

Make the Turkey Stampede part of your Thanksgiving tradition.



Gather up your family and friends and join your neighbors for Faith Mission's 12th Annual Turkey Stampede.

Take part in the 10K run, a 5K walk/run or a 1 mile walk through the streets of Elkhart. Or become an event sponsor!

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

Thursday, November 25, 8:30-10:30 am

Elkhart Health and Aquatics Center

Sign up today: theFaithMission.org/turkey-stampede



Pray & Give Thanks!

Pray for neighbors who are still struggling due to lost jobs and lost homes.

Pray for the men and women in our recovery programs who are building better lives for themselves and their families.

Give thanks for the students from The Crossing School who have been building our tiny shelters and the organizations and individuals who are giving their time, talents and money to complete this vital project.

Pray for neighbors who are still homeless, hungry and in need that they may find help and hope.

Give thanks to the Lord for His never-ending love for us, His grace, forgiveness, and healing.

THANK YOU! Volunteers welcome

Individuals, groups or families. For more information, call Vera at (574) 293-3406, ext. 103, or go to theFaithMission.org and click on "Give Help" then "Volunteer."



Faith IN Action



"It wasn't my time to go yet."

Before coming to Faith Mission, Ritchie struggled with alcoholism for nearly 45 years! He drank until his money ran out, then got ready to die.

Today, thanks to the prayers and support of faithful partners, he's been "touched by the God who helped me" and is looking forward to becoming a productive member of our community.

"Faith Mission saved my life," he says.

Read more of his story on Page 3!

Just for you...

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GIVE. VOLUNTEER. CONNECT.

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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**
- \$_____ to help as many people as possible

Bill my credit card

Make this a monthly gift

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

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It's easy to give your gift online: theFaithMission.org.

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Tiny shelters. BIG stepping stone.



Construction is nearly complete here at Faith Mission on 12 tiny shelters that will provide short-term emergency housing for homeless men and women.

Built in partnership with The Crossing School, these tiny shelters will provide housing for guests like veterans who are struggling to acclimate back into society, as well as men and women who cannot function in a normal shelter environment because of addiction or mental health issues.

Charting a path out of homelessness

Our goal is to get people out of their cars, out of the woods, off the street and into shelter, where they will then have access to services that address the underlying issues that are causing them to be homeless.

We have been blessed beyond measure by the volunteer efforts and financial support of individuals and organizations in the community who recognize the need for this kind of low-barrier housing.

I ask for your prayers and your support to complete this project which will help more of our neighbors get back on their feet.

God bless you!

Tiny shelter guests will be provided with meals, counseling and encouragement to become part of the Mission's life skills and long-term residential programs designed to help people escape homelessness.

You can be a part of this exciting new ministry. To learn more, please contact Mike Perez at (574) 293-3406, ext. 105 or at Mike@theFaithMission.org.



Partnering with The Crossing School to build these shelters provides hands-on experience for local students AND both immediate and long-term benefits for our community.



These tiny shelters will provide housing for individuals or couples in addition to the shelter provided for more than 700 homeless men, women and children each year.

“The people here at the Mission saved my life!”

Like so many men and women who come to Faith Mission hoping to begin new lives, Ritchie had a pretty normal childhood. “I started drinking at 16. We’d go cruising in our cars and get beer.”

His consumption increased after he married the first time, when he was “just drinking on weekends.” But sometime before his 30th birthday, Ritchie started drinking “after work.” By his early 30’s he was a “functioning alcoholic.”

Over the next 30 years, Ritchie’s alcoholism became chronic. “I couldn’t wait to get off work just to drink. It was all I was looking forward to. I had to have it all the time.”

Ritchie’s drinking not only affected his work – as a driver – but also his life. “I’ve been married three times,” he says. “But none of them lasted.”

Ritchie was living in Gary a year ago when he finally “hit rock bottom.” First he lost his job, then his place to live. “I started living in my truck, then the truck broke down. I was living in the woods.”



“I was accepting that I was going to die.”

Something moved Ritchie to call his only remaining family, a nephew who took him to a detox center which referred him to Faith Mission.

Today, Ritchie is here at the Mission, helping as a driver and picking up donations in the community as he pulls his life together. “Faith Mission has been a blessing to me,” he says. “The people here are caring... they saved my life!”

His goal now is not his next drink, but getting a job and a place of his own. “I just want to be a productive member of society again. And enjoy the rest of what I have out of life.”

Thank you for helping to rebuild Ritchie’s life through your prayers and support!

Complete Thanksgiving Dinner – Just \$1.96!

Thanksgiving is just around the corner. That means we are gearing up to prepare thousands of turkey dinners at the Mission and deliver to shut-ins who need our help more than ever.

The menu is set: turkey, potatoes, rolls, pumpkin

pies – all the trimmings of a traditional Thanksgiving dinner. Your generous support today will help ensure that we have enough food to feed every hungry person who walks through our doors.

At just \$1.96 per meal, imagine how many lives you can touch. Please send a generous gift today or donate online at theFaithMission.org.



Today's Recipe Turkey Dinner for 16,000

- Turkeys
- Hams
- Boxes of stuffing
- Cans of cream of mushroom soup

- Dozens of dinner rolls
- Pounds of carrots, celery, Onions and potatoes

Directions: Combine with love and feed 16,000 hungry people.

Help fill the pantry for Thanksgiving Dinner. 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 theFaithMission.org

