

CHRIST IN THE CITY

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COMES THROUGH
RELATIONSHIPS

STREET MINISTRY IN
New Cities!

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Podcast
HOMELESS
BUT HUMAN



THE PATH TO HEALING COMES THROUGH *Relationships*

Chances are, you've passed by someone living on the streets in your local community. You might even pass by the same person every day! You feel like you should do something, but it's hard not to wonder, "Would it even make a difference?" Especially if they are still there— at the same spot, doing the same thing— the very next day.

Society typically provides shelter, food, and other important, basic needs. But even these resources don't seem to be enough to solve the deeper issue of homelessness. It's easy to feel helpless. At Christ in the City, our experience has proven that the deepest poverty of homelessness is sown in the heart long before someone becomes homeless. It's an all-encompassing experience of being unknown, unloved, and unwanted. It's not *ONLY* a problem of not having a house, money, or clean clothes. The root of homelessness is ruptured relationships.

That's why our missionaries walk regular street routes to encounter the homeless. They spend time learning people's names and stories and return day after day. Over time, these encounters lead to genuine friendships, and trust is built. These seemingly small interactions-- the disarming power of eye contact, a genuine smile, intentionally stopping to say hi and learn someone's name-- can be a first step toward helping someone begin their journey toward healing.

We know it's not comfortable to initiate a conversation with a homeless person you don't know, especially at first. But you shouldn't have to feel uncomfortable or confused about how to help.

That's why, each year, the Christ in the City team reaches thousands of people across the country with an approach that gets people out of their comfort zones and into the streets to encounter their fellow man, seeing a person to be loved not a problem to be fixed. In that way, we can treat the root cause of homelessness, recognizing the deeper crisis of relationship, and treating it with the love and hope that comes from meaningful encounters and intentional friendships. What the homeless actually need is *you*.


Just imagine the impact it would make if that homeless person you pass had even just one friend who knew them by name and cared about them beyond just a passing handout. What difference would that make to that person, to you, and to your local community? And if more people joined together in this mission, what difference would we make to the world?

TUNE-IN FROM WHEREVER YOU ARE

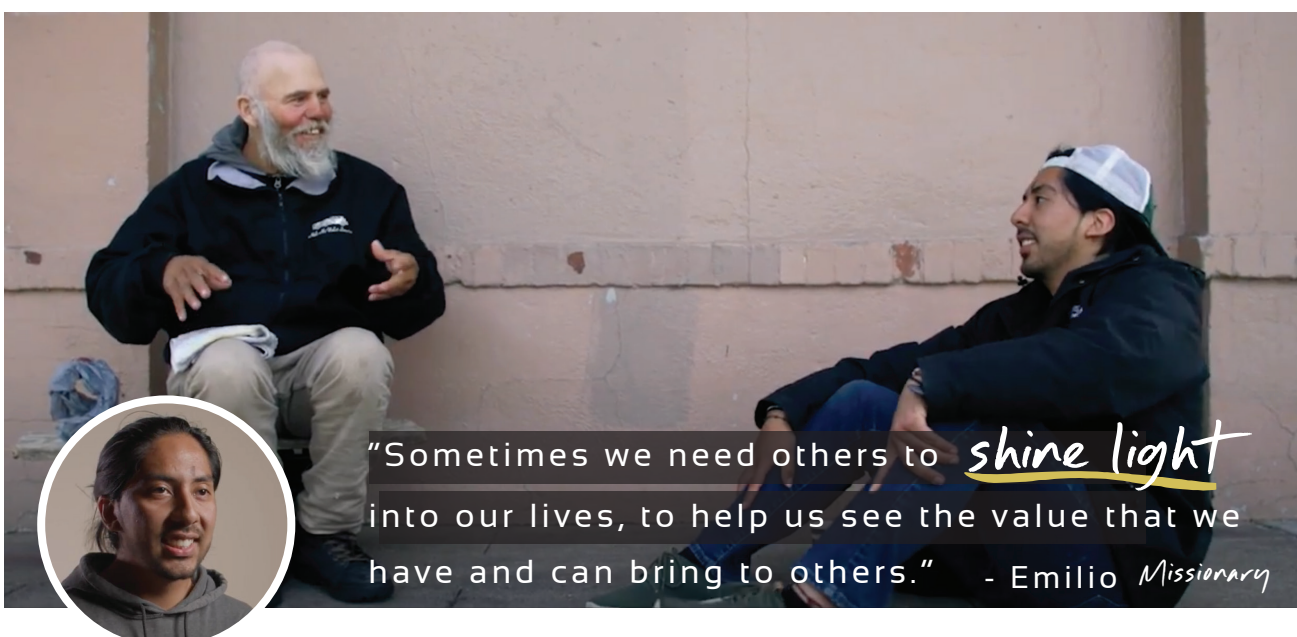
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A Nationwide Event

