

# Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen Newsletter

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## Service to Others

*'And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.'* (Heb 13:16)

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As the year winds down it hardly seems like it is possible we have traveled so far in a year. Mind you, we haven't gone anywhere new, but what we have been able to achieve in that year makes our efforts in feeding the people we serve, seem like a new adventure every day. Our volunteer board of directors has grown and we are encouraged as we have begun looking at creating a strategic plan by which to operate.

Our desire to feed people remains our predominate purpose, but there is a sense that we can provide more. This has come as we have secured newspapers each day through the Lima News that enables people to read the information that involves them in their community, events that are of importance to them, and access to classifieds. The other underlying benefit is to expand on literacy needs. We are pleased we have been able to have wonderful donation of an LCD projector that through the in-kind donation of someone could be mounted in our ceiling for use in our dining room. With the addition of sound system, we fully anticipate that we will be able to utilize this to host meaningful movies that have ethical and moral lessons that will lead to good discussions. Of course, there will be popcorn for those interested in attending.

We are blessed to have such wonderful alliances with area churches that support us with their gracious volunteers who come and provide assistance with meals being served. There have been numerous opportunities for other outside groups, organizations, and corporations to come in and provide assistance as well. These have included the Board of Developmental Disabilities, Kiwanis, ONU Nursing Students, the City of Lima Administrative Staff, and Continuum of Care-Outreach Committee that addresses Homelessness. We are eager to seek additional partnerships with other entities that would like to come and provide help.

We are so fortunate to receive monetary donations, sometimes daily, that include food, clothing, and material items for cleaning, cooking, and the operational functioning of our building. Likewise, we have some who assist us through the provision of items used daily (e.g., garbage bags, cups) that are absorbed in cost by them, so that we do not have to budget for those items. These are the blessings that we see in a community providing to take care of the community that is among them with great need.

This fall we were blessed to have some of our supportive churches make the generous offer of cooking up some of our frozen turkeys that we had received last fall, as we anticipated we would be receiving new ones this fall. They took the turkeys and cooked them up to then pull apart the birds and bag the resulting meat and freeze the broth. This was a tremendous help in preparing the birds for use in meals

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can be very tedious and with our regular meal preparation. We appreciate their time and mission response in doing so.

George Muller from the 1800's in England has been our inspiration and guide in demonstrating that prayers being offered up to God can produce powerful results. We are reminded that we are not to spend our time worrying about our needs, for He knows them before we speak them.

## Upgrades

Twenty tables and seventy chairs from Elida School District arrived earlier this year as a way to provide us with additional seating for people. This has greatly improved our ability to accommodate a number that is closer to our daily average (155 people). We are overjoyed that we were able to work this arrangement of their loaning them to us for the predominant part of the year, understanding they can have them for one weekend each year during a wrestling tournament.

Our boards of directors are also preparing to engage in the process of building a five year strategic plan that will help in our ongoing services and design.

### Wish List

Paper Towels

**Napkins**

Tin Foil

Saran Wrap

**Noodles**

**Mayonnaise**

Salad Dressing

**Prayer**

**Canned Fruits and Vegetables**

Ream(s) of Paper

or

HP 56 Printer Cartridge (Black or Color)

\***Bold** are with a greater need

**"if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday." Isaiah 58:10**

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