

# BELIEVER



Restoring lives in your community since 1952... do you believe

A NEWSLETTER OF THE MISSION AT KERN COUNTY • Summer 2024

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## The love **YOU** share

gives neighbors like  
Yvette hope for a  
better life...





# A meal for \$3.03 is an easy way to **LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR!**



A Message from **CARLOS BALDOVINOS**

## Thank you for being part of our village that cares for neighbors in need

*“As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”*

-John 13:34b-35

It's an interesting time in history. We're seeing a convergence of multiple crises at once... the war on drugs, politics and society. **Homelessness in our community is at an all-time high, as is fentanyl use.** And this summer will be no different.

But amidst these challenges, one thing is for certain: God remains at the center of it all. The Mission at Kern County is more committed than ever to be the hands and feet of Jesus through this critical time – no matter what happens geopolitically around the world. But the reality is... **it takes a village.** We covet your partnership through these summer months – when the basic needs of our neighbors simply aren't being met: food, water and shelter.

**The people who arrive at our doors are desperate for help.** They WANT to turn their lives around. And we're going to help them – in the name

of Christ... regardless of external circumstances. Homelessness doesn't discriminate. God has given us an incredible opportunity to change lives – but we can't do it alone.

As we enter **our 3-month Love Your Neighbor campaign, I hope I can count on you.** Please give generously each month of this season to help the men, women and children in Kern County who are hurting and homeless.

Thank you for being part of our village that shares love with neighbors in need this summer... come what may.

Carlos Baldovinos, Executive Director

## CAN YOU DONATE?

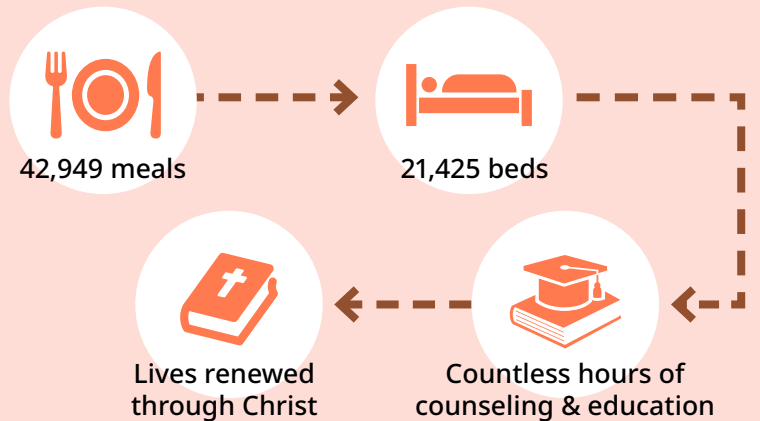
- Water
- Razors
- Towels
- Flip Flops
- Men's Underwear/Boxers
- Soap



Food and supplies can be dropped off at 816 E. 21st Street, Bakersfield, CA 93305 – or you can give a gift online at **themissionkc.org**. Thank you for your support!

## TRANSFORMING LIVES

is possible this summer... **thanks to YOU!**



**LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR**  
SUMMER CAMPAIGN

*At every step of their journey...  
YOUR gift helps change their lives.*

*Support our Summer Campaign to restore hearts & rebuild families!*

**Give now! [themissionkc.org](http://themissionkc.org)**

# “I’m confident in myself now.”

The brokenness in Yvette’s family kept getting bigger – snowballing until it became out of control. It started when her brother went to prison. After that, her parents got divorced, and her mother fell into addiction to cope with the loss. All the while, Yvette was battling a medical condition. At age 17 she started using marijuana to help ease her symptoms. Soon, she was struggling with addiction herself.

“It was a broken home,” she says. “My family fell apart. It was challenging.”

The trauma and addiction of her childhood stayed with Yvette after she got married and started her own family. But when her relationship became abusive and she discovered she was pregnant again, she realized she had to change. “I wasn’t going to be in my addiction and bring another baby into this world. The baby didn’t deserve it.”

**Yvette and her kids came to The Mission at Kern County for a fresh start, where they joined**

**our Recovery Home for Women & Children.** Through our program, Yvette overcame her addiction, healed from her past and restored her faith in God.

“I learned to trust in the Lord,” she says.

Now, Yvette has new hope for her future. She plans to get a good job and start a business to provide for herself and her children. She even hopes to buy a home one day – something that didn’t seem possible not long ago. “But I’m confident in myself now. The Mission helped me to stop listening to negative thoughts,” she explains.

**Yvette now has strength for her future because of your heart of compassion for her and other neighbors in need. Because you chose to share God’s love, she has a path forward in life.** “I’m thankful to the Mission for all they do for us – for the support and the love. It’s more than a program. It’s a family.”



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I WAS LOST. AT THE MISSION, I FEEL  
LIKE I FOUND MYSELF.  
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## Mission Cup Golf Tournament... IT’S ALMOST HERE

**OCTOBER 21ST  
BAKERSFIELD  
COUNTRY CLUB**



**Tournament includes lunch, Travis Matthews Tee Prize, a great day at BCC, dinner, awards... and more!**

By participating or sponsoring, you will help provide hope and care to struggling men, women and children in our community.

Scan the QR code to register today! The last several years have sold out, so don’t wait!



For more information, please contact [ahall@themissionkc.org](mailto:ahall@themissionkc.org) or call **(661) 325-0863, ext. 238.**

# Upscale Resale at its Best!

**Encore Boutique**  
1817 Eye Street  
Monday – Friday, 10 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
Saturday, 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.



If you haven't been to our Downtown Bakersfield location, come check us out! When you shop, all proceeds go back into the life-transforming programs offered at the Mission – *and you help job train men and women in our programs.* It's a WIN-WIN!

**To make your shopping experience even better, bring in this coupon for 25% off your entire purchase!**



You can also help by donating your gently-worn clothing, shoes and jewelry. When you donate items to The Mission at Kern County, you spread kindness and love for a local cause that you care about.

Want updates about items available at Encore Boutique? Follow us at [facebook.com/TMKCEncore](https://www.facebook.com/TMKCEncore) and [instagram.com/encore\\_tmkc](https://www.instagram.com/encore_tmkc) – there's always something new to check out!



## Volunteering is easy as 1..2..3!

### STEP 1

Visit [themissionkc.org](https://www.themissionkc.org) and fill out our application.

### STEP 2

Register for orientation/tour and see what opportunities look like

### STEP 3

Register to make a difference!

### QUESTIONS?

Call us (661) 325-0863, ext. 219.

