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## UP AND COMING



Join us this holiday season as we get ready for our annual "Great Thanksgiving Banquet" and "Greatest Christmas Ever" outreach events. There will be many opportunities to team up with the Mission as we prepare to provide thousands of meals and life essentials to those in need. Please visit our website home page for details on our latest event and activities in which you can partner with us in making a positive difference in the lives of those less fortunate right here in Utah. Join us in finishing the year strong in helping even more people than ever before!

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- The Good News of God's love

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# Meeting Their Greatest Needs!

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## HOW DID WE DO IT?

### Message from the Co-Director Joe Vazquez

This is the question we have been asking ourselves; How did we make it this far in the face of unprecedented crisis. Together, we have accomplished so much this year in the face of the Covid-19 hardships.

We have provided more food to individuals and families in need than ever before, making adjustments all along the way. Our Outreach Program actually grew as we altered our normal routine to provide food box meals and daily sack meals "curbside/drive thru" fashion for safety. We simply decided to step in to make the difference by setting up a food distribution center outside behind our offices. Suddenly we were operational again. Simple process, but not always easy handling all the issues of handing out food during a pandemic. All of our holiday outreaches, beginning with Mother's Day up to Labor Day saw record numbers people coming to us for help.

This year's Back to School Giveaway was a tremendous success. Not only did we have multiple new partners (Vida Nueva Church, Casa de Dios Church, Centro Christiano Monte de Santidad Church, La Placer and Mi Preferida radio stations, and Tri-City Exchange) but also our friends at Calvary Chapel, all worked in partnership to help more families and children than ever before.

As you read over this newsletter, consider all the people we've helped and the incredible amount of food we have been able to deliver to so many people in crisis. All the amazing statistics represent what we have been able to accomplish together, you have been instrumental helping tens of thousands

of local men, women, and children right here where we call home. God bless you all, and God bless our work thru the Mission

This Fall: The needs

out there are still great, and we will continue to serve people in crisis. With community support we will still provide more than 80,000 meals to neighbors this fall and holiday season. So many families are still struggling to put food on the table, and, we are still providing meals to our homeless friends as they continue to "walk the streets." Yes, we are still open amid the crisis, yes, we are still helping people in despair, and yes, we are still "meeting their greatest needs."

Thank you to all our supporters, sponsors, volunteers, and the many donors that give to express the compassion of our community. Please continue to support Salt Lake City Mission, so that together we will continue the fight against poverty and hunger, sharing the Love of God to all who come for help. We are determined to fulfill these needs during the holiday season.



## UPWARD MOTION Men's Program: Recovery and Camping

The Upward Motion Men's Program is a Christian recovery program at Salt Lake City Mission. It is residential in nature and the men enrolled come from a life of homelessness, addiction, or some form of dysfunction that destroyed any chance at a successful life. With God as the foundation, and a committed staff who create a family style atmosphere within the Mission structure, many men learn to turn their lives around into a more positive direction.



At the core of the Mission's work you will find a majority of the men working alongside staff to assist those who come daily to the mission for help, in need of food, clothing, or other life basics needed to survive. "It is hard work, but it gives the men in recovery something to feel good about. Instead

of living selfishly for themselves, they are involved in helping others in the community. Along with the Christian family experience and study programs

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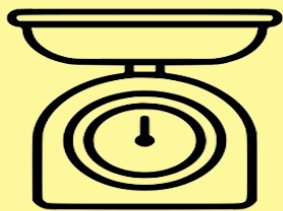


## THIS YEAR SO FAR IN 2020 THE MISSION...

Provided almost 925,000  
meals to the  
homeless & hungry



Distributed  
1,674,185 lbs of food,  
26,000 lbs of clothing,  
18,196 pairs of shoes



Gave out  
70,482 Food boxes,  
6294 Food Bags



Partnered with over 60  
local organizations &  
businesses to feed &  
care for people in need



### (Upward Motion article continued)

we surround them with, success is almost a sure thing for most of these guys", say Pastor Paddy, Men's Program Director. "Since the COVID crisis hit, we all have been working extra hard to provide the food that has become vital to so many people caught unaware by the pandemic. A lot of man hours and heavy lifting have been the normal lately, say Pastor Joe Vazquez, CO-Director. "To give the men a break and experience something completely relaxing and fun we sent the men out with Pastor Paddy on a camping trip to Como Springs Resort in Morgan, Utah.

Pastor Paddy recalls, "We arrived at the campsite before noon and spent the initial

time setting up tents and getting familiar with the camp grounds. We then had a nice lunch of hotdogs and hamburgers. After lunch on the first day we began a time of games and activities, dubbed 'The Salt Lake City Mission Olympics'. We did many fun and silly things like a spoon relay, frisbee golf, bean bag toss, etc. The winners of each event got a day off from work therapy as the prize for winning the contests."

Pastor Paddy continues, "Other times while camping included relaxing around the campsite, walking in the woods, or swimming in a pond nearby. The camp site lent us a fire ring and sold us some firewood which we supplemented with

dead wood around the campsite. We sat around the fire at night enjoying the cool night air and the warmth of the fire."

Along for the experience was Pastor Shawn, the Mission's Chaplain who engaged the men giving them an inspirational message. Some of the men wanted to be baptized. Pastor Paddy and Pastor Shawn conducted the baptisms in the pond on the property as the other men served as witnesses.

"Overall, the men had an enjoyable time. For some of them, this was the first time they had ever been camping. For others, the sound and peace of nature was its own reward".



## WRAP UP Summer outreach events helped tens of thousands struggling Utah residents

Throughout the Summer the Mission held food box giveaways on numerous major holidays, partnered to host "The Annual Back to School giveaway" (which helped more than 6,500), continued its daily outreach to the homeless and hungry, and became a major distribution center also providing vital food items to many local service providers - as we all joined together to care for those financially stressed and caught unaware by the COVID-19 CRISIS. Together we are "meeting thier greatest needs!"