

I lived to drink...hopeless and without a true friend, I finally walked through the Mission's doors

My name is Luis. I know I'm at Light House Mission for a reason. I'm through running the streets, going to prison, robbing, stealing and living a life of sin. All my days have been chaos — until I walked through these doors. On the streets I was simply lost. I felt empty. I had no idea where I was going. I had no dignity left. I lived by the law of the street. I was a man without hope.

The only joy I ever felt was the day some Christians came under the bridge where I was staying to give me

a space blanket. I'll never forget their kindness. I thought I was going crazy down there. I was living every day in a fog. I lived to drink and I drank to live. Perhaps you can now see why I appreciate Light House Mission so much. It really *is* a place of rescue.

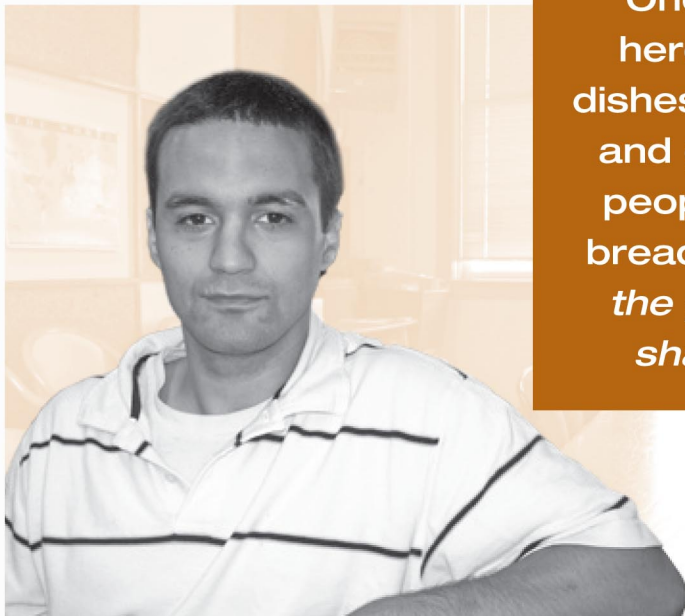
I want my faith to keep me on the straight and narrow

Here I'm able to rekindle my faith in Christ. I know I'll have to leave one day, but I pray my faith will keep me on the straight and narrow once

I walk out these doors for the last time. I don't want to go through what I've experienced in the past. The main thing about Light House Mission is that it's Christ-centered. Without that focus, we would see few results in people's lives.

One of my jobs here is washing dishes in the kitchen and giving hungry people a piece of bread. *Blessed are the poor for they shall see God.* I'm only able to help in a small way, but I know God understands my heart. I am being set free from the power of sin. Only a loving, living God can do that.

Now as we approach the Thanksgiving season, I'm more than grateful to God, the Mission and to you who donate your time, money and good will to keep these doors open. Because of your support of Light House Mission, I'm no longer a drunk on the streets of Terre Haute. I'm a child of God. *For once I'm taking responsibility for my actions.* Thank you and God bless you.



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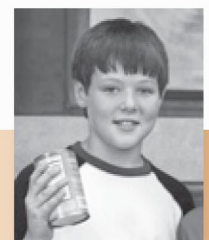
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A colleague recently asked me, “Why is giving a donation of money or service to Light House Mission the *right thing* to do?” Good question, and I’m sure you would have your own answer to that question. But I would think it’s because you see a need and you simply want to help someone in need. You also know the track record of the Mission. We are good stewards of your money. We turn no one away. You know we’ll always be here for those in need — whether they hail from Terre Haute or from across the country. So whatever your reason for giving to the Mission, *thank you*.

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Everyone says *thank you* ... in his or her own way

Sometimes people wonder if our guests express their appreciation for all you do to provide them with food, clothing and shelter. Because everyone is different, those expressions of gratitude vary from a smile, a handshake and a hug to a simple *thank you*. Many years ago we helped a man for a few months, after which time he moved on. Then, to our surprise, he turned up not long ago and said, “God and the Mission staff helped me turn my life around. I accepted Jesus here and now I’ve returned to make a contribution to this ministry.”

You just never know. It’s quite possible we may never see our guests again this side of heaven. But you can be assured there will be a throng of people inside those pearly gates who came to faith because of your ongoing, generous support. What greater gift could you ever give to people than to introduce them to the King of Kings and Lord of Lords?

Today the face of the homeless is changing. Right now we’re seeing increasing numbers of families and children coming through our doors. That’s why we’re building a new family unit on our second floor, and by November we will have completed our family apartment complex just down the street. But our hands would be tied without your generosity. Thank you and God bless you for your compassion at this Thanksgiving season and throughout the year.

Your servant,

Rev. Tim Fagg, CEO

Attention Ladies!

Did you know the Light House Mission has a Ladies Auxiliary? Or that they are looking for new members? The ladies meet the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 11:30 a.m. They provide and serve the lunch meal, and then have a short meeting in the chapel. The women work along with the staff to serve the needy of our community. If you are interested in joining, call for information.

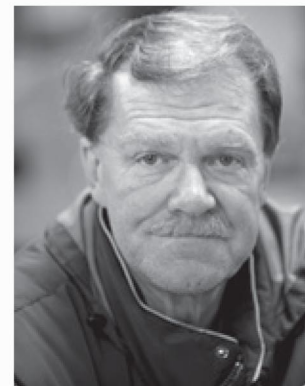
Ways to Help — for Free

- Donate gently used clothing, household items and furniture
- Volunteer some of your time to help others
- Pray for the Mission and its residents and staff
- Use GoodSearch.com while surfing the Web (Select the Mission for credit)
- Remember the Light House Mission in your will

Thank you for your loving support

When lives once hard as steel come face to face with the power of the risen Lord, miracles begin to take place. When purpose and meaning take the place of living by the lawlessness of the street, lives are changed and priorities are rearranged. And when God becomes a reality in the hearts of our residents, there’s a ripple effect in their lives that cannot be denied.

