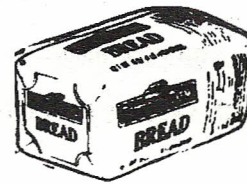




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Fill Our Empty Hands



2010 Thanksgiving



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Dear Friend,

Time is running out. We are already feeling the increased excitement of the upcoming holidays.

We offer a special Thanksgiving Dinner, community wide to anyone who wants to come. Those who join us usually have nothing in the way of worldly goods and come with heavy hearts and outstretched hands.

The trouble is, right now, our own hands are empty. Our freezers are low, our pantries have bare shelves and we are not ready to serve thousands of Thanksgiving meals.

I am concerned because last year we served **7,348** meals during the months of October and November and with the sluggish economy we anticipate serving even more meals this year.

Friend, I need your help to fill our empty hands.

Activity in our kitchen will soon accelerate as we peel potatoes, roast turkeys, and bake pies, steam vegetables and brew coffee for our guests.

We need all the same supplies you need when you prepare Thanksgiving at home. However, we have to multiply family recipes many times over to feed the crowds that come too us for help.

Instead of using cups and packets of ingredients, we measure by the dozen, gallon and 20 pound bag. Our Thanksgiving is larger than some kitchens in the army, restaurants, or schools.

Can you fill our hands with one of the following?

\$25 will buy 12 gallons of milk

\$50 will provide 45 dozen eggs

\$75 will buy fruits and vegetables

\$100 will buy turkey, ham and all the trimmings

Victory Center's men women and children shelter has been full to capacity for several months. Add to this the many people, poor and needy, who come to us daily for help and we have a crisis on our hands. We are not able to prepare enough meals without your help. Apart from the help from good people like you, we will remain empty-handed and unable to meet the needs of those who turn to the Victory Center for assistance.

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As you fill are empty hands to serve Thanksgiving meals, this promise will be true for you: "And if thou draw out thy soul to the hungry, and satisfy the afflicted soul; then shall thy light rise in obscurity, and thy darkness be as the noon day." (Isaiah 58:6-11)

Whether our hands our empty or full depends on the help friends like you can lend. Please send your gift today so we can serve Thanksgiving meals and offer a hand of help to those who have lost hope.

Warmly in Christ,

Rev. Ray Gimenez
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Please tear off the bottom portion and return it with you remittance. Thank you.

MY OCTOBER GIFT

___ FILL OUR HANDS TO SERVE THANKSGIVING MEALS

Here's my gift to help the homeless you serve

- \$25 to buy 12 gallons of milk \$50 to provide 45 dozen eggs \$75 to buy fruits and vegetables
 \$100 to buy turkey, ham and all the trimmings \$___ Other to help as many people as possible.
 No thank you is necessary

Name _____

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Providing a broad array of service takes a lot of support! Thank you for being part of the VCRM team.

We love you!

Please make your check payable to the **Victory Center Rescue Mission** and return the response part and your gift in the enclosed envelope today.

Your donations are tax-deductible.

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