RESTORING DIGNITY & HOPE Fall 2021



"THE MISSION HELPED ME PUT MY LIFE BACK TOGETHER."

Akane was a hardworking and devoted husband and father. Then, one day, without warning, his wife asked him to leave. He was devastated. "I didn't understand why. I still don't know."

As if his emotional pain weren't enough, Makane found himself homeless, struggling to survive. "I lived on the streets for almost a month," he says. "I was so stressed."

Then he learned about the Mission and came to stay as an Overnight Guest. "They welcomed me and gave me a bed, a place to shower and food every day," he says. "In the winter, they gave me a jacket, sweaters and shoes – everything I needed."

Makane is a day laborer and, with his physical needs met, he was able to go back to work and provide for his two beloved children. They call every day to see how their father is doing, and he makes sure they have everything they need and that they know how much they're loved. "I visit them and buy them groceries, or we go out to dinner and we talk and talk," he says.

Meanwhile, through Bible studies, chapel services and the support of our loving staff, Makane is growing spiritually and healing emotionally. "The Mission gave me a Bible, and pastors preach every night so I get to hear the Word of God," he says. "And if I have a problem, I talk to the staff. Now I feel really good."

Makane pays a small fee to stay at the Mission. He hopes to find affordable housing where his children can stay but, until then, he has everything he needs to take care of himself and provide for his family.

As Makane celebrates this
Thanksgiving, he feels incredibly
thankful for your compassion and
support – and how it's given him a fresh
start in life. "The Mission gave me a bed,
food, clothes, everything I needed to put my
life back together."



A MESSAGE FROM WILLIE PARISH JR.

GIVING THANKS FOR ALL GOD'S BLESSINGS

It might surprise you that in another year filled with hardships and uncertainty, the overwhelming messages I hear are ones of gratitude and hope.

Despite the challenges we still face as a community – or perhaps because of them – we remain connected to each other in a spirit of love and generosity. Your care and compassion have never been more evident here at Bread of Life Mission than right now, as we prepare for the Thanksgiving season.

You have stepped up to help our hurting neighbors as God has called us to do. Provided nourishing meals. Safe shelter. Life-restoring guidance. More than that, you've prayed for our ministry and guests. Encouraged others to join our mission to transform lives. Your love has made it possible for hearts to be restored and lives rebuilt. Now that's something to celebrate!

As we count our blessings this Thanksgiving, you and other faithful friends are at the top of my list. As you enjoy the holiday season with your loved ones, both near and far away, I pray God will fill your heart with joy, peace and the comfort of knowing that lives have been changed thanks to your kindness.

I am grateful for you... today and every day. God bless!



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Willie Parish Jr. President

2021 THANKSGIVING CAMPAIGN

It's been <u>another</u> challenging year for so many of our neighbors...

19,906
Meals Needed by Thanksgiving

Many of our neighbors are still struggling... trying to get back on their feet... trying not to lose hope. Today, YOU can help them!

For just \$2.33, you can provide a nourishing meal for a hungry neighbor this Thanksgiving season. And that meal opens the door to so much more...

- Safe, welcoming shelter
- Warm clothing, coats & shoes
- Classes & job training to help them get back on their feet after another tough year
- A chance to experience God's love that changes lives



YOUR GIFT WILL MAKE AN IMPACT!



Please – help us be ready to serve thousands of meals to our homeless and hurting neighbors during the busy holiday season! **Rush your 2021 Thanksgiving Campaign gift today.**

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

READ MAKANE'S STORY TO LEARN MORE!



If you're like many Americans, you have no current will or estate plan.
Being unprepared could mean losing control of what happens to your assets.

Make sure your resources are passed on to the people and causes you believe in. We'd love to help you! Contact us today for helpful, current advice and guidance in planning your legacy... and gaining peace of mind.

Please contact Julie Quinsay, our Office Administrator, who would love to tell you more!

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OUR THANKSGIVING NEEDS LIST

There's still so much to do to get ready for the Thanksgiving season! Please consider shopping or hosting a food drive for these criticallyneeded items.

Turkeys
Hams
Stuffing mix
Cream of mushroom soup
Milk
Dinner rolls

Recyclable cups and napkins

Fresh vegetables: carrots,
celery, onions, potatoes
Hamburger patties
Apple, sweet potato & pecan
pies
Hot cocoa
Apple & orange juice

Drop off your donations at Bread of Life Mission at 97 S Main Street, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday – Friday.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING!



Our **Hope Partners** are a group of compassionate friends who give to the Mission each month, creating a steady source of support for our programs that save and transform lives here in Seattle.

Please prayerfully consider joining this vital group!

When you become a Hope Partner, you help provide the funds we rely on to feed, shelter and care for our most vulnerable neighbors all year long.

To learn more, visit our website and click on **What You Can Do,** then **Hope Partner Program.** Or contact Julie Quinsay at **(206)** 682-3579, ext. 106 or **[]** julieq@breadoflifemission.org.

Thank you for your commitment to share your blessings with those in need!