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"A place to
call home"

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Long Beach Rescue Mission Helping the Homeless ■ Changing Lives

TERESA IS
*celebrating
new life*
THIS EASTER!

Thank you for touching
her life with hope.



“I asked
God for
a place to
call home.”



Until recently, Teresa never had a home where she felt safe.

Growing up, a family member molested her. Filled with shame and anger, Teresa kept the abuse a secret. “But my mom found out and sent me away,” she says. “I felt like my mother abandoned me.”

To numb the emotional pain and trauma, Teresa started using substances as a teen. For over 30 years, she depended on them to get by until her adult children intervened. “That started me on my journey... I couldn’t live like this anymore.”

For seven years, Teresa lived a sober life and was doing well until she shared an apartment with a roommate who drank a lot. “I felt my sobriety was in jeopardy,” she says. “I refused to lose what God had given me.”

With nowhere else to go, for about a year, Teresa lived in her car. **Then she came to Long Beach Rescue Mission, where her life began to change.**

Just as the weather was starting to turn cold, Teresa came to our Lydia House women’s shelter. In addition to having her physical needs met, Teresa is grateful for the support she received here through

counseling and Bible study. “It’s helped me reconnect with God... and heal from some of my depression and anxiety, which I really needed.”

Mission staff also showed Teresa how to save money and helped her apply for housing. Today, she has her own apartment!



God gave me a roof over my head...
a warm bed. It’s a blessing.



In the future, Teresa wants to continue growing in her relationship with the Lord and find a way to volunteer to help others. “I just want to show people like me that there’s hope.”

Your generous support has filled Teresa’s life with love, encouragement, and most of all, hope this Easter season. “Before I came to the Mission, I felt hopeless and ashamed... But they gave me tools to learn how to survive. Today, I feel truly blessed.”

Easter²⁰²² ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

**You can help transform
hearts and lives!**



40,000 meals

\$2.20 for a meal!



6,923 nights of shelter



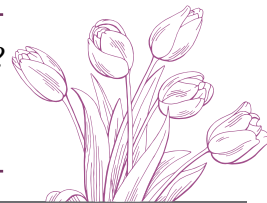
**65 men & women in our
recovery programs (on average)**



**53,495 annual hours of
education & counseling**

*Thank you for sharing
hope & joy this Easter!*

*"Why do you look for the living among the dead?
He is not here; he has risen!" – Luke 24:5-6, NIV*



A Message from LUPE LOPEZ



The everlasting hope **OF EASTER**

As we celebrate the joy of Easter morning, we must also remember the pain and sorrow of Calvary. The agony Jesus faced and the fear His friends and followers felt when they thought all hope was lost.

Many of the people who come through our doors also feel like all hope is lost. They look back on their lives and feel nothing but brokenness... regret... shame.

But this Easter, they can experience the heart-pounding joy and love that comes through new life in Christ! Your support helps us share that message of hope all year long, but most especially during the miraculous Easter season.

The Bible tells us, *"And God is able to bless you abundantly..."* (2 Cor. 9:8 NIV). Through your

gifts to the Mission, you pass on those blessings to those who come through our doors!

Thanks to caring friends like you, this Easter will be a time of rejoicing for those who have found abundant life in the arms of our Risen Savior... and a time to welcome anyone in need of everlasting hope.

I pray that you, too, will be filled with blessings and peace this Easter!

Serving with you,

Lupe Lopez
Director of Development



CELEBRATE EASTER BY CARING FOR OUR HURTING NEIGHBORS!

Hurting men and women turn to the Mission each day... longing for a second chance in life. Today, you can help make their new beginning possible with help like:

♥ **A hot meal for \$2.20 – often the first step to a new life in Christ**

♥ An overnight stay in our safe shelter

♥ Christ-centered care & healing in our life-change programs

By giving generously now, our homeless and hungry neighbors will be welcomed with food, shelter and care this Easter season!

✉ Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.

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

Thank you for your support of our Mission guests. Have a blessed Easter!



HELP MEET OUR EASTER NEEDS

**Sunday, April 17: Our Easter Celebration
from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.!**

You have a BIG heart for those in need – and this Easter, we have a great way to show how much you care! Between now and Easter Sunday, we're preparing to serve **thousands of hot meals** and provide men, women and children with **basic necessities like safe shelter, clean clothing and Christ-centered care.**

Our hurting neighbors are turning here... and we're counting on YOU to help them!

*Drop off donations at the Mission,
1335 Pacific Ave., Long Beach.*

No time to shop? Donate now!

☎ **(562) 591-1292**

✦ **LBRM.org**

URGENTLY NEEDED ITEMS!

**Drop off any of these items
by Friday, April 15:**

- ☐ SPIRAL SLICED HAMS
- ☐ INSTANT MASHED POTATOES
- ☐ BUTTER
- ☐ CANNED VEGETABLES
- ☐ POWDERED MILK
- ☐ DESSERTS (homemade or store-bought)
- ☐ COFFEE
- ☐ CREAMER



JOIN OUR PRAYER TEAM!

The prayers of caring friends like you support and empower our ministry. And joining with other faithful friends to be part of our Prayer Team is the best way to know how you can pray for us!

Through our Prayer Team, you'll receive monthly prayer updates via email so you can lift up our most pressing needs to our Heavenly Father. You'll also see praises so you and other prayer warriors can rejoice with us when God answers!

God promises He hears us,
anytime and anywhere.

Join our team today at
LBRM.org/pray