

Appreciating Our Volunteers!

We kicked off our 1st day of May by celebrating the men and women who regularly give of their time to ensure that everyone in our community has access to food, clothing, showers and other essential supplies. We want to give a big thanks to each and every person that has volunteered at LCGM, whether past or presently. This Mission could not exist without your helping hands!



Though we are so proud of the meals and services that are provided within our little red building, we know our greatest assets are our amazing volunteers!

After all, it's our volunteers who make this place a family and a home for those who are without....

And who provide a caring ear for those who are downcast in their spirit...

And who share your powerful testimonies of overcoming addiction, tragedy and loss, only to discover a gloriously new life...

And who give hugs, wipe tears, pray over those who are hurting, and share the message that none of us have strayed too far from the boundaries of our Lord's grace and love.

Thank you again volunteers for your service; for shining love brightly through the darkness. And for being the hands and feet of Jesus, who gave His life to save ours.

A Day in the Life

In the short time that I have served as the new director at LCGM, I have already amassed countless stories that have touched my heart. Here are just two recent examples that I would like to share with you.

Can You Break a \$100?

Not a common question I get at the Mission, but it was recently posed to me by one of our long-time Mission guests. This man had once been homeless, but by the grace of God had been able to receive housing and had also secured a stable job delivering pizzas locally. During one particularly large delivery, he was blessed by a \$100 tip. Immediately, he thought to share half of his funds with the Mission. He was so excited that it was now his turn to give back to those in need.

"I'm 63...And I Have Never Read One Page from the Bible."

While I was in the office with our jail chaplain, a guest walked in and made this confession to us. It was clear that this fact was weighing heavily on his heart. After we prayed over the man, he said his own prayer aloud to Jesus, asking to be forgiven of his drug addiction and for the Lord to reign in his life. Later in the day, I observed the man attending one of our Bible studies. He stayed until the very end and I noticed that there were tears streaming down his face.

By: *Tricia Ziese*

Our Kitchen Need

Sadly, both of our standup coolers in our kitchen began to overheat and could not be repaired. This leaves us without cold storage in our serving area to keep milk, condiments, and other foods at proper holding temperature during meal service. We are praying for the immediate donation of replacement units. Please contact our office at (360) 996-4474 if you are able to help us with this pressing need.

Would you prayerfully consider donating to LCGM? Donations may be made by the following:
Regular mail at: PO Box 631, Chehalis, WA 98532 or Online at: lewiscountygospelmission.org
or In-person at: 72 SW Chehalis Ave., Chehalis, Washington 98532



Our “Cool” Answered Prayer!

Things have been heating up in our kitchen- literally! As summer quickly approaches, our already hot stove area is about to get really scorching. Our new walk-in fridge has even been affected by the immense heat that radiates from our commercial stove.

The Lord saw our struggles and blessed us with a grant from PUD that will cover the entire expense of a new ductless mini-split system and it will be installed in early June. We are singing our praises that our volunteers and nearby food supply will be staying cool this summer. Praise the Lord for faithfully providing for our needs!

Q: What do Toilet Paper, Coffee and Shoes have in Common?

A: They can all help the Lewis County Gospel Mission serve hot meals to our homeless and under-resourced LC residents! And all you have to do is make your normal day-to-day online purchases as follows:

- Step 1: Visit <https://smile.amazon.com/>;
- Step 2: Select “Lewis County Gospel Mission” as your chosen charity to support;
- Step 3: Then shop as normal! Each quarter, Amazon will mail proceeds directly to your charity of choice.



Pro tip: Bookmark this page to ensure that all of your Amazon purchases are made through AmazonSmile. Just look for the logo above! Purchases made on the regular Amazon site will *not* benefit your charity.



Shout Outs!

Thank you to our wonderful friends at Taqueria Costa Michoacana (118 US Hwy 12 Chehalis) for donating the most delicious & authentic Mexican food to our guests *every* Monday!

Bless you Darigold for faithfully donating milk to ensure LCGM’s guests are well nourished!

Kevon’s Story- 7 Miles in My Shoes

On Labor Day of 2018, I was released from prison after serving a 6-year sentence. I walked out with nowhere to go and no prospects. My adulthood had been overlaid with heavy drinking and prodigal living, which understandably did not leave welcoming doorsteps from my family. An uncle took pity on me and allowed me to live in a tent on his vacant land. However, this put me far out in the Adna area.

In order to look for something to eat, or for work prospects, I had to walk daily into downtown Chehalis. It was a grueling 7-mile journey. One day, I walked past a little red mission that was open for hot meals to anyone hungry. This quickly became my new regular hangout.

I was able to find odd jobs and was working hard to get my life back on track. Two of the Mission’s volunteers, Tad and Paul, became my friends and mentors. They encouraged me to also become a volunteer at LCGM, which I still am to this day.

I now have my own place in Centralia and work steadily. I still find myself walking the distance between downtown Centralia and the Lewis County Gospel Mission from time to time, but now it’s for a different reason. Instead of journeying for myself, I make these steps for others. I want other men facing my similar circumstances to know that there’s hope for their future.

By: *Kevon Tracy*

How You Make a Difference

We know that we have a lot of prayer warriors out there, and we so appreciate you!! We hope you will also pray for LCGM to soon expand into transformational housing to break the devastating and long-term cycle of homelessness for so many.

Additionally, we hope you will consider donating new or gently used adult clothing items, non-perishable foods and snacks, grooming items, tents, sleeping bags to LCGM, or make a financial donation to be applied to our most needed items.