

The Perfect Christmas Gift

Looking for a meaningful way to share the joy of Christmas with neighbors in need? 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

Pair of Gloves

Pair of Socks

Disposable Razor

Shaving Cream
- Body Lotion

Deodorant

Devotional Book

Card of Encouragement

Women's Gift Bags (40 needed)

- Stocking Hat

Pair of Gloves

Pair of Socks

Disposable Razor

Shaving Cream
- Deodorant

Body Lotion

Card of Encouragement

Please mark your bag(s) "man" or "woman" and drop them off at the Mission by Saturday, December 19. For more information, please call (574) 293-3406.



Volunteers needed this holiday season!

During the holiday season, many more people come to Faith Mission in need of food, shelter and care. Whether you're an individual, a group, or a family, we would love to have you join us in caring for our guests during this special time of year.

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



Faith IN Action



“It was like a second chance for me.”

Amber tried her best to provide for her family, but times got tough. “I was always in survival mode,” she says. “I was working two or three jobs. I barely had time to spend with my kids.”

To escape from domestic violence, she and her family moved to Elkhart from another state. Thanks to your support, she and her family eventually found a safe harbor at Faith Mission.

Learn how this nearly tragic story found its happy ending...

GIVE. VOLUNTEER. CONNECT. FaithMissionMichiana.org

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

- ☐ \$26.91 for 13 meals and care

☐ \$51.75 for 25 meals and care

☐ \$76.59 for 37 meals and care

☐ \$_____ to help as many people as possible

☐ Bill my credit card ☐ VISA ☐ MasterCard ☐ AMERICAN EXPRESS ☐ DISCOVER

☐ Make this a monthly gift

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

Phone # _____ Email _____

Name _____

Address _____ City _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

DONATE FASTER ONLINE:
FaithMissionMichiana.org



Point your smartphone camera here to give now

Faith Mission of Elkhart
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Just for you...

- No room at the inn...
- “It was just me and God.”
- The Turkey Stampede is almost here!



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NOTES FROM THE CEO
MIKE PEREZ

No room at the inn...

As the celebration of Christ’s birth draws near, we are reminded that the Lord was born in a humble stable because there was no room at the inn.

Many in our community – families struggling to feed hungry children, seniors on fixed incomes, men and women broken by abuse and addictions – are similarly stranded and in desperate need.

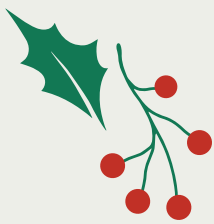
Thanks to your help and support, Faith Mission is here to provide room – and much more – to those who are homeless, hungry and needing support to start new lives.

Your gift of time, talents and treasure means our doors are open 365 days a year to serve the poorest of the poor. Your generosity not only provides meals and shelter but gives those who come to us the physical, emotional, spiritual, social and vocational support they need to rebuild their lives and return to their families and the community.

Thank you so much for making a real and eternal difference this holiday season.

May God richly bless you and yours!

Mike Perez



Complete Holiday Dinner — Just \$2.07!



The holiday season is here, and we at Faith Mission need to be ready to serve hundreds of meals to hungry guests every day – including the special dinners we’ll serve during our Thanksgiving and Christmas banquets.

Each meal served here is more than just a plate of food. It’s an act of compassion that touches someone’s life. It provides them with nourishment, and it gives them hope. It shows them that someone cares about them, and it helps introduce them to services that can guide them to housing, employment, recovery and new life in Christ.

And because you can feed a hungry individual at the Mission for just \$2.07, your gift of any size makes an immediate and lasting – and even eternal – difference. Please mail your gift today or donate online at FaithMissionMichiana.org.

Thank you for making a difference this holiday season! God bless you!

“It was just me and God.”



Amber came from a broken home. Out on her own at just 14 years old, she “hit the ground running.” She never had much support, and even after her mother stopped using drugs, the relationship was still troubled.

“It was just me and God,” Amber remembers today. “Without Him, I couldn’t have made it through all of this.”

Amber had an image of the family she wanted, but her childhood sweetheart turned out to be a nightmare. “I was thinking that if I loved him enough and stayed around enough, he would take care of the kids, and we would be this wonderful family,” she says. “But that didn’t happen.”

“He would steal from me. He would fight me. He was a junkie on and off throughout the years. One minute he’d be clean, and the next minute he wasn’t. It was a lost cause, so I packed up the children, and I left.”

“Being here was a safety net.”

Amber began by fleeing from another state to stay with her sister here in Elkhart. Once she found out about Faith Mission, she and her family came here and eventually moved into our Graber House.

Thanks to your support, she and her family have experienced peace and stability. “My children and I have our own space. We can make our own meals. I don’t have to worry about my utilities being cut off or making ends meet. Coming to

Graber House at Faith Mission was a second chance for me to get time to myself and stop and think.”

“Graber House is a joy,” she says. “My kids love it. Everybody works together as a community, one mother to another. You have time to think. You have time to put things together.”

Amber has also benefited spiritually. “People here are moved by God, and you can tell,” she says. “I found a great church. I feel like I’m getting closer to God. He’s teaching me because He knows I’m ready to listen. I’m learning about Jesus and how we should be in His image.”

And with her job at a local tax preparation firm, Amber and her children are now ready to be out on their own again.

“The Mission advocates for you. They have a lot of resources. If they don’t have the answers, they’ll find them. They reach out to the community to help you get where you need to be. They stand up for you and fight for you. They do give it their all. I’m grateful for that.”



Thank you for blessing Amber and her family through your prayers and generosity!

The Turkey Stampede is almost here!

If you haven’t registered for Faith Mission’s Turkey Stampede presented by Adams Remco, Inc., there’s still time!

Gather your family, friends, and neighbors this Thanksgiving Day for an annual tradition that makes a real difference. Choose from the 10K run, 5K walk/run, or 1-mile walk through the streets of Elkhart.

It’s a great opportunity to get fresh air, burn some Thanksgiving calories beforehand and do something for others at the same time. All proceeds go to help Faith Mission of Michiana feed and care for neighbors in need.

Thursday, November 26, 8 a.m.
Elkhart Health & Aquatics (200 E. Jackson Blvd.)
Register today at FaithMissionMichiana.org!

