

A Personal Word from Ross

What a blessing it is to be able to share stories like Odis' with you!

This incredible testimony of a life transformed is the reason this ministry exists. It is the goal that drives us – that keeps our doors open, offering a warm Christian welcome to each and every person who is hungry, homeless or in need of care and compassion.

But we can only do that because you share your blessings.

Your prayers. Your time. Your gifts. These are the blessings you bestow on those who are hungry and homeless. These are the blessings that change – and save – people's lives.

As Thanksgiving approaches, my staff and I will be sending up an extra prayer of thanks for your support and encouragement.

It truly is a blessing to have friends like you who help feed, shelter and care for "the least, the last and the lost."

With grateful thanks,

Ross Swihart
Executive Director

"LET GO AND LET GOD"

Odis lived life in the fast lane – drug abuse, dealing, and stealing to support his marijuana, crack cocaine, and meth addictions. "I went down that bumpy road called the Devil's World," he says.

His lifestyle landed him in prison several times but, during his last term, God reached him through Joyce Meyer's and T.J. Jakes' television ministries. "I watched them and decided this is the way I have to live," Odis says. "I prayed to God and told

Him, 'I'm going to be the best that I can and follow my dreams...to be strong and not give up.'"

After his release from prison, Odis found Faith Mission. "This place is for somebody who really wants something out of life," Odis says. "I do want something – it's called happiness. I don't get sad about anything now because **I made the decision to follow God.**"

Since coming to the Mission, Odis attends church seven days a week. "God comes first," he says. "You have a relationship with women, a relationship with your kids, and a relationship with your family, but if you don't have God first, the rest is going to crumble."

Odis also holds a maintenance position at the Mission. "I try to do everything I can to keep it clean," he says. "I made a decision...to work hard for them...They think I am a good worker."

Odis hopes to help others the way he's been helped. "I want to teach somebody what they taught me: Let go and let God," he says. "If you don't, you don't have anything."



Fall Sale

The Faith Mission Thrift Store is a great place to find gently used clothing, furniture, household items, tools, toys and bikes. Your donations – and your purchases – not only raise money to support the Mission, but also provide work experience for men and women in our recovery programs and clothing for those who are homeless.

Faith Mission Thrift Store
50% Off
All Clothing

Coupon Expires Nov. 15, 2013

Faith Mission Thrift Store
25% Off
All Furniture & Appliances
(Excludes mattress sets)
Coupon Expires Nov. 15, 2013

Monday through Saturday
9 a.m. to 5 p.m., 1017 South
Main Street in Elkhart.

A generous man will himself be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor. Proverbs 22:9

Thank you for providing:

More than 200,000 meals
Over 108,000 nights of shelter

Your gifts feed, shelter and care for hungry, homeless neighbors. Use the enclosed envelope to make a donation today, or give safely and securely online at theFaithMission.org.

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Visit Us Online!

Get to know us better, learn about volunteer opportunities, read about the latest news and events and donate securely at our website, www.theFaithMission.org.

There's still time to register!

There's still plenty of time to take part in Michiana's biggest Thanksgiving event, the Faith Mission Turkey Stampede.

Make room for that big Thanksgiving dinner by taking part in our 10K run, 5K run/walk, or 1 mile walk through the streets of Elkhart. Or, just



come and cheer on the runners from the sidelines!

Register today and save. It costs just \$10 to enter any race before October 1, plus an optional \$4 for chip timing and \$13 for a long-sleeved technical shirt. All proceeds benefit the men, women and children served by Faith Mission.

For more information, visit www.theFaithMission.org, or call Mike at (574) 293-3406, ext. 105.

Thanksgiving & Christmas Needs

KITCHEN

Turkeys
Hams
Instant stuffing mix
Canned yams
Cream of Mushroom soup
Milk
Dinner rolls
Cool Whip
Foam cups/napkins

FRESH VEGETABLES

Carrots
Celery
Onions
Potatoes

RESIDENCES

Toilet paper
Paper towels

Donations can be dropped off at 801 N. Benham Ave., Elkhart. Or, call Kerry at (574) 293-3406, ext. 112 for more information.

National Hunger & Homelessness

AWARENESS WEEK

Did you know one out of seven Americans lives in poverty? You may not see them every day in Michiana, but they are here, and Faith Mission is working hard to help them. November 17-23 is National Hunger

and Homelessness Awareness week – a time set aside for every American to help fix the problems of hunger and homelessness. Your support is one of the best solutions. So make this your special time to volunteer, organize a



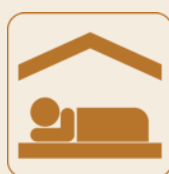
food or clothing drive, or make a special donation. Together, we can eliminate hunger and homelessness – one person at a time!

Feed the need or fix the problem?

In the next couple of months, your mailbox will be filled with requests from all kinds of organizations asking you to “Feed hungry people at Thanksgiving.”

We think that's wonderful. But, why just at Thanksgiving? And why just food?

People who are hungry and homeless need more than a meal. They need shelter. Clothing. Job training. And most of all, they need **life-changing** programs



that will not only address the causes of hunger and homelessness, but work to overcome them!

Addiction, hunger and homelessness can be fatal. Your support provides the year-round, all-day-every-day food, shelter, Christian care and counseling that save lives. Your gifts bless men and women with the ability to transform their lives through programs like Training Faithful Men and Training Faithful Women.

Your gift today to Faith Mission will do so much more than feed the need. You will help fix the problem. Thank you!