

## Mark Your Calendar for the Turkey Stampede!

Thanksgiving is right around the corner—and so is the 17th Annual Turkey Stampede!

Kick off the holiday with a fun, meaningful tradition. Gather your family, friends, and neighbors and join us for a 10K run, 5K walk/run, or 1-mile walk. Can't be there in person? You can still participate virtually!

Best of all, every step you take helps provide food, shelter, and care for men, women, and children at Faith Mission. It's a great way to get active, spend time with loved ones, and give back — all in one event.

**Thursday, November 27, 8:30 a.m.**

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

**Register today at [FaithMissionMichiana.org](https://FaithMissionMichiana.org)!**



## Pray & Give Thanks!

**Pray for** those in Michiana who are struggling with hunger, homelessness and other challenges.

**Pray for** the men and women at the Mission who are taking steps each day to rebuild their lives and grow in their faith in Christ.

**Pray for** our staff as we prepare for a busy Thanksgiving season.

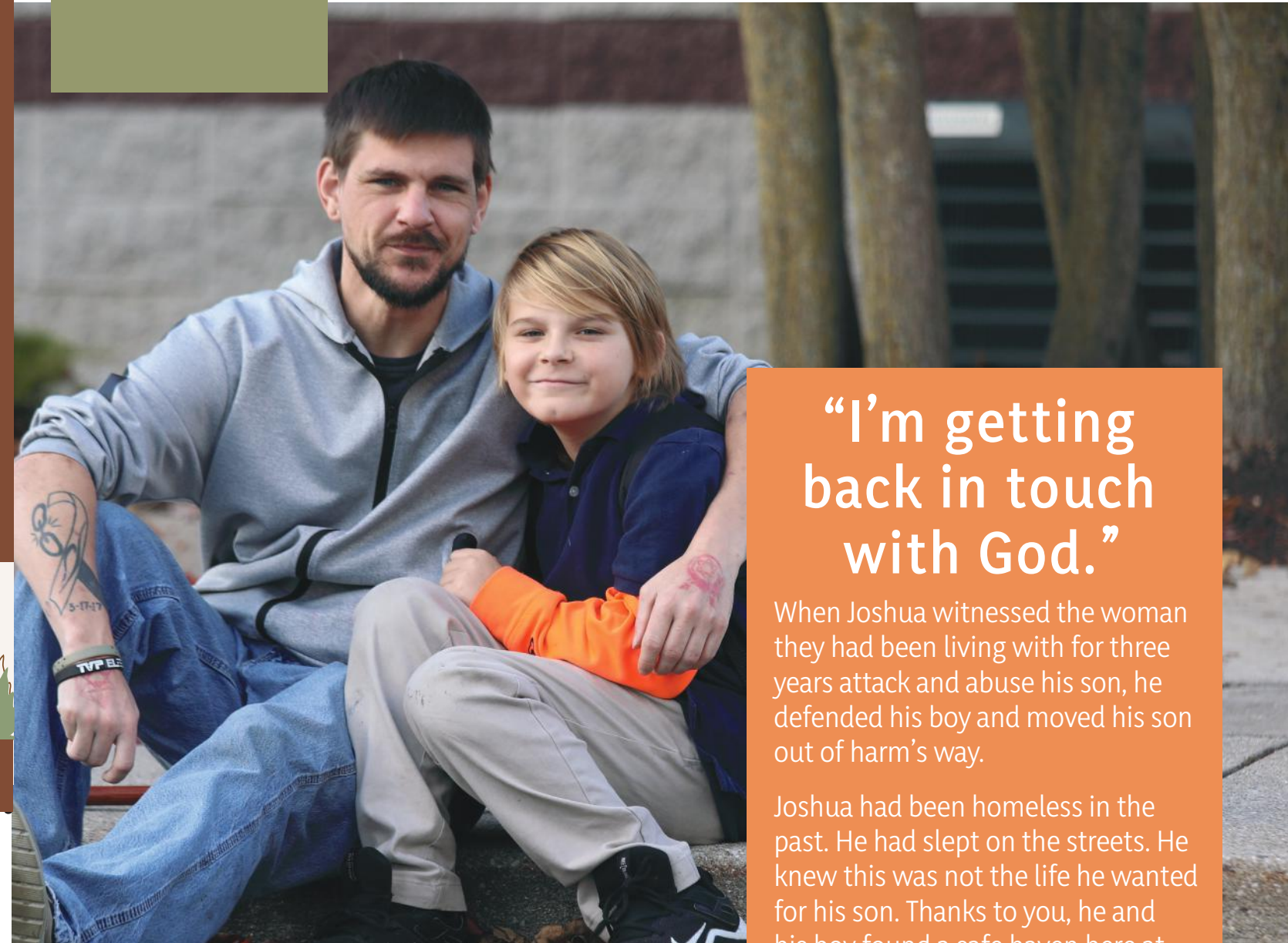
**Pray for** God's blessing on the volunteers who come to Faith Mission to help during the holidays and throughout the year.



