

*“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

CELEBRATING THREE YEARS IN TEMPE!

At the end of this month, we will be celebrating our three-year anniversary of La Mesa Tempe at Beautiful Savior, praise God! There have been so many amazing things that Jesus has done in those three short years. Here are just a few of the highlights:

- Over 14,000 people have attended La Mesa Tempe since we began
- We have gotten together 156 times over those three years.
- Worship attendance was up over 20% this past year!

But it is not about the numbers. It is about connection and relationships. The relationship we build with God. The relationships we

build with one another. We love when more people stay and worship with us, building their relationship not only with us, but with God.

We are excited about what God has in store for La Mesa Tempe going forward! Thank you for being a part of this ministry!





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HOME AT LAST!

When Tramaine and Agatha first came to La Mesa Ministries in 2021, they were living on the streets of Mesa. Within a few months of attending La Mesa they found a friend who allowed them to pitch a tent in his backyard to give them a safe place to stay. While living in the tent Agatha started attending dental school to become a dental assistant. Tramaine and Agatha signed up for the La Mesa Ministries financial management class in January of 2022.

Upon graduation from the class La Mesa ministries would help them locate an apartment, cover some of their move in costs and furnish their new apartment. Tramaine came to the La Mesa Ministries Resource Center to try and find employment. Based on his background and skills La Mesa Ministries Resource Center found him a job as a commercial electrician in 2022. La Mesa Ministries also assisted Tramaine and Agatha with the means to take regular showers while still living in the tent.

It took a while but finally in January of 2023 La Mesa Ministries found a 2-bedroom apartment in Mesa for Tramaine and Agatha to rent. The rent was \$900 per month including utilities. Shortly after, Agatha became pregnant, and their son was born in the fall of 2023. Things couldn't be any better until the owner of the apartment building decided to sell the building. By the end of August 2024, the apartment changed owners and Tramaine and Agatha had to move.

The lessons they learned in the financial management class provided the ability for them to have saved up enough money to move into their very own townhouse. They are now homeowners raising a family after living on the streets and in a tent less than 4 years ago. They were focused, they reached out for help, and they never gave up on themselves or their faith in God. The Arizona Housing Coalition will be presenting Tramaine and Agatha with the **Outstanding Achievement in Overcoming Homelessness Award** next month. We are so very proud of them.



from the KITCHEN...

MESA DINNER MENU:

- + May 6: Enchiladas
- + May 13 BBQ Pork Sandwiches, baked beans and coleslaw,
- + May 20: Beef Taco Casserole, Beans
- + May 27: Pasta with Meat Sauce

TEMPE DINNER MENU:

- + May 1: Schreded BBQ Chicken Sandwice
- + May 8: Chicken & Biscuits
- + May15: Meatball Subs
- + May 22: Sloppy Joes
- + May 29: Taquitos, Rice & Beans

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