#### ne **RESTORING DIGNITY & HOPE** Easter 2024

# Antonio is celebrating **Easter** with JOY because of you!



Thank you for showing him that new life is possible.





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"Through Christ, I've been renewed."





#### A Message from KIM COOK

# THE PROMISES OF **EASTER**

Have you ever seen the realization cross someone's face the first time they understand the gravity of Christ's death and resurrection? It's one of my favorite things about Easter at Bread of Life Mission. It's a privilege to be a small part of their story, as our guests celebrate the promises of joy and hope this season brings.

You too are a part of our guests' stories, as you share God's love with them by providing nutritious meals, safe shelter and other services to change their lives.

Your faithful prayers and generosity help hurting individuals in our community find a home through our doors. They also find HOPE – hope for their future, and hope in the promises we celebrate at Easter.

<u>Thank you for showing our hurting neighbors in need that you care</u> <u>about them – in their present circumstances, for their future and for</u> <u>eternity</u>. You show them they are loved. You help restore their dignity, and ignite in them a desire to change their circumstances.

Together with God's faithfulness, you help turn stories of pain into promises of new life in Christ.

Thank you... happy Easter... and God bless!

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Kim Cook President & CEO



#### GIVE MONTHLY. SAVE LIVES ALL YEAR!

You can make a lasting difference in our community when you become a monthly partner!

These days, it costs more than ever to provide the life-changing care our hurting neighbors at Bread of Life Mission need... By becoming a Hope Partners Program member, you can help save lives with your monthly gift to provide:



Start giving monthly now to help provide the building blocks our residents need for a better life!

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# SHARE JOY THIS EASTER

#### Help meet the needs of our hurting neighbors!

With Easter coming early this year, we need your help to welcome every individual who comes to our doors! YOU can help meet their needs and fill hearts with joy...

7,500 meals just \$2.33 each!









Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.
Give online anytime at BreadofLifeMission.org.

### "I'VE BEEN RENEWED THROUGH JESUS CHRIST."



## COME SEE US IN PERSON!

Tour the Mission... and see how you help make this ministry possible! You'll get a special glimpse into our Pioneer Square campus and witness firsthand how your support is making a difference in the lives of the individuals we serve.



We welcome you to visit by yourself or with a group. Please reach out and we'll get you scheduled. Email Grace Mwangi at **volunteers@breadoflifemission.org** or give her a call at **(206) 682-3579.**  When Antonio thinks back on his early childhood, he remembers the bond he shared with his mother. So when he was taken away from her at age 5, he was traumatized. "It was like my spirit was ripped from me," he shares.

Antonio entered the system and was passed between family members. **"I felt I didn't belong. That instability clouded my outlook."** By 13, he was struggling in school and had started drinking and using drugs in order to escape his pain.

As a young adult, Antonio became trapped in a terrible cycle. Trouble with the law landed him in jail, which led to homelessness, and the streets introduced him to hard drugs.

One day, Antonio heard God's voice. "He said if I made the effort to get away from the people hurting me, life would get better." Antonio moved cities and tried to start a new career, but his addiction got in the way. "I was broken – I knew I needed Christ in my life," he remembers.

The day Antonio arrived at Bread of Life, he sensed the Lord speaking to him again: "This is where you're supposed to be." Antonio lost the desire to run, and peace flowed over him.

Through the structure of our LifeChange Program, Antonio received mentorship from men who'd been through similar challenges. "These guys were true ministers of God's Word," Antonio smiles.

Sobriety, patience and hope are just a few changes Antonio experienced at the Mission. He describes his new life as a "blank canvas" as he looks forward to his future.

Thank you for sharing God's love with Antonio this Easter. His life has been transformed through the joy and hope of the Gospel! "Because of my time here, I feel capable and accomplished. I'm so thankful to the Mission for accepting me with love."

"FINDING THIS MISSION WAS LIKE FINDING AN OASIS."

## HELP MEET OUR **Easter** NEEDS



#### Sunday, March 31: Our Easter Celebration!

Now through Easter, your help is needed to provide **thousands of meals** for our hungry neighbors! Help welcome these special guests with love and a good meal by sharing a donation of these needed food items.

#### **URGENTLY NEEDED ITEMS!**

Drop off any of these items by Friday, March 29:

□ SPIRAL SLICED HAMS □ COFFEE

🗆 BUTTER

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Drop off donations at the Mission, 97 S. Main Street in Seattle.

### Our Commitment to **YOU**

At Easter, and all year, **you can count on Bread of Life Mission to follow Christ's example of serving our neighbors in need...** especially those who don't know where their next meal will come from, where they'll sleep at night or how they'll overcome impossible situations.

The generosity of dedicated friends like YOU makes it possible to continue our ministries in Seattle!

So we want to share our commitment to you, to the guests we serve and to our community:

- We will honor and thank God for His abundant blessings and share His provisions with our guests. Regardless of their struggles, each is made in God's image and worthy of dignity, compassion and love.
- 2. We will **boldly share the hope of the Gospel and extend Christ's love** to each person we serve.
- 3. We will **invite our supporters**, **volunteers and friends to help** meet the needs of our community throughout the year, asking only for what we know our neighbors truly need.



"If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love... These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full." - John 15:10-11