

A NEWSLETTER OF BREAD OF LIFE MISSION • SUMMER 2026

# The SOUND of HOPE



BREAD of LIFE  
MISSION



**See how your  
compassion  
gave Rafi  
a fresh start...**

**LOVE YOUR  
NEIGHBOR**  
SUMMER CAMPAIGN



**DON'T MISS...**

**2** Love Your Neighbor

**2** Thrift Store  
Now Open!

**3** "When I felt lost, God knew  
exactly where I was."

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A meal served with LOVE for a neighbor in need... **just \$3.96!**



### A Message from KIM COOK

## Sharing a story of **HOPE** this summer.

I'm grateful for how the Lord writes each of our stories, and how He weaves them together. Through your gifts and prayers, you play a meaningful role in the stories of your neighbors' lives!

Sadly, this summer, too many of our neighbors are experiencing a heartbreaking "chapter": Exposure on the streets... thirst and hunger... loss of hope. Many turn to us for shelter, meals and water, recovery services and more.

You can help share the life-changing care our hurting and homeless neighbors need.

That is my prayer for the summer, **as we begin our 3-month Love Your Neighbor campaign this month.** Together, we can provide vital help to change our neighbors' stories, and their lives, for good.

I've seen these life-transformations happen right here at Bread of Life Mission, like for Rafi, whose story you can read on page 3 of this newsletter.

Your support this summer will help make transformations possible for people like him, whether you help once or give all three months. Your generosity across June, July and August will mean steady meals, safe shelter and Christ-centered care that helps write new stories of hope for our neighbors.

I'll be so grateful.

Kim Cook, President & CEO

*"Love your neighbor as yourself..."*

*- Matthew 22:39*



## THRIFT STORE COMING SOON!

*Find bargains. Bless a life.*

Your new go-to destination for unique treasures and great bargains is opening soon! **BREAD OF LIFE THRIFT** will feature gently used clothing, furniture, household items, tools, toys and so much more.

And with every donation or purchase you make, you'll raise money to support Bread of Life Mission's recovery program that rebuilds lives and provide job training for our program residents. Our neighbors who are struggling to make ends meet will also find essentials at affordable prices.



For the latest updates, location and hours, call **(206) 682-3579** and follow Bread of Life Mission on social media.

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## YOU CAN SHOW A HURTING NEIGHBOR THEY'RE NOT ALONE!



**It starts with a meal...**



**and ends with a life renewed!**

Your gift of \$3.96 provides a hot, nourishing meal – and can lead to other life-changing services like shelter, Christ-centered counsel and recovery.

**Give during our Love Your Neighbor campaign... and show local individuals who are homeless and hurting that you care.**



**Give now!**  
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**R**afi came to the United States as a young man, and as he grew up, he worked hard to build a life he could be proud of. His greatest joy was his family. **“I have three beautiful children.”**

In 2020, Rafi’s life took an unexpected turn. After a painful divorce, he lost his home and the stability he had worked so hard to build. **“My biggest challenge was being homeless, living on the street.”**

Struggling with anxiety and depression, the loss of daily contact with his children weighed heavily on him. **“I haven’t seen my kids the past six years. I miss them dearly.”**

Rafi reached a breaking point on a cold, rainy day. **“I had completely lost hope,”** he says. **Sitting alone in a park, unsure where to turn, a stranger stopped and showed him compassion.** “He said, ‘It’s raining, it’s cold. Let’s go to my church.’” That simple act of kindness became the turning point that led Rafi to

Bread of Life Mission.

When Rafi arrived, he found safety and care. **“They gave me a place to stay, food and a shower,” he says gratefully.** He soon began attending classes, which became a foundation for healing and growth.

Today, Rafi gives back by helping in the kitchen, serving meals to others who are struggling. **“I help in whatever way I can,”** he says, **and his faith remains steady. “I give God 100%.”**

Looking ahead, Rafi’s hope is clear. **“I pray every day for the future of my kids and my family.** To be reunited with them and to tell them I’m sorry and ask for their forgiveness.”

**Because of you, neighbors like Rafi know that God loves them and they are worthy of a new beginning. Thank you for opening the door to hope and healing this summer!** “I am so thankful for the

people who welcomed me and prayed for healing for me and my family. Even when I felt completely lost, God knew exactly where I was, and what I needed.”

**“Learning to study the Bible  
has been so important. It’s  
helped me learn humility.”**



# Keep neighbors **SAFE** this summer

Many of us can count on cold drinking water, refreshing showers and shelter to make it through this summer's hottest weeks.

**Our neighbors out on the street face a scary reality:** Without shade or sun protection, even warm days put them at risk of heat stroke and dehydration. **They need our help.**

Your gift can make all the difference for someone experiencing homelessness this summer. Just \$21.00 provides a night of safe shelter for an individual in need – along with other services like these!



**Cool water to drink & nourishing meals**



**Refreshing showers & safe shelter**



**Clean clothes & socks**  
*(Socks are our most requested item!)*



**Sunscreen & hygiene items**

Your support helps meet these ongoing needs, allowing our hurting neighbors to recover and rebuild at Bread of Life Mission – so they can have healthier, more stable lives!



To see how you can help meet our neighbors' most urgent summer needs, visit [BreadofLifeMission.org/needslist](https://BreadofLifeMission.org/needslist) or scan here!

Your gift of \$21.00 provides a night of shelter!

## TO DO THIS SUMMER:

# Make a Will!

Your generosity can live on beyond your lifetime! **August is National Make a Will Month.** So now is a great time to get your affairs in order and complete your will this summer.

Through a gift in your will to Bread of Life Mission, the impact of your generosity will live on, bringing healing and hope to hurting neighbors, season after season.

Here are a just few examples of gifts you can designate to our ministry via your will:



Cash



Real Estate



Property



Stocks

*Ready to talk about leaving your legacy?*

Visit [BreadofLifeMission.org/ways-to-give](https://BreadofLifeMission.org/ways-to-give) or contact Amber Vaughan, Major Gifts Officer. ☎ (206) 682-3579