

BECOME A MONTHLY MIRACLE MAKER AND PROVIDE A FOUNDATION OF HOPE

Every day at the Ogden Rescue Mission, lives are being rebuilt, one meal, one night of safe shelter, one step toward recovery at a time. None of this happens by accident. It happens because compassionate friends choose to stand with us month after month as Monthly Miracle Makers.

Monthly Miracle Makers form the backbone of our ministry. Their steady, faithful support ensures that men, women, and children experiencing homelessness can count on hot meals, warm beds, clean clothing, and Christ centered care—no matter the season. When you give monthly, you create a dependable foundation that allows us to meet urgent needs today while planning for long term transformation tomorrow.

Behind every changed life is someone who cared enough to give consistently. People like Todd Lewis, who shares his life story in this month's newsletter. Stories like his are possible because Monthly Miracle Makers step in with steady compassion.

If you're not yet a Monthly Miracle Maker, we invite you to join this special group of partners who provide a true Foundation of Hope. Your ongoing support creates miracles every month and helps end homelessness one person at a time.

WHY MONTHLY MIRACLE MAKERS MATTER

- ➡ **Predictable support** keeps our doors open and our programs running strong all year long.
- ➡ **Better planning and growth** become possible when we know we can rely on consistent monthly gifts.
- ➡ **Reduced fundraising costs** mean more of every dollar goes directly to life changing ministry.
- ➡ **Lower processing fees** when donors use a debit card or eCheck help stretch each gift even further.

Provide a Foundation of Hope Today. If you feel called to help create lasting change, becoming a Monthly Miracle Maker is one of the most impactful ways to support the Mission. The easiest way to begin is by calling our Donor Support Office at 801.746.1006. Our team will guide you through the simple steps to set up your monthly gift.

Your faithful support provides meals, shelter, recovery programs, and the life-changing hope found in Jesus Christ. Thank you for helping build a true Foundation of Hope for the men, women, and children we serve.



RESTORED LIVES

The bimonthly newsletter of the Ogden Rescue Mission

When I lost my job last year and had nowhere else to go, God led me to the Ogden Rescue Mission, where I found a new life in Jesus.

I was a military child who grew up on a U.S. Air Force base in Germany. My father had a strong career in the Air Force, which eventually brought our family to Alaska. It was in Alaska that I grew up and began a 20 year career as a hunting and fishing guide.

It seemed like a good life, but looking back I can see how isolating it was and how it fueled my drug addiction. When I received supplies in the remote area where I guided hunting and fishing trips, part of those supplies was marijuana for the long Alaskan summer nights and dark winters.

For almost two decades I worked in the Alaskan wilderness while using marijuana. Eventually I realized it was hardly a life and that I needed to make a change. I reconnected with a friend from the air base in Germany who now lived in Utah. He said I could stay with him until I got back on my feet.

My parents had retired to North Carolina, so I had no real ties to Alaska. I accepted my friend's offer. Later I connected with a local pastor in Ogden, and when I lost my job and could no longer afford rent, he suggested the Ogden Rescue Mission.

I believe this was God's providence, because without God I would not have stayed at the Mission, since I was immediately skeptical. I learned about the New Life Program and that it lasted 13 months. That felt too long, but after weighing my options I knew I had nothing to lose.

Besides the length of the program, I was also skeptical about the Bible and the teachings of Jesus because I felt people could twist them to say whatever they wanted. But after attending Bible studies at the Mission and learning how the Old and New Testaments connect into one cohesive message, I believed.



Todd Lewis spent 20 years as a remote fishing and hunting guide in Alaska. When he came to Utah and found himself homeless, God lead him to the Ogden Rescue Mission for help.

