

## MISSION SERVICES

### Shelter

24 hrs./day

1050 W. Amador

Las Cruces, NM. 88005

- Men's Dorms
- Women's Dorms
- Volunteer Dorms
- Three hot meals served daily

### Chapel

Up to 11 Hispanic and English chapel services weekly

### Clothing Room

1416 S. Solano

Mon/Wed/Fri - 9-11 AM

- Free Clothing
- Blankets & Jackets Needed

### Mission Boutique

1022 Missouri Ave.

Mon.-Fri.: 9am-5pm

Sat.: 10am-2pm

- Clothing
- Household Goods

## MISSION NEEDS

Volunteers, Solar Project Funding, Underwear, Socks, Hygiene Items for all ages, Diapers, Baby Wipes

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Dr. Brian Ormand
- Gilbert Bishop
- Elsie Bonfantini
- Ulli Dunn
- Dr. Norm Harrison
- Julie Cadena
- Dr. Larry Tunnell
- Steve Sears
- Benito Dutcher
- Miguel Torres

**MERRY  
CHRISTMAS**

## MISSION PARTNERS

The Mission is now affiliated with four worthy organizations. Their logos are below.

They include the Evangelical Council for Fiscal Accountability, the Combined Federal Campaign, the Association of Gospel Rescue Missions, and the community Foundation of Southern New Mexico



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*I was hungry, you gave me food... I was a stranger, and you made me your guest...  
I needed clothes, and you provided them. Matthew 25:35,36*

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## Newsletter 2020

I started the last newsletter of 2019 with "as I lean back and look out my window". I bring this up because today is only the 9th of December and I have seen a great response from new first time donors, and I want to thank you for the support of the mission. This will be in your mailbox shortly after the first of the year, giving all our loyal donors a time to get past the busy holiday season.



We are thankful for each and every one of you, and for those who can we would encourage you to become a monthly donor. There is a vast array of people who donate to the Gospel Rescue Mission. There are those who like the social aspect (getting the homeless off of the street and meeting those needs), and there are those that care about our desire to present the gospel to them in order to allow them a gift that they can have for the rest of their lives. The gift of Christ.

Our desire is to help them in all aspects of their lives and to see them get back together with family members, break old habits, get gainful employment or just have a better life.

Last year was a stressful time for both the staff and the residents. We have implemented many changes which are beneficial but can produce stress at the same time. Some offers were made to us that did not come about and the resulting expectations can cause damage when they are unfulfilled.

Let's forget the past and look forward to a year filled with opportunity for the mission (staff and residents) and for our city. We are never at odds with our city fathers, in fact we are looking forward to working with the mayor about the mental health issue and violence. We are anticipating a wonderful and exciting year for the mission and Las Cruces.

We have some resident members who are doing a great job of getting themselves ready for something different in their lives. As a result of their efforts, we are including some of their short testimonies concerning what the mission changes have done for them in a relatively short period of time. These will follow on this or the back page.

Thank all of you for donating and volunteering, and please read the short enclosed announcement about our annual soup dinner which will be enclosed on a separate sheet of paper.

# Brandon Sam's Testimony

Hello everyone my name is Brandon Sam, I'm a Native American (Navajo) from the reservation outside of Gallup, NM.

I came here because of my past issues with drugs and alcohol and all other sorts of things. I was a very bad alcoholic and drug abuser, so I decided to change my ways to better myself.

I wish to be better and a better father for my kids. I have four daughters and five step kids whom I love. I have a wonderful lady that I intend to marry one day, but first I need to work on getting myself back on track.

I came down to the Mesilla Valley Hospital for rehab from my drug and alcohol habits as well as some depression that was bothering me. I was there for a month or so getting myself clean. When I was released, I was brought to the mission where I have stayed and remain sober.

The Mission has helped me out a lot, by this I mean they have helped me to stay focused on what I need in life. They let you attend chapel here and I never used to believe in God or tried to find out who he was.

After a while, I decided to take that step and invite the Lord into my life and heart, and that is when everything began falling into place for me. I love attending service now because He helped me believe that I can be a better father for my kids, and a better man for my lady.

Being here in Las Cruces has really changed my life, I became clean and sober and invited God into my life. I'm letting everyone who is reading this that if you want to change your life for the better, you can.

Thank all of you for reading this, and I would like for you to be blessed with all my heart. If you are struggling, I promise if you will let God help you everything will be better.



## Energy Production (Jan-Dec 2019)

Energy Produced: **55.66 Mwh\***

Carbon Offset: **84.9 tons**

Offset Equivalent: **988 Trees**

This energy report shows how our system performed and how much we contributed to offsetting the global carbon footprint.



\*Mwh = Mega Watt Hour. One Mwh is equal to 1,000,000 watts of electricity used continuously for one hour

## Solar Fundraising UPDATE

This investment will yield significant savings going forward, permitting us to dedicate more resources to improve services for the homeless, saving the mission as much as \$3,000 in electricity costs every month. This is a worthy effort. Please consider helping.

Please identify your separate contribution as going toward the Solar Energy Project.

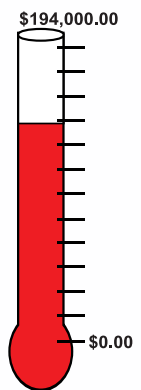
**Target: \$194,000.00**

**Raised: \$140,855.00**

**Remaining: \$53,145.00**

As of Dec 18th, 2019

Accepting donations on our website [www.LCGRM.org](http://www.LCGRM.org)



# HAPPY NEW YEAR

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