

*"And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them." — 1 John 4:16*

# Ministry News

## "Our Jabez Prayer!"

La Mesa has consistently seen new faces over the years. Whether they are new people visiting for the first time or new servants to help do what we do, God is constantly answering our Jabez prayer to enlarge our territory.

Jesus tells us in John 15: 14-15, "You are my friends if you do what I command you. No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you." Welcome to all of the new friends that we see each week at La Mesa and thank you for your servant hearts!



## Imagine a City Where No One Sleeps Outside

There were sixty people in attendance at the Eden Village Founders Luncheon held at Mesa Country Club on September 14th. Individuals who have a passion and heart for the homeless where there to hear about a tiny house community for the chronically homeless coming to Arizona. There were City officials, Health Care executives, general contractors, architects, clergy, and church workers all in attendance. As the affordable housing crisis continues to get worse and worse each month La Mesa Ministries can no longer sit back and watch. The time is long overdue, and we are ready to make a difference no matter how small the impact. La Mesa Ministries has joined the Eden Village family where together we are planning to develop a tiny home community where the chronically homeless live in a permanent supportive housing environment where relationships and community is the main ingredient. The original Eden Village, built in Springfield Missouri, is a proven and successful community for our homeless neighbors. Since its completion in 2018 they have housed 50 chronically disabled homeless individuals in two communities, and they have plans for a third location and a fourth is under contract. There are now 10 states including Arizona that have made a commitment to bring Eden Village to 11 cities across the country.



The founders, Dr. David Brown, and his wife Linda along with Nate Schlueter the Visionary for Eden Village were our key presenters at the luncheon. They, like La Mesa, started out serving and getting to know their homeless neighbors. They opened the Gathering Tree where their homeless neighbors could gather and feel the love of Jesus. After serving 5 days a week for six years they knew they had to do more and that more was Eden Village. They had no money and no experience, but they had faith and trust in the Lord which is why all of the Eden Villages are called "God's Project". Along with the completely furnished one bedroom one bath homes God's Project includes a 4000 square foot community center where the residents can both work and interact with other residents, guests and volunteers, a community garden, gathering areas, a general store, gated and secured perimeter fencing, security cameras and a columbarium to remember those who have passed. The supportive services will include mental health care providers, case managers, medical care, and life skill trainers. Community involvement will be an integral part of the operations allowing both the residents and the surrounding community to be successful. If you would like to support and know more about Eden Village of Arizona, please go to our website at: <https://lamesaministries.org/edenvillageaz>.



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### Prayer of Jabez:

*"Oh, that you would bless me and enlarge my territory! Let your hand be with me, and keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain."*

1 Chronicles 4:10



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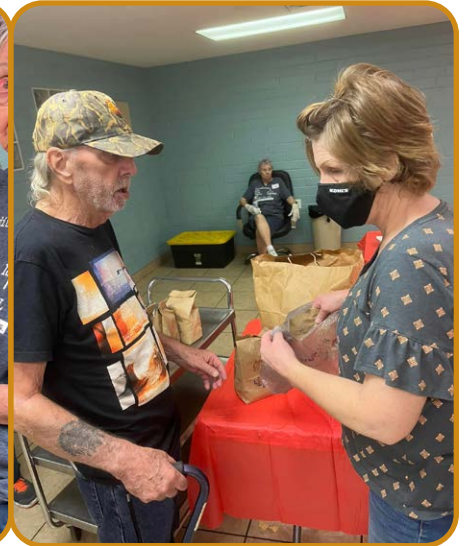
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# A Look at The LaMesa



## from the KITCHEN...

- ✦ October 4 - Mesa:  
Chili
- ✦ October 6 - Tempe:  
Pizza & Pasta Salad
- ✦ October 11 - Mesa:  
Meatballs & Salad — Cookies for dessert
- ✦ October 13 - Tempe:  
One of Sami Jo's Specialties
- ✦ October 18 - Mesa:  
Pulled Pork Sandwiches & Baked Beans
- ✦ October 20 - Tempe:  
Lasagna, Salad, Rolls & Butter
- ✦ October 25 - Mesa:  
Beef Tacos, Rice & Beans, Chips & Salsa
- ✦ October 27 - Tempe:  
TBD



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