HOW GOD USES THE MISSION TO RESTORE FAMILIES

As the Utah State Legislature meets this session, there has been a great deal of discussion about funding for homeless services and affordable housing. These conversations matter deeply because they affect the lives of the men, women, and children we serve every day. I'm grateful that our elected leaders are taking homelessness seriously and working to address the rising cost of housing,



one of the biggest drivers of homelessness in our state. At the same time, I want to take a moment to clarify something that some people are surprised to learn: the Mission does not receive any federal, state, or city funding. None of the dollars being debated at the Capitol come to our shelters, our recovery programs, or our outreach ministries. We

are a privately funded, faith based organization, and that is by conviction and by design. Because we are committed to sharing the hope and healing found in Jesus Christ, we choose not to accept government funding that could limit our ability to share a message of faith and hope.

That means our entire ministry is sustained by private donors: people like you who believe in compassionate, life changing, faith driven work. Your generosity keeps our doors open 24 hours a day. Your support provides meals, shelter, clothing, addiction recovery, job training, and spiritual transformation. And because we steward every gift with care, 88%

of every dollar you give goes directly to programs that help people in need. The remaining 12% covers essential administrative and operational costs that allow our ministry to function with integrity and excellence.

While we do not receive government funding, I want to be clear that we wholeheartedly support efforts to increase affordable housing in Utah. Stable, attainable housing is one of the most important factors in preventing homelessness in the first place. It is also critical for people who are rebuilding their lives and are working hard, staying sober, and preparing to reenter the community but cannot yet afford full market rent. When the Legislature allocates resources to reduce housing costs, expand low income housing options, or support pathways to independence, that is good for our state and good for the people we serve.

Our role in this ecosystem is unique. We walk with people through the hardest moments of their lives, offering not only practical help but also spiritual hope. And we can do that because you make it possible. Thank you for standing with us, for believing in this mission, and for ensuring that Jesus' love continues to transform lives, one person at a time.

Together, we are making a difference that lasts.

God bless you,

Chris D. Croswhite

Executive Director

Todd: Continued from the Front Page

I realized the message woven throughout the Bible is singular. God has made a way through His son Jesus to bring lost, hurting, and suffering people to Himself so they might have eternal life through faith. After I came to believe, I was baptized by my pastor at the Christian church I attend here in Ogden.

I have grown so much in my faith as I have continued through the New Life Program. The Mission assigned me a community mentor, Dave, who meets with me and counsels me through the Purple Book, which helps establish a biblical foundation for life.

Today I read the Bible and pray regularly. I feel that God has blessed my life through my connection to His Word. I used to live in depression and fear. Now I have goals and live with anticipation for what I can accomplish with God's help.

When I moved into the employment phase of the New Life Program, I earned a job at a busy steakhouse where I make a good wage and work with likable people. It is busy and hard work, but I enjoy it and am able to save money so I can afford first month's rent and a deposit on an apartment when I graduate. One of the perks is a free meal every shift. It is great food.

One of the things that matters to me now is talking to the homeless people who come into the Mission. I share my story and let them know I was once at rock bottom. I tell them that 13 months might seem long, but it goes by faster than you think. I share that nothing is likely to change without taking the step of joining the New Life

Program. My hope is to encourage at least one person, if not more, to get off the streets, find God, and experience a changed life.

I am still a bit estranged from my mother and father. To my father, a strict military man, I have always felt like a disappointment. I have called him at his home in North Carolina while I have been here at the Mission and told him about my life change. He has replied skeptically that he will believe it when he sees it.

So I want him to see it. One of my goals is to travel to North Carolina soon and visit my parents' home in the country. I want to knock on the door and have my dad see the new me. I want him to see the change God has made, be proud of me, and give glory to God.

After that trip, I want to settle down here in Utah with a small place to live, an affordable car, and my job. I want a simple life connected to God and His people.

I cannot thank you, the supporters of the Ogden Rescue Mission, enough. You have helped create a place where people like me can receive the help they need to move out of homelessness and into faith, employment, sobriety, and restored relationships. Your kindness has helped rebuild my life.

HOW YOUR GIFT HELPS: OUR 2025 YEAR END STATS



Professions of Faith

112



Meals

66,773



Family Food Boxes

374



Nights of Shelter

15,816



Clothing

5,950



Hygiene Items

10,817



Day Service

228



Jobs Obtained

7



Housing Obtained

10



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