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## *The Power of Giving: Your prayers and donations at work!*

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When I first came to Wenatchee, I began reaching out to people living on the streets. Penny was the first person who would speak with me. Once Penny accepted that I was there to listen and help, she introduced me to all the other people that lived around her. She shared, "Scott is the new director for the mission, you can trust him". Through the years, I got to know Penny well and learned that she was born and raised in Wenatchee and had been on the streets with her brother and sister for a long time. She had an addiction off and on for over 20 years.

Despite her struggles, Penny never thought she would see an end to being on the streets.

Penny would come through our doors for lunch, dinner, and the occasional overnight stay. It was only when she started seeing the new tiny shelters being constructed that she considered starting a new life. Early in the process, Penny asked if she would qualify for a tiny shelter. Penny indeed was our first shelter resident. She was very proud of how she kept it clean and tidy. Our staff spent several years building relationship with Penny, helping her navigate various barriers.

Penny found Hope and Purpose. She was ready to set goals to get her life back on track. She wanted to use the tools offered to her by our programs and partnering agencies. Penny went from just accepting her addiction as a life sentence, to seeking a better life away from drugs, alcohol, and the harsh conditions of living on the streets.

For the past six months, Penny worked diligently with her case manager, Amie, setting goals to become sober and find a home of her own. I am happy to report that **BECAUSE OF YOU, PENNY HAS NOW FOUND HER OWN HOUSING here in town!** For Penny and others like her, it would not be possible to help her without partners like you! **YOU MADE THE DIFFERENCE IN PENNY'S LIFE!** This Easter, will you help us lead more people like Penny towards Hope and a better life?

Happy  
Easter



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***Food Insecurity in Our Valley is a Big Concern***

Wenatchee Rescue Mission is currently the only shelter that serves 3 meals a day 7 days a week to anyone, with no restrictions other than not being peaceful. We are averaging **2,765 meals a week!**

The unfortunate news is, for several weeks our major food suppliers that distribute food to us from the state level, have either stopped food donations or rerouted deliveries for unknown reasons. In addition, a great amount of food we pickup ourselves from local stores isn't usable. We receive 1000's of pounds of food that has been contaminated and packed with actual trash alongside the servable foods. We are having to buy food items to keep up with increasing demand for meals and Food Box requests. This reduction in food deliveries and reduction in food quality is hurting the folks inside and outside the mission.

***Did you know senior citizens, working poor, families, students, veterans, sick or disabled folks who are not homeless, still rely on meals from the mission regularly?***

We are expecting **350 people for Easter Dinner**. We are honored to share a big meal and sit as a family with many folks who have lost touch with their family. This year we have already lost 2 WRM family members, one was also an employee at the mission. Both men lived here for many years, both knew Jesus, both had Joy and Generosity in their hearts, both passed away in the company of strangers at the hospital for health reasons.

Our sorrow has put much in perspective. Our family and our time together is precious. Don't give up on inviting people into your life. Don't make any room for bitterness. Find Hope again, share your faith and then spend every day after that spreading it far and wide. JESUS LIVES SO WE MAY LIVE ABUNDANTLY AND TOGETHER IN HIS PRESENCE! May God Bless you and your family as we all reflect on how we can connect more, give more and comfort one another in time that is not promised.



***We now have Sunday Worship  
Services Onsite at 10:30 am Lunch  
follows at NOON. ALL are welcome!  
Baptisms happening soon also***

***We are so happy to report that our  
onsite 2x weekly NA Recovery  
meetings are going strong! All are  
welcome***

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— ♥ ♥ ♥ —  
KEEP GOING**

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