

*Dedicated to pouring God's love into the pockets of poverty both of body and soul.*



**LEWIS COUNTY GOSPEL MISSION**  
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Newsletter

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## Abundant Blessings

*And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. As it is written:*

*"They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor;  
their righteousness endures forever."*

*2 Corinthians 9:8-9*

God's word promises abundant blessings and He proves Himself faithful. He poured out provision to the Lewis County Gospel Mission in amazing ways in 2011:

- Noah, age 7, saved his money and purchased Bibles to give out at the Lighthouse.
- KACS radio station donated money from their annual fundraising to help meet needs at the Lighthouse.
- Local markets provided overstocked vegetables and fruits, bread and pastry.
- The Olympia Union Gospel Mission purchased a new computer and monitor for the LCGM office. Many times, as our pantry has been about empty, their truck shows up with food to replenish the food room and the kitchen.
- Several people have donated used vehicles to LCGM to either scrap or sell.

Our heartfelt thanks to all who have supported the work of the Lewis County Gospel Mission and for all who have volunteered in the Jail Ministry and the Lighthouse Christian Resource Center.

*"Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness." 2 Corinthians 9:10*

Above all, we acknowledge the Creator and Sustainer of the Universe, who continues to bring in those who need the service and the people and provisions to meet those needs.

### ...AND THE BLESSINGS CONTINUE...

God's abundance continued to pour out. ReachONE Internet contacted us and offered to create and maintain a website for the Lewis County Gospel Mission - at no cost to LCGM!

WEBSITE ADDRESS:

<http://lewiscountygospelmission.org>

The site is operational but still being refined. Please take a peek and let us know what you think. Our Heavenly Father knew what was needed next and placed it on the hearts of those seeking to be involved in Kingdom work here on earth.

**GOD IS SO AMAZING!**

## TESTIMONIES

R.G. stopped by the Mission recently and handed a volunteer a cash donation because "you gave my son help when he was on the street."

"The Lighthouse has helped me not only with food but with getting back on the path of righteousness. The daily support of the Word and a clean and sober place to hang out helps a lot." Stacy W.

*"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'" Matthew 25:40*

## The Needs Continue to Grow

The chart below shows the number of people who have signed in at the Lighthouse for food, clothing or other services during 2011.

Month	2010	2011
January	no record	542
February	329	626
March	597	869
April	485	991
May	423	1058
June	501	876
July	548	804
August	604	736
September	627	623
October	569	726
November	617	688
December	742	801

## HOW YOU CAN PARTNER WITH US

- Pray God will bring volunteers to staff the Mission on Saturdays.
- Pray God will use this ministry to bring new believers to His kingdom.
- Pray God will provide the workers for the Harvest.
- Pray God will continue to provide the materials and finances to keep the Lighthouse Resource Center open and effective.
- Pray for additional Board members for the Lewis County Gospel Mission.
- Consider becoming a partner in the Jail Ministry program.
- Prayerfully consider a regular financial donation to Lewis County Gospel Mission. Help us keep the doors open and the lights on.

## CURRENT NEEDS

### Food -

Top Ramen  
Packaged Dinners  
Macaroni and Cheese  
Pasta  
Canned meats  
Canned Soup  
Chili  
Canned fruit  
Canned vegetables  
Pancake Mix & Syrup  
Spaghetti Sauce

Warm coats and gloves.

### Boots or shoes in good condition.

Tents, tarps and backpacks.  
Sleeping bags, heavy blankets.  
Socks and underwear (new)  
Toilet Paper, Paper Towels and Kleenex.  
Toothbrushes and toothpaste  
Towels and wash cloths  
Hairbrushes and combs  
Bar Soap, Shampoo, Conditioner  
Bleach, laundry soap, dishwasher soap  
Liquid dish soap and hand soap

## FORGIVENESS AND FELLOWSHIP

Ever had a bad day? I'm not talking about forgetting your phone at the house as you speed off for work or getting a notice that your electric bill is being raised. I'm talking about a word said in anger or an action done in frustration that led to a compromise of your values and your life being irrevocably changed forever? If not, be thankful.

As a chaplain at the local jail I meet people every day not so different me or you. They had jobs and families. Went to church and were on PTA boards. But usually an error in judgment or an outburst in a volatile situation set in motion a lengthy incarceration that ended up destroying a career or separating a family. One turn of the key in the ignition after one drink too many or even the slamming of furniture during an outburst of anger is all it takes. Either of these actions can cost you months in jail and thousands of dollars in legal fees and court fines.

Don't get me wrong. There are serious offenders that go through our legal system. Some people need to be taken off the streets for the public's safety and sometimes their own safety. What I'm trying to get at is that people make mistakes but those who get arrested receive a double judgment. First is the judgment of the legal authorities but second is the judgment of the community and fellow peers. Think about what wrong actions you may have done over the years but by grace were never caught or held accountable for it? Have you ever sped in your car? Ran a red light and not gotten pulled over? What about slamming your books down on the table because you were angry with the spouse, the kid's, or the dog?

I have never known the pain or struggle of what it is like to lose everything after going through the legal system. But I do see the struggle of men and women every week as they attempt to rebuild their lives after being released from jail. It is very difficult to find work, pay for rent, pay for court costs, go to alcohol and drug classes-all while trying to rebuild broken bridges with family and community.

Those who are in Christ know some of the depth of what we are forgiven. It is that act of being forgiven that gives us the good pleasure and responsibility to forgive others. Your hand or prayer in fellowship may be the very act that God uses to restore someone in fellowship through Jesus. Please take the time to thank God for his precious gift of forgiveness and ask him how you can pass that forgiveness on to a former inmate in need of it.

Brian Hill  
Chaplain

## **JAIL MINISTRY SPECIAL NEEDS**

**NIV or NAS Soft Cover Bibles (Large Print)  
Inexpensive reading glasses**

It is exciting when our jail ministry teams report back that the inmates at the jail are requesting Bibles and taking what they're learning and sharing it with others in their cells. This thirst for God's Word has resulted in a need for additional Bibles.

The volunteers also advise that many inmates have poor vision and would benefit from having generic reading glasses available.

## **DONATE YOUR CAR - RUNNING OR NOT**

Free pick up of your unwanted vehicle (car, boat, truck or RV) with proceeds from sale or salvage going to support the Lewis County Gospel Mission ministries. LCGM has 501(c)3 status and will provide a receipt for you to use for tax deduction purposes.

Call the Lighthouse at 360-748-9444 or Lee Day at 360-520-3800 to arrange pick up.



*For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me. Matthew 25:35,36*