

A NEWSLETTER OF BREAD OF LIFE MISSION • EASTER 2025

The **SOUND of HOPE**



BREAD of LIFE
MISSION

**William has
a **NEW LIFE**
in Christ this
Easter!**

Thank you for opening
the door to his
transformation.



DON'T MISS...

2 All things new...

3 "I'm a more joyful
person!"

4 YOU Can Make a
Difference!

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“I’M A MORE PATIENT AND JOYFUL PERSON!”



“For the first time, I started to envision a future for myself.”

William’s early years with his siblings were marked by abuse and instability at the hands of their parents. The family frequently moved from place to place, and the only constant was the chaos at home. “Between my stepdad’s drinking and infidelity and my mom’s poor mental health, it was a miserable place to be,” he remembers, sadly.

At 17, William was sent out of state to live with his father, who took him to bars. Encouraged to “be a man” by suppressing emotions, he discovered he could mask his feelings with alcohol and, eventually, drugs. Soon, he found himself in the grips of addiction.

Problems with the law landed William in prison. Even when it was behind him, this conviction

made it nearly impossible to find employment or housing. Out on the streets, he spiraled in his addiction and fell into legal trouble again. “I was overwhelmed and even planned to end it all,” he shares.

By the grace of God, William was given a second chance through a faith-based rehab program for incarcerated men. That’s when his perspective began to change, and upon his release he was led to Bread of Life.

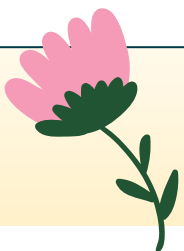
At the Mission, William began to rebuild his life in a stable environment. “At first, they wanted me to just rest. No one had ever done that for me before!” he remembers.

Through Christ-centered classes and counseling and a focus on relapse prevention,

William experienced healing.

In his new, sober life, walking with the Lord, William gives back whenever he can. His goal is to help steer young people away from drugs. In his own life, he’s repaired relationships with family. “I have more empathy now and I understand how important it is to forgive myself and others.”

This Easter, William is experiencing God’s gift of new life! Thank you for empowering him to follow Christ’s calling in his life. “The Mission pushed me to be more open and to have courage outside my comfort zone. I’ll always be grateful!”



The Gift of New Life in Christ

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.” - 2 Corinthians 5:17



A Message from KIM COOK

All things new...

People often come to us on the worst days of their life. They're tired, hungry and struggling with shame. For many, Bread of Life Mission is a last resort.

But the fact that they come to us at all means they still have a glimmer of hope. Because they're trying to change, part of them still believes a new life is possible.

Hope is an important quality for Bread of Life Mission. So are *comfort*, *faith* and *safety*. These are the traits that inspired **our new logo – which you'll see for the first time in this newsletter.**

We desire to be a place of healing for people in Seattle who are hurting and homeless. Whether they need a meal, a safe place to sleep or life recovery... they'll find light and warmth through our doors.

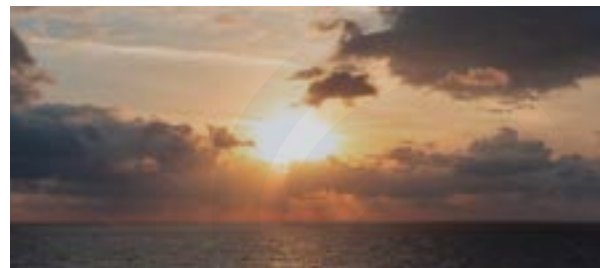
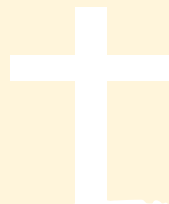
During this Easter season, we're reminded that nothing is impossible with God. **Generous friends like you provide the services and programs that God uses to rebuild lives** like William's, whose story you can read on page 3. I pray that promise shines through our new logo as well.

Thank you for believing in our homeless, hungry neighbors.

Through your gifts and prayers, you show that you have faith in their future and the power of God's redeeming love!

Happy Easter... and God bless!

Kim Cook
President & CEO



LEGACY PLANNING MADE EASY

Many of us spend the first half of our lives trying to prepare for the second half. These days, we're all so busy – time can seem like it's flying, and things can feel overwhelmingly complicated.

What if there were a way to plan for financial goals and charitable giving while leaving a legacy... all at the same time?

By including Bread of Life Mission in your estate planning, you make an enduring contribution to our mission and vision, bringing hope, healing and transformation to those most in need in our community.

We work to make this process as simple as possible. Please reach out to our President, Kim Cook. She'll be happy to share ideas and guidance based on years of experience. Visit **breadoflifemission.mygiftlegacy.org**, call (206) 682-3579 or email **kim@breadoflifemission.org**.



This Easter... **EVERY MEAL MATTERS**

Just \$2.76 for a meal & hope for a new life!

Each meal served with love at the Mission is so much more than a plate of food. It can also open the door to life-changing services like safe shelter, Christ-centered care and healing in our recovery programs!

Every meal you provide this Easter matters!

Just \$2.76 provides a hot, nourishing Easter meal to someone in need... and shares hope for a new life in Christ.

✉ Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.

🌟 Give online anytime at **BreadofLifeMission.org**.

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MAKE THIS THE MONTH YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

Bread of Life Mission is always in need of caring, compassionate volunteers to lend a hand.

Consider joining our team of dedicated helpers!

Here are just some of the ways YOU can contribute your time and talents:

- Cook or serve hot meals to individuals who are homeless
- Answer phones, do administrative tasks and help with mailings
- Organize our clothing closet
- Teach a class in our program
- Help plan an event
- Assist with maintenance

For details or to sign up, call Grace Mwangi at **(206) 682-3579, ext. 101** or click **"Get Involved"** at the top of our website.



Same name... *new look!*

Since 1939, Bread of Life Mission has been serving our homeless, hurting neighbors in the heart of Seattle. With a focus on safety, comfort and healing, we are committed to faithfully serving each guest who comes to our doors... thanks to the support of friends like you.

Now, we're excited to share with you our new logo. We pray it resonates with the people we serve and the broader community to continue to inspire long-term change in Seattle for many years to come.

You're among the first to see our new logo!



Our new logo represents our belief in grace, hope and new life. Your generous gifts and prayers make that belief a reality for our homeless neighbors every day.