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Long Beach Rescue Mission Helping the Homeless ■ Changing Lives

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for a meal... 2



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Easter Needs 4



Meet *Alissa*
She can't thank
YOU enough!

Because of you, Alissa's heart
is filled with *new hope*
this Easter.





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Alissa saw her mom struggle with drug addiction because it was the only way her mom knew how to cope. So when Alissa was 19 and feeling lost, she turned to drugs too.

"I didn't have a good relationship with my mom, and my dad's been in prison all my life," she says. "When I found drugs, it took everything away and made me feel better."

But when Alissa gave birth to her son at age 24, she was determined to be a better mother. She tried to give up drugs for his sake, but didn't know any other way to cope with her problems.

"He was a gift from God, but six months after having him, I relapsed. Not even my precious son would keep me clean."

When Alissa accepted Christ as her Savior, she heard about our Lydia House for women and children.

The day she walked into Long Beach Rescue Mission, everything changed for Alissa.

"They had grace upon me," she says, smiling. "This place saved my life."

Alissa knew she needed to heal from past hurts that were the underlying cause of her addiction and learn healthier ways of coping. So she attended every counseling session, class and Bible study.

"I was struggling with anger, hurt, pain, bitterness... everything," she says. **"But God started to reveal things to me. He began to bring down this wall in my life."**

Today, Alissa is completing her GED and plans to go to college. She works in the laundry at the Mission, and her family is proud of her progress.

"My relationship with God is so strong that it's still unbelievable to me to this day."

"They're happy to see me doing good, taking care of my son and being the best mother I can."

You may never meet Alissa, but she's eternally grateful to YOU for your support – today, her heart is filled with new hope for the future. "I am fully blessed by the grace of God. Now I'm able to be the great mother for my son that I never was before."



Give an Easter Basket to a Child in Need!

Easter Basket Giveaway | April 11, 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Basket items needed: Plastic Easter eggs, Bibles, candy, small toys (stickers, bubbles, hair accessories, sports balls, etc.)

We also need baskets donated!

Drop off baskets at the Mission, 1335 Pacific Ave. in Long Beach, 7 days a week from 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

THANK YOU for helping to make this Easter extra special for local children in need!

Here's how YOUR gifts care for our homeless neighbors this Easter season!



just \$2.20
for a meal!

40,000 nourishing meals



6,923 nights of shelter



65 men & women cared for in our recovery programs (on average)



6,173 hours of education & counseling

Thank you for touching so many lives with your compassion & support!

"For He has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness & transferred us into the Kingdom of His dear Son, who purchased our freedom & forgave our sins." Colossians 1:13-14, NLT



A Message from ROBERT PROBST

YOUR GIFTS ARE TRANSFORMING LIVES THIS EASTER SEASON

My friends, Easter will be here soon – and with it, the joy of being able to celebrate and shout, "He is risen indeed!"

I can't think of a truth that's more important to those staying at the Mission right now... men and women who are facing devastating struggles with homelessness, poverty and addiction.

That Jesus overcame death and rose again to offer hope to a hurting world resonates with our guests.

In Jesus, they see that they too can overcome! As they begin to trust Him, their past guilt and shame transforms into hope for a brighter future. They walk in freedom, knowing that they're forgiven.

Forgiveness is a doorway to new life. It opens up our guests to

accepting love – not just God's, but love from our staff, their families and even themselves. From there, they blossom into the people they were always meant to be.

This Easter, I pray you'll experience the glorious hope of the cross in your life... and remember that YOU are making it possible for hurting people to find forgiveness and freedom through the cross too. I'm so grateful that each time you reach out to help, more hearts are touched by the love of a risen Savior.

Serving with you,

Robert Probst
Executive Director



JUAN CAME FOR A MEAL...



... AND IT WAS THE START OF A NEW LIFE!

Juan didn't have much hope left when he came to our door. Thanks to you, he was warmly welcomed and provided with the basic necessities that restored his hope:

- A hot meal for \$2.20
- An overnight stay in our shelter (just \$10.00!)
- Clothing, showers & Christ-centered care

← Each meal you give makes a big difference!

This Easter, as Juan celebrates the hope in his life, **YOU can give even more people the gift of meals and care** that's often the first step to healing and a new life in Christ!

✉ Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.

✦ Give online anytime at **LBRM.org**.

Thank you again for your support of our Mission guests! Happy Easter!

YOU can help meet our **EASTER NEEDS!**

Sunday, April 12: Our Easter Brunch is from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.!

We need your help to prepare all the meals and care we'll provide this Easter season.

Between now and Easter Sunday, we're preparing to serve **40,000+ hot meals...** and provide hundreds of men, women and children with **basic necessities like safe shelter, clean clothing and Christ-centered care.**

Our homeless neighbors are counting on us... and we're counting on YOU!



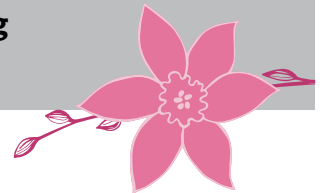
FOOD ITEMS NEEDED!

Consider hosting a food drive OR dropping off any of these urgently needed food items **by Friday, April 10:**

- ☐ HAMS
- ☐ MILK
- ☐ MARGARINE
- ☐ INSTANT MASHED POTATOES
- ☐ CANNED VEGETABLES
- ☐ CANNED YAMS
- ☐ CUPCAKES

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Thank you so much!

No time to shop? Donate now!
☎ (562) 591-1292
🌟 **LBRM.org**



Lend a hand this Easter season... VOLUNTEER!

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