Join thousands across the country to discover the root of homelessness
& learn practical tools to encounter the poor in your own community!

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Hear powerful stories
from missionaries &
homeless friends!



THIS MISSION IS BECOMING A NATIONAL ENDEAVOR



"Whether it be on the West coast or the East coast, bishops have contacted me and asked if Christ in the City can come and train our young people. It has spread and is bearing fruit-- anything that is of Christ will bear fruit."

- Archbishop Aquila, Archdiocese of Denver

The mission of Christ in the City is multiplying in ways we never imagined! Our missionaries are training groups across the country to do street ministry in their cities. We have parishes and families making care kits to encounter the homeless they pass at a stoplight. College students come on week long mission trips to Christ in the City and return to their hometowns on fire to serve. Because of people like you stepping out of their comfort zones, friends on the street are being made nationwide. This mission is becoming a national endeavor!

But Christ in the City is not only an outreach program for the homeless, we have also seen the lives of our missionaries transformed year after year. At the same time that we are addressing ruptured relationships on the streets, we are also addressing a lack of formation that is present in the youth. Young people are not equipped to enter into the world they are thrown into. The breakdown of the family, lack of real friendship, and societal pressures are creating a culture hostile to the message of the Gospel.

That's why this formation is so necessary. Missionaries live in a common house that is centered in prayer, studying Catholic teaching, and growing in virtue and real friendship. In order to serve those in need, the missionaries and youth themselves need to be transformed. They are accompanied by a team of formators who walk with them as spiritual mentors. We are preparing a generation of Catholics--formed in the Truth of the Church--and equipped to be the leaders of the future.

Alumni have told us that this program, even years later, has helped them to be better fathers, mothers, priests--to better love their families, their kids, their parishioners.

Many bishops and dioceses across the country are reaching out to us expressing a desire for this type of formation for the young adults in their dioceses. **We are currently working on the plan for expansion to have Christ in the City missionary houses in other cities beginning in August 2022!**



CHRIST IN THE CITY'S MODEL OF STREET MINISTRY HAS SPREAD!
THERE ARE GROUPS DOING REGULAR MINISTRY IN THE FOLLOWING PLACES:



Los Angeles



Dallas



Philadelphia



New York City



Boston



Denver



Anchorage



Ireland



Michigan City



Steubenville



Salt Lake City



San Antonio



Oklahoma City



Omaha



Dayton



St. Paul

2020-2021 IN REVIEW



34
Missionaries

trained 1,000+ volunteers & together
reached 4,000+ homeless.

1,326
hours of formation

per missionary in 2020-2021.
Mass, Adoration, meetings with spiritual
mentors, learning the Truth of the Church
& to be the leaders of the future.

25,000+
hours of street ministry

building the consistent relationships
with our friends on the street that
are crucial to healing.

16,000+
hot meals served

at Christ in the City's weekly lunches
in the park, provided by local parishes,
schools, and volunteer groups.

250
Mission Trippers

trained in Christ in the City's
homeless outreach model to better
know, love, & serve the poor in their cities.

1,000+
attend virtual event

from watch parties across 33 states
to support Christ in the City &
learn how to serve the poor
wherever they live.

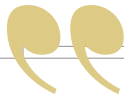
Christ in the City Flourishes DURING A COVID YEAR

The streets were empty. The visible loneliness on the faces of the homeless was more striking than ever. Parks, food lines, libraries and many resources for the homeless were closed.

Christ in the City was named an essential service to continue serving the homeless.

