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## Our Mission

*The Welcome Table Outreach Ministry is dedicated to providing food and related services for the homeless and indigent residents in the Jackson, Mississippi Metropolitan community to show them that God loves them and is willing to provide for their needs. Our specific and expressed mission is to show love and compassion through words, deeds, and actions to those in needs in accordance with God's divine will for service and ministry.*



## What is “The Welcome Table Ministry”?

This is a ministry that seeks to search out and feed the homeless and indigent citizens in the targeted neighborhoods. We provide meals and bag lunches to the homeless and indigent citizens in the mid-town, south and west Jackson, Mississippi areas. Every **first Sunday** we prepare a hot meal and go throughout the city seeking out the homeless. As we meet the homeless and indigent citizens, we give them a hot meal and pray with them. The remaining Sundays, we provide them with a **bag lunch and prayer**. Currently we are only able to serve these individuals on Sundays.

The whole church is involved in this ministry. We have a rotation schedule and all members are actively engaged in preparing the plates and/or bag lunches and going out in the community searching out the homeless and indigent citizens. The children as well as adults are involved in helping to minister to the needs of the people being served. This is a very exciting and fulfilling ministry. It is so rewarding to serve the homeless and see the joy and happiness that fill their hearts when they get the food and we pray with them.

## How is the Ministry funded?

Currently, members volunteer their time, services and make donations and contributions to support the operation of this Ministry. General operating funds are also used to help defray the cost for operating the Welcome Table Ministry.



## Welcome Table Ministry (WTM)

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*“But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd.” Matt. 9:36*

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## Our Purpose

*Is to cater to the homeless and indigent by meeting their individual needs, both spiritually and physically, within our available resources and capabilities.*

## Our Goal

- To provide meals for the homeless and indigents;
- To encourage and uplift through prayer, compassion and the Word of God;
- To provide, based on available resources, other necessities such as clothing, shoes, socks, caps, washcloths, toiletries, blankets, etc.
- To allow the Holy Spirit to work through us and align our ministry's outreach services with other churches and faith-based ministries to reach and serve the homeless and indigent citizens in the local and surrounding areas.

## Our Vision

The Welcome Table Ministry desires to expand these outreach services in the community at-large within the next 12 months. This vision will be sustained through partnership.

- To sustain the feeding ministry and clothing outreach;
- To expand the ministry to include the elderly that are not being served by any other organizations;
- To extend the Welcome Table Ministry's services to twice a day, seven days a week;

## Our Vision Continues

- To implement an urban "Harvest Evangelistic Crusades" within the next 12 months.

## Our History

Lighthouse Outreach Ministries (LOM), Inc. is a faith based, 501c(3) non-profit organization located in south Jackson, Mississippi. LOM is the parent agency for Turning Point Mission Center which is a local church congregation based on the holistic Christ-centered everlasting gospel principle, striving to minister in each area of a person's life.

At the beginning of 2010, our Founder and Senior Pastor, Elder Michael F. Owen shared the vision for the church as God had shown him. Pastor Michael told us that for ten years, we, as a congregation, had labored for and reached out to individuals who do not feel that they need anything; but it was time to take the gospel to the hedges, highways, and byways compelling souls to come to Jesus (Luke 14:23). In studying the life of Jesus, it is very clear that Jesus ministered to the people in whatever state He found them. In obedience to the mandates given by God in both Matthew 28:19, 20 and Luke 14:23 as well as the vision shared by our leader, Pastor Michael, we are committed to "..., Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that God's house may be filled." Herein is the birth of a new ministry for our church, "The Welcome Table" Ministry. This ministry is the brain-child of our senior pastor, who has a compassion for souls and is totally committed to a service-based ministry modeling after Jesus Christ, our high-priest, redeemer and savior. We, as a church body, are fully committed to the great commission (Matthew 28:18-20) by serving Jesus Christ through service and daily Bible study.

The Welcome Table Ministry's primary goal is to reach out to the homeless and indigent citizens in Jackson, Mississippi and its surrounding neighborhoods, reaching those who are described as "unreachable" and "undesirable," including the homeless, prostitutes, drug addicts, and their children. The Welcome Table Ministry is a Christ-centered initiative desiring to help people who are in desperate situations by reaching out to them in love. We envision that these individuals will eventually seek God for the answers in their lives.

Pastor Michael states that Matthew 25:35-40 clarifies our purpose and vision for the Welcome Table Ministry. The following is a portion of that passage: "For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me" (Matthew 25: 35-36 NIV). Pastor Michael along with the church family are not willing to sit still while there is a hurting world out there. We believe that we together can carry the light pointing everyone along the pathway to Jesus, the light, the truth and the way. Jesus loves every one of us; but there is great, exceeding joy in sharing Jesus' love with others.

We conducted our first feeding outreach on February 7, 2010. We served only three (3) individuals that Sunday, but shortly thereafter, we served 17 individuals and now we are serving an average of 30 individuals each Sunday. We have been blessed to serve as many as 37 individuals. We served approximately 1,100 individuals during 2010. We are projecting to serve around 2,100 for 2011. God has blessed our faithfulness and we are so grateful to God for the increased. Please continue to pray us along as we serve the needy. Thanks!