**Give thanks** to the Lord for His love, grace, forgiveness, and healing power.



# Faith IN Action



## “I’m getting back in touch with God.”

When Joshua witnessed the woman they had been living with for three years attack and abuse his son, he defended his boy and moved his son out of harm's way.

Joshua had been homeless in the past. He had slept on the streets. He knew this was not the life he wanted for his son. Thanks to you, he and his boy found a safe haven here at Faith Mission.

**Learn how Joshua's family has gained a new lease on life...**

## Just for you...

- ThanksGiving
- “It means the world to me.”
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**YES, I'll bless people in need with food, shelter and care this Thanksgiving season.**

- ☐ \$23.52 for **12 meals and care**
- ☐ \$49.00 for **25 meals and care**
- ☐ \$74.48 for **38 meals and care**
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NOTES FROM THE CEO  
MIKE PEREZ

# ThanksGiving

We all have so much to be thankful for.

Family. Friends. Homes. Jobs. The list of blessings goes on and on.

Here at Faith Mission, our guests are thankful for safe, warm shelter and nourishing meals. Once their basic needs are met, we work with them to restore their lives and help them grow in their walk with Christ.

None of this would be possible without the prayers and support of friends like you.

Whether you volunteer your time, help us restock our pantry or send a gift, you are the fuel that keeps this ministry running!

So as Thanksgiving approaches, we and those whose lives you have saved and changed give thanks for YOU.

May God richly bless you and yours at Thanksgiving and always!

*Mike Perez*

## Complete Thanksgiving Dinner — Just \$1.96!



Prices may have increased nearly everywhere – but you can still feed a hungry man, woman or child at Faith Mission for just \$1.96.

Thanks to generous donations of food and supplies, we're able to keep costs low and stretch every dollar you give to provide nourishing meals and the hope of Jesus to people in need.

As Thanksgiving approaches, we're preparing to serve over 50,000 meals to hungry guests. Your support will help feed them—and remind them they're not forgotten.

Please give today by mail or donate online at [FaithMissionMichiana.org](http://FaithMissionMichiana.org).

## “It means the world to me.”



**W**hen Joshua learned that the woman he had been living with for three years was attacking and abusing his young son, they had to leave.

“Once I saw it myself, I assumed she had been doing it before then,” he says.

He knew he had to find a safe haven for himself and Gavin. Though he is now clean and sober, before he became a father, Joshua did drugs and lived on the streets for a time, sleeping in the back of a truck.

“It was rough,” he remembers. “I couldn’t do that to my son.”

### A “come to God” moment.

“I had been smoking crack for about a year to a year and a half. I was sitting in the crack house, and I heard this voice in the back of my head that wasn’t just a thought. It was completely new.”

“The voice just said, ‘Stop.’ So, I put the pipe down, walked away, laid down on the couch and fell asleep. Then my mom helped me get out of

there, out of that house, and set me on the road to recovery. It wasn’t until later that I realized that voice was God.”

Then last September, when the domestic violence occurred, your support made it possible for Joshua and his son to find safe shelter at Faith Mission.

“Everything’s been really good,” says Joshua. “We have a roof over our heads.

Everybody watches out for my son. We get three square meals a day and it’s reintroducing me to religion — because I fell away for a while.”

**And to partners like you who make Faith Mission possible, Joshua says, “I’d definitely say a big ‘Thank you.’ Anything they contribute is a huge help to all of us here.”**



## Lend a helping hand this Thanksgiving season!

Volunteering is a great way to support neighbors in need—and we have opportunities for individuals, families, and groups. Whether you’re serving meals or organizing donations, you can make a difference in someone’s life this season.

**For more information, please contact Vera Swihart at (574) 293-3406, ext. 103, or visit [FaithMissionMichiana.org](http://FaithMissionMichiana.org) and click on “Support” and “Volunteer”.**



## Today's Recipe

### Complete Thanksgiving Dinner

**Turkeys**  
**Hams**  
**Boxes of stuffing**  
**Cream of mushroom soup**

**Dinner rolls**  
**Carrots, celery, onions**  
**and potatoes**

**Directions:** Combine with love and serve to hungry individuals and families in Michiana!

**Help fill the pantry this Thanksgiving.** Please drop off donations at 801 N. Benham Avenue, Elkhart. For more information, please call (574) 293-3406.

**No time to shop? Make a gift at [FaithMissionMichiana.org](http://FaithMissionMichiana.org).**