



Washington Street MISSION

*He has filled the hungry
with good things . . .*

Luke 1:53

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Dear Friends:

Have you ever noticed this part of the Christmas story before? As Mary praises God for all that he is doing in sending the Savior into the world, she marvels that God provides for the hungry -- those who are forgotten and left literally starving in a cold world. And, those who are spiritually hungry for the new life that can only be found in Jesus.

Sharing the message of Jesus is what Washington Street Mission is all about. That Christmas message is shared here every day as empty stomachs and empty hearts are filled with the love of God demonstrated in Jesus.

The Christmas season is always exciting at Washington Street Mission. This year we are even more excited as new possibilities for ministry are opening up all around us. We will have the opportunity to fill the lives of even more people with life and hope.

Most visibly right now, our expanded coffee hours have exceeded all of our expectations. Each weekday morning as we open the Mission's doors at 7:00 A.M. and serve coffee and doughnuts, well over one hundred people come in. During November we served an average of 115 people and the will rise as the weather turns colder.

Our ministries to children and youth (and to men at the transition house) also continue to grow in depth and effectiveness. And our clothing distribution continues to serve the needs of a wide variety of people. We are exploring possibilities for expanding and enhancing each of these ministries.

New restrooms, showers, and laundry facilities are crucial for the long-term effectiveness of our work at Washington Street Mission. Plans currently are being developed to add these facilities at a cost of about \$50,000. We hope to have construction underway early next year.

We are also excited about a generous offer from a Mission supporter to provide a matching gift for donations during this Christmas season until the end of the year. Your giving will be effectively doubled. Your \$50 gift will turn into \$100. Your \$100 gift will turn into \$200. Only your generous giving at this time will enable us to take full advantage of this matching offer.

During this busy Christmas season, we need your help to make our ministry as effective as possible. Join us in filling the hungry with good things as we share the message of Jesus.

Sincerely

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