But none of these miracles could take place without your kindness and generosity. Your donations to Light House Mission help us plant seeds of hope in lives that once knew only desolation. Then as God works in shattered spirits, new life emerges. Growth happens. What was once old and dismal becomes fresh and new.



I've quit beating my head on the wall... because the wall wins every time

My name is Pamela. I came to Light House Mission and the Conners Center directly from prison. I did four years total as a codefendant for a major crime. I guess I've been an angry person for a long time. Earlier I had also been arrested for *driving under the influence*. I knew I needed to be locked up, but I hoped I'd get to go to a rehab home, not a prison. The judge thought otherwise.

I was still able to get in two years of college, where I studied applied sciences and human services. In prison, I wanted to complete my education. In fact, I made sure I got into a bit of trouble while inside, so I could finish my course. I have an active mind and I kept it alive in prison by making T-shirts, crocheting sweaters and doing lots of hand-sewing. In spite of my incarceration I maintained an interest

in a variety of subjects. I would often read up to 40 books to research an idea.

I'm back in church...and my relationship with God is closer

But that's all in the past. I'm still on parole. However, my life is not what it used to be. I have considerable Bible knowledge so what I'm learning at the Conners Center is not new to me. *I just know I'm not the person I used to be.* I'm back in church and my relationship with God is closer than it's been in a long time. I'm no longer beating my head on the wall. I've come to learn that the wall wins every time.

If you talk to the other women here at Conners Center, I'm sure they'll also tell you how much they appreciate what you do to make our lives better. You provide us with good food, warm clothing and shelter. I feel safe here. I'm no longer hiding. It took me three years to change my thinking...but I know I'm finally back on course. Thank you for your compassion and concern.



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We Need You!!

The Mission needs your help in many ways this upcoming holiday season. Call Bonnie at **812-232-7001** if you have some spare time and want to be a blessing.

- **Sign up families** for Thanksgiving baskets. Tentative dates are November 1 - 12. Time slots are 9-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m., Monday through Friday. Signups will be held at The Salvation Army building.
- **Help** with setup for the Thanksgiving basket giveaway on Monday, November 22 at 6:30 p.m.
- **Assist** in assembling and distributing the Thanksgiving baskets on November 23 from 8:30 a.m. until ????. If you can only do a part of the day, we can still use you.
- **Prepare and/or serve** a meal during the month of November or December. Remember: servers are needed DAILY, not just on the holidays.
- **Bring** in dessert for a meal.
- **Plan** a holiday activity for the children living at the Mission.

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You give so much more than food and warm beds

We are grateful to you for standing alongside us as we bring a message of light and hope into the lives of so many who live in darkness. Yes, you provide nourishing food, warm beds and comfortable clothing for men, women and children.

To give a donation, please use the remit slip enclosed. We do not ask these gifts for ourselves. Your donations go directly to help heal broken hearts and crushed spirits. You may also give your gift on our secure website at www.thlhm.org. You may also contact us directly by emailing Bonnie at bonnie@thlhm.org. Thank you for your support during the Thanksgiving season and throughout the year.

Thanksgiving Basket Needs

Even though it is only September, we are already beginning to think about Thanksgiving and the baskets for needy families in our community. Last year we gave out a record-breaking 1,505 baskets, and we expect the need to be as great or greater this season.

However, we are limited on how many stores we can put our barrels in to collect canned goods, so we are asking our generous supporters to help us out. The Mission can deliver a barrel to your church, business or organization for collecting food for the baskets. You can designate a weekend, a week or other amount of time to collect for us. Then call us and we will pick up your donations. Youth

groups or classes can hold food drives. You can sponsor a certain number of baskets by providing everything that goes into each one. Or you can drop off canned goods at the Mission for the baskets. All donations — big or small will be greatly appreciated.

Items needed for the baskets include frozen turkeys, cans of pumpkin, fruit, corn, green beans and yams; boxes of macaroni and cheese, cake mix and Jello; and a five-pound-bag of potatoes. Will you prayerfully consider partnering with us this year to bless needy families?



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Plan Your Giving for November

Everyone likes to get more for their dollar — even when they are donating it.



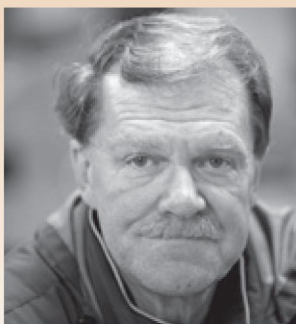
So here's your opportunity:

From November 11-24, **Denver Mattress will match dollar for dollar** (up to \$2,500) for every donation given through their website to help the homeless.

Here's how to do it!!

1. Go to www.denvermattresshelps.com
2. Click on pull-down menu
3. Choose Lighthouse Mission Ministries
4. Make your donation

So if you have an extra dollar or more, please consider supporting us through this campaign. Your donation will help us provide basic survival services — food shelter and life-changing programs — this winter.



My Thanksgiving Gift

YES, Rev. Tim, you can count on my enthusiastic support for this ministry of rescue. It's my privilege to be on the Mission team.

Here's my gift of:

- \$20.50 to provide 10 meals and other assistance
- \$30.75 to provide 15 meals and other assistance
- \$61.50 to provide 30 meals and other assistance
- \$_____ to provide as many meals and as much care as possible
- Please bill my credit card VISA MC AMEX

ACCOUNT NO. _____ EXP. DATE _____

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