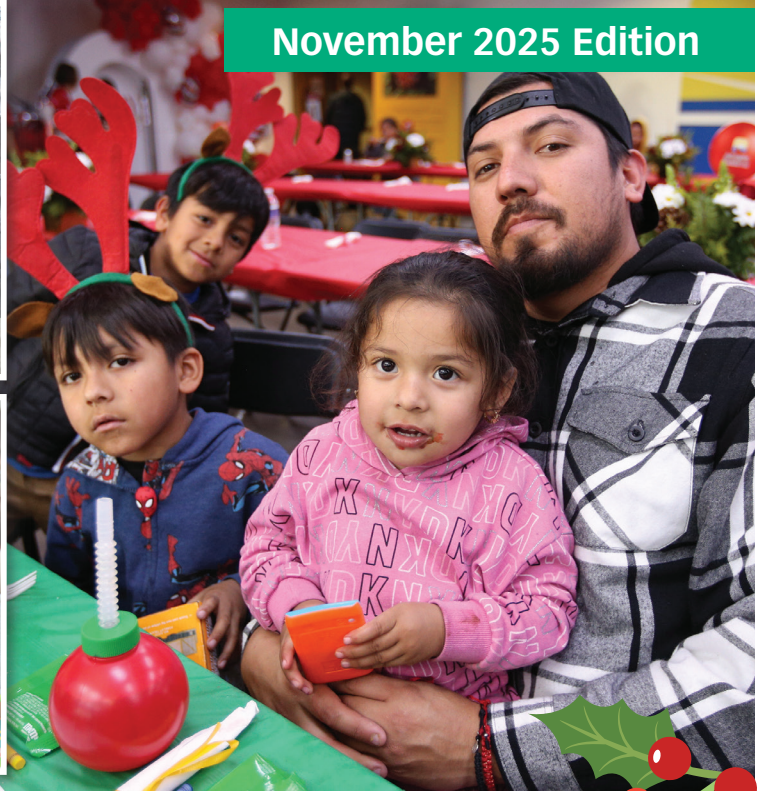


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Help Make Their Christmas Merry and Bright

This time of the year, the need in our community feels magnified somehow. There is so much suffering and pain. But together, we can bless vulnerable neighbors who are yearning for some semblance of hope.

With your support, Los Angeles Mission will provide them with nourishing meals and essential groceries — ensuring families have what they need to prepare heartwarming food that brings comfort and joy. Many who are experiencing homelessness and other traumas will find solace and restoration in our life-changing recovery program. And in the spirit of the season, hardworking

parents with no means to purchase presents will receive toys to give to their children on Christmas morning.

So many struggling people are looking to us — and to compassionate friends like you — for help this holiday season. Thank you for partnering with us to make their Christmas merry and bright!

**Just \$2.53 can help
change a life this
Christmas.**

Every \$2.53 you give today provides a nourishing meal and care for someone who is hungry and hurting this Christmas.

You Are a Gift to Many

Dear Friend,

I love the Christmas season. The sights. The sounds. Time with family and friends. And of course, the joyous celebration of the one true hope who came to us over 2,000 years ago.

Sadly, many people across Los Angeles feel left out of the celebration. For them, the holidays are a painful reminder of their dire circumstances — hunger, homelessness, addiction, isolation. That's why I'm so grateful for caring friends like you. Your support helps ensure we can meet the needs of each person who comes to us, from meals and shelter to warm clothes, work therapy, addiction recovery and more.

Thank you for the gift you are to men, women and children who are hurting this holiday season. May God bless you for your compassionate prayers and support, and for touching lives with the hope of Christmas!

Dennis Oleesky
Interim CEO



Israel Appreciates You this Christmas



Thanks to you, he's closer to God and to his children.

Israel was heartbroken. While still reeling from the pain of his wife leaving him for another man (and taking their three girls with her), he received news that his father had passed away.

The funeral was to be held in Mexico. But due to immigration issues, Israel would be unable to attend. That was too much for the young man to bear, and he started drinking to ease the pain. In time, when alcohol was no longer enough, he turned to meth.

Israel soon lost his job, then his home. Seemingly overnight, he was living on the streets, feeling lost and alone and doing things he never imagined he would to buy food and make it through the day.

Finding New Hope and Another Chance

"I knew that what I was doing on the streets is not right," Israel says. "And I realized that I can't do this anymore, that I have to get help."

Israel found that help at Los Angeles Mission, where he entered our proven recovery program. He was skeptical at first; 13 months seemed like a long time. But as he dug into the classes and Bible studies, he began growing closer to the Lord and feeling God's peace in his life.

As Israel works through his addiction and other life trauma, he is benefiting from Christian guidance and work therapy. He's also reconnected with his children and is now working to get his own place so they can come for regular visitations.

For Israel, this Christmas season is one of gratitude for what God is doing in his life. And he has a special message for compassionate friends like you who help make it all possible: **"I love the Mission, and I thank you and appreciate you for everything you do for this place."**



You helped turn Israel's life around.

You're a Part of Jose's Christmas Miracle



He's now on a path to real, permanent change.

As we enter the Christmas season, Jose is thankful for the gift you've already given him — God's love and the chance for a fresh start. He arrived at Los Angeles Mission after the courts gave him a choice between our recovery program or jail. And coming here just may be the best decision he's ever made.

Growing up, Jose had always shown determination and a strong work ethic. But in his late teens, some friends exposed him to meth and the lure of temptation overtook him. Once he tried it, he was hooked.

Little by little, Jose's addiction began dragging him down. He started skipping work, and before long, he was spending the bulk of his time on the streets, where there's all kinds of trouble to be had.

Rebuilding His Life — With Your Help

The day he walked through our door was like a breath of fresh air for Jose. We welcomed him with respect and dignity and without judgment. He received a hot meal, clean clothes, safe shelter and lots of encouragement — a far cry from his experience on the streets. Then, in the days that followed, he got down to work in our life-changing recovery program.

With guidance from our staff and the study of scripture, Jose is learning he is a beloved child of God, and he's discovering tools to help him stay clean and pursue a new life in Christ. He's so grateful for friends like you who have come alongside him.

"Thank you, and God bless you and your family for supporting the Mission," he says. "Before I came here, when I looked in the mirror, I saw someone who is way different than what I see now. Now I see a man with a future."

Christmas miracles do exist in the lives of people like Jose. Thank you for your continued support!



Because of you, Jose and his mother will enjoy a blessed Christmas!