

The Perfect Christmas Gift

Are you looking for a practical way to care for neighbors in need this Christmas? Consider filling and donating Christmas gift bags for the men and women who call Faith Mission home! It's a great opportunity for your family or small group to get involved in spreading the joy of the season!

Men's Gift Bags (120 needed)

- Stocking Hat
- Shaving Cream
- Pair of Gloves
- Body Lotion
- Pair of Socks
- Devotional Book
- Disposable Razor
- Deodorant
- Card of Encouragement

Women's Gift Bags (40 needed)

- Stocking Hat
- Pair of Gloves
- Body Lotion
- Pair of Socks
- Devotional Book
- Disposable Razor
- Deodorant
- Card of Encouragement



Please mark your bag(s) "man" or "woman" and drop them off at the Mission by Saturday, December 21. For more information, please call (574) 293-3406.



Get involved this holiday season!

Many more individuals and families will come to Faith Mission for help this holiday season, and we would love for you to join us in serving them during this special time of year. Individuals, groups or families are all welcome!

For more information, call Vera Swihart at (574) 293-3406, ext. 103. Or go to theFaithMission.org and click on "How to Help" then "Volunteer."



"I had no idea!"

When partners like you take a tour of Faith Mission, quite often they say, "I had no idea what all happens here!"

That's because it's hard to fully appreciate everything your support accomplishes without witnessing it first-hand!

If you're ready to see for yourself how your gifts make a difference during the holidays and throughout the year, please contact us at (574) 293-3406. **We hope to see you soon!**

Follow us on our new Instagram page! @faithmissionmichiana



Faith IN Action



"They have not given up on me."

When Jennifer came to Faith Mission, your support helped introduce her to a community of people who wouldn't give up on her!

She had really never experienced that before.

"I came here broken, hurt, and damaged," she says. "Now, I'm a whole new person. I'm still a work in progress, but this place really does help."

Read Jennifer's story of redemption inside...

Just for you...

- Love doesn't quit!
- "I've had my ups and downs. But I made it through!"
- Only Days Away!

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Use my gift to provide meals and care this holiday season.

- \$23.52 for **12 meals and care**
- \$49.00 for **25 meals and care**
- \$74.48 for **38 meals and care**
- \$_____ to help as many people as possible

Bill my credit card

Make this a monthly gift

Card # _____ Exp. Date _____ CIV/SEC# _____

Phone # _____ Email _____

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

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NOTES FROM THE CEO
MIKE PEREZ

Love doesn't quit!

The Apostle Paul concludes I Corinthians 13 by saying, "And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love."

Thanks to your care and support, these gifts are offered to each man and woman who walks through our door, because love doesn't quit when neighbors come to us for help after they've lost everything.

Love provides meals to feed those who are hungry.

Love provides safe shelter at our Tiny Shelters, safe housing for families at the new Graber House, and recovery programs for men and women trying to get back on their feet.

Love perseveres and helps rebuild lives one person at a time!

As the holidays approach, the prayerful support from friends like you helps rebuild broken lives on the solid foundation of Jesus Christ.

It may start with a meal. A kind word. Or a night of safe housing. But most of all **it starts with you.**

Thank you so much for showing love for neighbors in need by supporting this vital work with your prayers and gifts.

God bless you!



"I've had my ups and downs. But I made it through!"



Imagine your mother died before you were two years old.

Imagine your father telling you when you were just four that he couldn't give you the kind of love you needed.

Imagine trying to grow up in a home where you were emotionally, mentally and physically abused.

Imagine a life so bad that you used alcohol and meth to dull the pain. And when that didn't work, you tried to kill yourself.

Jennifer experienced all of that before coming to Faith Mission. She arrived last spring after attempting to take her own life because she was estranged from her teenage son.

"My son had lost faith in me," she remembers. "He stopped talking to me. If he wasn't going to be in my life, what purpose did I have?"

After being released from the hospital, Jennifer came to Faith Mission, where your support provided her with the opportunity to start a new life and heal from past wounds.



"They've brought me closer to God."

Jennifer was "broken, hurt and damaged" when she arrived. Today, she's "a whole new person."

As she began to open up, she learned that she was not alone. Not only did she have the support of the staff, but as part of our Training Faithful Women program she began to learn about Jesus. "It felt right," she says. "It was amazing, and I'm still learning."

The sense of community has also made a huge difference in Jennifer's life.

"I've had my ups and downs. More downs than ups. But I've made it through, and there have been a lot of people here who have stuck by me and helped me. They have not given up on me. I've never had that kind of support my whole life. I've never known what it's like to have people care for me like that, so it's been awesome."

"They've shown me the right way to do things. I've been very stubborn and hard to handle sometimes, but they've brought me closer to God and have put their faith in me."

Thank you for making a difference in Jennifer's life through your prayers and support!



Complete Holiday Dinner — Just \$1.96!

The holiday season is quickly approaching, and we're gearing up to provide hundreds of meals to hungry guests every day – not to mention the special dinners we'll serve at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Each meal you help provide at Faith Mission equals a life that is touched through your generosity. A meal provides warmth and nourishment, while also helping introduce guests to other life-changing services.

And given that you can feed a hungry neighbor for just \$1.96, your gift of any size makes an immediate and lasting – and sometimes eternal – difference in people's lives. **Please mail your donation today or give online at theFaithMission.org.**



Only Days Away!

If you haven't yet registered for Faith Mission's 16th Annual Turkey Stampede, now is the time!

Join your family, friends and neighbors on Thanksgiving Day for the 10K run, the 5K walk/run, or the 1-mile walk through the streets of Elkhart. You can also register to participate virtually if you can't join us in person.

All proceeds benefit the men, women and children served at Faith Mission.

Thursday, November 28, 8:30 a.m.

Elkhart Health & Aquatics (200 E. Jackson Blvd.)

Register today at theFaithMission.org!