Special thanks to our generous missionary community of 2020-2021 who spent extra hours sanitizing, quarantining, preparing boxed lunches for our friends, and adapting to the ever-changing state COVID protocols. You guys loved to the end, and we are so grateful for your sacrifice and witness!





AFTER 40 YEARS ON THE STREETS, HE STARTED TO BELIEVE HE WAS

worthy of a better life

I met Chuck on the streets during my time as a missionary. As my street team spent more and more time getting to know him, we began to see the hope growing in his eyes. It was evident he could no longer deny that there were people who loved him and cherished him.

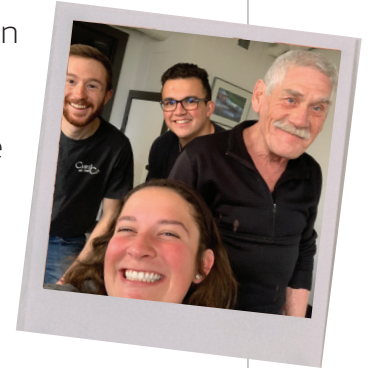
I will never forget the day Macie and I looked for hours, searched under bridges, and climbed over a bunch of rocks to find where Chuck was living, a place he thought no one would be able to find him.

You see, Chuck has been on the streets in one form or another for nearly forty years. Forty. I am quite literally incapable of fathoming how long that is. When I met Chuck, he was convinced he was going to spend the rest of his life on street. Though he never said it, I would guess that Chuck probably thought he deserved that.

This is a picture of Chuck in **his new apartment**. While I was still in Denver, he had finally decided that he deserved and was worthy of this change. The last thing I was able to do with him before I moved was to help him get his ID, a crucial element in moving towards housing.

My heart aches knowing that I wasn't able to see him through the whole process, but this story was never about me. It has been a story about God revealing Chuck's profound dignity to him.

I was so excited to see that Christ in the City missionaries were there to celebrate with him as he moved into his new place. Chuck has been a testimony to me that there is more to life than just surviving. Life is found where love and charity abound.



Isaiah

Missionary '19-'20

SUSTAINED BY GENEROSITY!

2020 - 2021 Financials

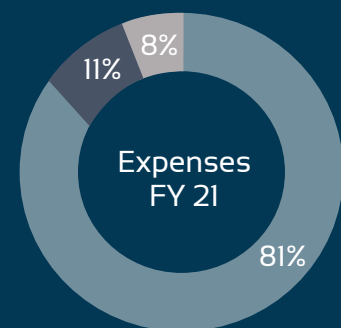
Income:
\$1,798,225

Expenses:
\$1,237,449

**Thank you for helping Christ in the City
stay strong amidst COVID-19!**

Financials include in-kind donations.

For more in-depth information on our finances, visit: www.christinthecity.org/annualreview2020



- Ministry
- Fundraising
- Administrative

CHRIST IN THE CITY TIP #1



Offer your name & ask their name.

*This is the first step to building a friendship.
Remember the person's name next time you see them.*

**We've been told many times by the homeless that
this means so much more than \$5!**

*I was curious.
I was intimidated.*

*And I felt particularly called to overcome
my fear of rejection.*

*I approach her and begin to initiate a conversation
as she applies her dark eyeliner.*

*After several minutes,
I watch as her walls of self-protection crash down.*

*In 3 weeks, our simple hellos turned into a
vulnerable sharing of hearts. As I inform her of my
leaving, she looks at me with the most sincere yes
and says, "Rachel, no one says my name like you do."*



Rachel
Missionary '20-'21

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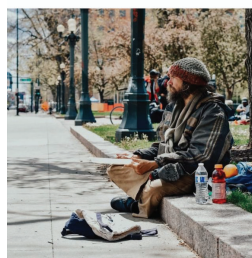
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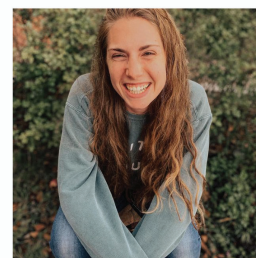
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HOMELESS BUT HUMAN**



HEAR FROM THE HOMELESS



SIMPLICITY CHECK CHALLENGES



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