provide Easter Meals, Care and Hope!

Yes, I want to offer my neighbors on Skid Row hope in the form of hearty meals and compassionate care. Enclosed is my gift of:

\$_____ to help as much as possible!


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Please make your check payable to Los Angeles Mission and return it with this slip in the envelope provided. To charge your gift by credit card, please fill out the information on reverse side, or call (213) 629-1227 Ext. 400. A receipt for your tax-deductible gift will be sent to you shortly.

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