

THanksgiving Every Month

“In the Name of Jesus”

As Christians, we have been commanded by our LORD Jesus Christ to preach the gospel and to demonstrate the love of God to a lost and dying world. The two must work hand-in-hand. There are many secular places that give out food to the poor, but the gospel is not preached and caring for the physical needs is not in the name of Jesus. **We encourage churches to consider UGM as their outreach to the poor.** The Mission will truly represent the LORD's mandate and be the arm of the churches, and will ensure that the honor and glory goes to our LORD and Savior Jesus Christ. People will know they are receiving help because Jesus loves them.

We want to encourage young people in church youth groups to learn how to honor Jesus in their service, something that is not encouraged by secular establishments for which they might volunteer. This is an important consideration for youth leaders as they consider practical ‘projects’ for their youth groups.

UGM has developed a program that we believe will be a blessing to Christian churches, to the poor, and to the LORD's ministry through the Mission. **Each participating church would have a short, compassionate focus on the inner city every year.** This program has grown out of a “Thanksgiving Program” the Mission has had with some churches for a number of years, and is being expanded and modified to include every month of the year. **It is designed to have no impact on the church budget.**

Churches that would like to participate in the “THanksgiving Every Month” (THEM) program select a THEM coordinator for their church. The THEM coordinator interfaces with UGM on behalf of the church.

The THEM coordinator forms a church team to lead the THEM. This team might be the whole church, or might be one group such as a ladies group or a youth group.

The church chooses one month of the year for their “Thanksgiving Month”. This will be the month each year in which the church collects dry goods and delivers them to the Mission, where they will replenish the storerooms. The Mission in turn uses and distributes the food to the poor **“in the Name of Jesus”**.

The Mission will, at the church's request, provide a speaker (for 5 minutes or a whole message) for the first Sunday to help launch the THEM.

Colossians 3:17 And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

The Steps to “THanksgiving Every Month”

1. One person in the Church becomes a coordinator to work with the Mission.
2. The Church coordinator and the Mission contact choose a month to collect food and deliver it to the Mission. The particular month would be based upon the church preference, along with the need to distribute the churches amongst the twelve months of the year.
3. Two months before the THEM month, the Mission provides posters and/or a bulletin insert master, etc. explaining THanksgiving Every Month.
4. At this point, UGM also provides a list of items that are the greatest needs at that time. All dry and canned food products are always welcome, but other items are also needed regularly and would be highlighted. Fresh and frozen food could also be donated, but would have to be delivered separately. The Mission may also present other needs to the Church that might arise from time to time.
5. The coordinator promotes THEM in the church, and organizes the groups involved for the collection. The Church decides whether to collect within the Church body, or from the community.
6. (Optional) UGM comes to speak for 5 minutes or for the whole message on the first Sunday to help launch THanksgiving Every Month.
7. During the collection month, the Church calls the Mission and makes arrangements for delivery of the food.
8. The Mission stores the food, and then gives it out in its various programs “in the name of Jesus”.
9. Please call before delivery.

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Canned Soup	Macaroni & Cheese	Peanut Butter
Ground Coffee	Drink Crystals	Cooking Oil
Salt & Pepper	Rice	Ketchup
Mustard	Pasta	Pasta Sauce
Ham	Turkey	Canned Meat
Beef Roast	Chicken	Pickles

CHILDREN

Baby Food	Formula	Diapers
Cereal		

PERSONAL ITEMS

Double disposable razors	Advil	Peroxide
Band Aids	Anti-perspirant / Deodorant	Pads/Tampons

CLOTHING

Winter Jackets	Scarves	Mittens
Touques	Jeans	Sweatshirts
Underwear	Socks	

JANITORIAL ITEMS

All-purpose Cleaners	Window Cleaner	Toilet Paper
Bleach	laundry detergent	
Gloves for cleaning-latex/rubber gloves		

KITCHENWARE:

Plastic Knives, Forks, and Spoons	Styrofoam Plates – 6” & 9”
Styrofoam Cups – 8oz	Serviettes/napkins

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