

*“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

Thank you  
for your  
support  
♥

The National Day of Service donation drive was an overwhelming success, Praise God! Thank you so much to all the people who donated, came to help sort the donations and supported this effort in any way. The La Mesa team was blown away by the generosity of God’s people! We received thousands of items that will benefit the ministry. We received so much that we had to go and rent another storage unit that same day, and it was immediately filled up!

It was amazing seeing so many of God’s people working together to support those in need through La Mesa. The light of Jesus was shining bright through so many that day. The fruits

from it will bless so many aspects of La Mesa Ministries and touch many lives. Thanks so much for the support. You are all a blessing!



**Hebrews 13:16:**  
*“And do not forget to do good and to share with*

**others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.”**





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to find more information.



### from the KITCHEN...

- ✦ October 12 - Tempe: Tacos with all the fixins
- ✦ October 17 - Mesa: Sloppy Joe's, Corn and Pasta Salad
- ✦ October 19 - Tempe: Meatballs w/Gravy Over Noodles, Salad and Roll w/Butter
- ✦ October 24 - Mesa: Lasagna Salad Rolls & Butter
- ✦ October 26 - Tempe: Chicken Enchilada Casserole, Black Beans and Salad
- ✦ October 31 - Mesa: BBQ Beef Sandwiches
- ✦ November 2 - Tempe: TBD
- ✦ November 7 - Mesa: Beef and Vegetable Stew, Rolls w/Butter and Salad
- ✦ November 9 - Tempe: Chicken and Biscuits, Salad, Dessert
- ✦ November 14 - Mesa: Chicken Enchiladas, Rice & Beans, Chips/Salsa
- ✦ November 16- Tempe: Beef Stew, Cornbread, Salad

# Why Do We Need Narcan?



Recently, as the Mobil Loaves team loaded the truck, Jerry arrived unexpectedly. He wasn't going with them but wanted to drop off a few items they might need. Along with normal things, Jerry handed them packets of injectable Narcan, a drug that can reverse the deadly effects of an opioid overdose. The team had never experienced this and never thought about needing Narcan. Jerry sensed the team's confusion about why he brought it that day since they hadn't asked for it, and more importantly how to use it. "Don't worry" he said, "just give it to them and they'll know what to do." At the time they thought it was Jerry speaking to them, but they were wrong.

Along the route they stopped to prepare bags of food for people encamped nearby. As they pulled into the lot, they spotted some homeless people at a bus stop and Brian left on foot to give them bags as the others continued working. Suddenly he came running back, announcing that a man near the bus stop was experiencing a fentanyl overdose. "Grab the Narcan" he said. When they got to the man, he lay rolling helplessly on the ground, his eyes wide and confused. Jim called 911, as John and Brian awkwardly prepared the injection. They noticed crudely tattooed lines running from each corner of the man's lips up to his ears as if to say, "listen to me", and got the feeling that nobody ever had. As they finally drew up the life-saving liquid, Jim volunteered to inject the Narcan through the man's dirty hoodie and into his shoulder. The sound of sirens suddenly screamed for all of them.

In seconds the man stood but, hearing the sirens, he ran in fear, stumbling away from the gift they were trying to give him. He wasn't ready. Still groggy, the man collapsed again not far away, and the medics were able to reach him. As they took him away, the team knew they would never know the man's outcome, but they did know they had been blessed that day. Blessed with the gift of hope.

As they continued, they thought of the earlier conversation with Jerry and realized that when he said "Don't worry, just give it to them and they'll know what to do" it wasn't Jerry speaking to them, it was God speaking to Jerry.



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