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A newsletter of the Fresno Mission

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you have given her
new life!



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2 Impact lives this summer

2 Our Summer 6

3 "I'm moving forward."

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**“I’m moving forward
and not looking
back.”**

Eleven years ago, Susana experienced every parent’s worst nightmare – her daughter passed away at birth.

Shocked and overwhelmed by the loss, Susana struggled to cope with her grief. She met a man who introduced her to drugs, and she began using to numb the pain.

“He was also abusive,” Susana says, “but I felt like I deserved it, like it was my fault that my daughter had passed away.”

Susana had never used drugs before, but she soon fell into a destructive addiction.

“Even though the loss of my daughter was the hardest thing,” Susana says, “I knew I had other children who needed me.” Her 18-year-old son helped connect her to our Rescue the Children program, and she made the brave choice to seek our help.

At the Mission, Susana found the support she needed to allow herself to truly grieve. Through our program’s classes and Christian counseling, she’s begun rebuilding her relationship with God, which has been central to her healing.

“When I came here, I knew God, but I was angry at him... Now I talk to God constantly and I know He is by my side.”

Susana has prepared for her future by taking parenting classes at the Mission, and today, she is living with her children again. Recently, she started working as a part-time House Manager in our Rescue the Children program, serving women and families who find themselves facing similar challenges as she once did.

“My family is really proud of me... My 18-year-old son says I’m a different mom. It’s just amazing.”

Thanks to caring and compassionate neighbors like you, today, Susana’s life has been transformed and she has hope for the future. “When I look at myself in the mirror, I’m proud of myself... I feel worthy of love, and I’ve learned to love again.”

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"We love because He first loved us."

– 1 John 4:19, NIV

#OnMission with Matt

SUMMER MISSION: Love Your Neighbor

If your neighbor came to you with a need, knocking on your door in the dead of night, you would never say to them, "OK, get in line." The Fresno Mission would never say that either. Like you, we'd do whatever we could to help immediately... and with compassion.

At the Fresno Mission, the emotional connection we have with our clients – our neighbors – is the foundation for the life-changing programs we provide, thanks to your support.

A great example of this relationship-driven care is the Mission's Staffing and Employment Services. We believe, like you, in the value of each life that walks through our doors, so we provide our guests with work opportunities that reflect this.

Through our Community Food Bank, 50 individuals in our care have been hired as staff in recent months!

Providing a job where these new employees can be a blessing to others does wonders to restore their sense of value and transform hearts and lives.

While donations to help our neighbors typically decline during the summer, I hope you won't forget about the men, women and families who need your love and kindness.

Please support people in need during the Love Your Neighbor campaign!

Your generosity opens the door to neighbors who come knocking, desperate for help, hope and the warm welcome of a friend. Thank you for loving your neighbors, and "so fulfilling

the law of Christ"
(Galatians 6:2).



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Love Your Neighbor

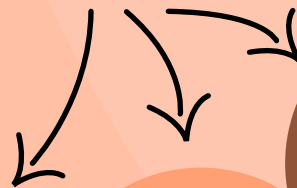
It starts with a meal for \$2.25!

YOU CAN IMPACT LIVES THIS SUMMER!



88,400
meals

THE FIRST STEP TO CARE LIKE THIS!



29,000
beds



hundreds
of hygiene
items



countless hours
of biblical
counseling &
education



Christ-centered
guidance &
community



**LOVE YOUR
NEIGHBOR**

98-DAY SUMMER CAMPAIGN

**PLEASE HELP DURING THE
BUSY SUMMER MONTHS!**

Give now! fresnomission.org



These **Summer 6**

Can Change Lives!

1. Bottled water
2. Hand sanitizer
3. Toothpaste
4. Toilet paper
5. Paper towels
6. High-efficiency laundry soap

What is the "Summer 6"? These essentials are in high demand for our Mission guests this summer... and **YOU can help by donating any – or all – of these items!**

You can deliver your Summer 6 donations to 263 G Street, seven days a week. Thank you for caring for Mission guests during the summer season!



Leave a Legacy

How can you be a good steward of all God has blessed you with?

Writing a will is one of the most important steps you can take. Please consider including Fresno Mission in your will or estate planning today.

For more information, contact Rick Porter at (559) 293-4517 or rporter@fresnomission.org.

Thank you!

Want a career that makes a difference?

Check out our job openings



Or visit fresnomission.org/careers.

Restoring Cars, RESTORING LIVES!

Did you know the Fresno Mission Thrift Store includes a used car lot? Mission Motors provides gently used vehicles for sale to our community, with proceeds funding the life-changing services the Mission offers to local men, women and families in need.

This unique enterprise is a symbol of life change at the Mission! Mission Motors provides opportunities for mechanic job training to residents in our Mission Academy program. As our mechanics-in-training restore cars to great condition, their own lives are being restored through our faith-based recovery program.

Please consider supporting this transformational ministry!

To purchase a used car at Mission Motors, visit us at 181 E. Sierra in Fresno, M-Sat, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

You can also donate a vehicle for resale!

Please contact us at (559) 440-0870 for more information or to coordinate your donation today.

