

A \$160K Call for Help!!! Keeping LCGM Flood-Free



Photo of Fay Ternan, LCGM's retired Executive Director, showcasing our flooded interior in 2012.

It wasn't long after I took over as LCGM's Executive Director in November 2020 that I encountered my first flooding experience. It had rained heavily during the night and as I parked my car in front of the Mission, I remember letting out an exhale of relief that I there was no water pooled around the building, believing we had escaped the waters. Little did know what awaited me inside.

As soon as I opened the door I walked into a pool of standing water. I sloshed around the building to inspect the damage. From the dining room, kitchen, clothing room, food pantry and our offices- the flooding had reached every corner. It took a crew of us armed with shop vacs, squeegees and mops several hours to clean up the mess.

During the rainy season, we install flood walls at each entrance point to minimize the water's entry. However, this prohibits many of our elderly and disabled guests from being able to enter our building to access restrooms or to stay warm during the winter. For this reason, we use the gates as little as possible so that we can continue to serve every person in our community who is in need.

After working with an engineer and the City, we are excited to announce that our drainage issue can be resolved! It will, however, require a lot of work and will cost approximately \$160K to fix. It is our prayer that we can start this project as soon as possible, especially with the winter season looming right around the corner. Please stay tuned for our upcoming fundraising events so that you can help keep our Mission flood free!

Formidable Forest An Obstacle Course for a Cause!

Come join us this September for a day full of family fun at Hunting's Pumpkin Patch, located in Cinebar! Walk or run through a 5k obstacle course nestled deep in the forest. This challenging, but family friendly course features 20+ obstacles. Think you have what it takes to tackle each one? There's only one way to find out!!!

There's plenty of entertainment available for your adoring (and non-competing) fans to enjoy, including *bounce houses* for the kids, hot dogs & snacks, and a raffle for *lots of exciting prizes* and gift cards. Who said only course participants get all the fun?!!

The best part is that ALL proceeds of this event will benefit the Lewis County Gospel Mission! Check out our attached flyer for pricing, date/time & location of this exciting event. Space is limited, so get yourself registered right away. Then make sure you save the date because you won't want to miss out on this one!

Feeling extra competitive? We will have races available for those who wish to compete individually or as a team. Talk about some major bragging rights!!

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

Formidable Forest continued...

For the rest of us, come out and enjoy the course at your own pace and comfort level. It's all about having fun and testing your own physical limits. We can't wait to see you all there!

Staying in Faith During Trial: Believing in God's Goodness



We want to introduce you to our friend Richard ("Rico"). Richard is a homeless guest of ours who asked if he could give back to the Mission by cleaning the bathrooms for a day. The next day, he was back and offering his services again.

This happened day after day, and for several months we could count on Richard being here all 7 days of the week, joyfully helping others and serving anywhere that he was needed.

To our delight Richard was able to secure a position through Total Employment and Management (TEAM), who generously donates 2 part-time employees to LCGM for janitorial and dish washing duties.

Richard never expected that he would be paid for his work at the Mission. Despite the circumstances that led him to homelessness, Richard never stopped believing that God was working things out for his good and he wanted to give back to the Lord for providing for his every need.

Richard's faithfulness and work ethic has since been discovered by our friends at Reliable Enterprises, and we are excited to announce that Richard is now a night manager at one of their properties. The position also comes its own apartment on-site.

We are so inspired by the testing of your faith, Richard! May we not compare ourselves to others, but learn how to have a grateful heart for the Lord in *all* of our circumstances and trials. We are praying for your continued success and for the Lord to take you to unimaginable heights!

*"Because he loves me," says the Lord,
"I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he
acknowledges my name. He will call on me, and I will
answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver
him and honor him. With long life I will satisfy him and
show him my salvation."
- Psalm 91:14-16.*

Mission Buck\$



We at LCGM do our best to be good stewards of your generous donations. Therefore, we are implementing an incentive program for our guests to ensure that we are preventing clothing waste, called Mission Bucks.

Guests who turn in soiled clothing in exchange for new items from our clothing room will be rewarded with a Mission Buck. These Bucks can then be spent in our food pantry for premium items, such as sports drinks, candy bars, phone chargers, and the like.

Guests may also earn Bucks by performing tasks around the Mission, such as janitorial duties. Not only do our guests earn goodies, but are also awarded with a sense of accomplishment. Our spirits are always lifted when we find ourselves on the giving end instead of always being the ones receiving. And that is what we are most excited about with our new program: our guests feeling good about themselves and giving back.

Our Current Donation Needs

- Tents (1-3 person)
- Sleeping bags
- Back packs
- Men's pants sizes 28" – 36"
- Women's leggings S-L
- Hoodies, men's & ladies
- Medium Ground Coffee
- Non-dairy creamer & Splenda
- Canned chicken & tuna
- Protein shakes & protein bars
- Individual snacks, fruit cups, and nuts

We accept donations M-F, between 8 am – 2 pm. We are located at 72 SW Chehalis Ave., Chehalis. Please call us at (360) 996-474 for arrangements outside of our normal donation hours. Thank you!