

STREET LIFE MINISTRIES



ABOUT US

Street Life Ministries is a community-based non-profit organization that serves the homeless and at-risk populations of the Mid-Peninsula. We establish environments and build relationships where community volunteers can provide food and clothing as well as referrals for shelter, addiction recovery, and other personal support. Since June of 2000 Street Life volunteers have expressed love and compassion through inviting our friends on the street to discover hope in our unique approach to faith community we describe as “No Walls Necessary.”



OUR CONCEPT ... No walls Necessary

Street Life Ministries operates under an innovative concept for helping hurting people and transforming lives which we call “No Walls Necessary.” Our community meets on the streets for people on the streets. In the New Testament, the Church was never limited by space or location. There are no walls necessary to be a healthy community of faith.

Street Life is people from different Christian traditions who share a common, passionate desire to see the message of Jesus lived out in tangible ways. We meet together on the street, not in a building, and we believe in helping those in need with the Word of God and a hot plate of food. There is no judgment, no guilt-trip, no hoops to jump through – just a sincere effort to show genuine love.

When the gospel is lived out in the lives of broken people, it takes a shape that is beyond a building, a specific doctrine, or a Sunday service. Street Life Ministries is a community of people striving to follow Jesus and committed to bringing the love of God to people on the streets.

If you would like to know more about what we believe, read our statement of faith.

Homelessness and poverty affect several thousand people in the Peninsula area of San Mateo County, with the communities of Redwood City, Menlo Park, and East Palo the most affected. Of course, this issue truly impacts all of us who live here as we struggle to find solutions to these growing problems. With only a small number of shelter beds in the area and limited public assistance, new and better means of helping those at risk are sorely needed. Street Life works to meet this need by mobilizing resources, community groups, and individual volunteers in our gatherings in each city we serve.

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OUR MISSION... Share God's Love

Street Life Ministries will share God's love by providing life-giving resources and Christ-centered gatherings with people living on the streets of the Peninsula.



OUR VISION... Loving, Compassionate Service

Street Life Ministries...

...will provide twice-weekly meals at each of our street locations in order to feed any who are in need.

...will promote Christian community at each of these gatherings through the teaching of the Word, breaking of bread, fellowship and prayer.

...will guide those in need toward spiritual, physical and emotional wholeness.

...will serve with compassion, respect, innovation, commitment and grace.

...will guide those in brokenness and need into healthy resources and choices through our community and ministry partnerships.

...will be an expression of God's Kingdom on Earth with Christ followers and churches of the Peninsula, as living examples of the unity, cooperation and fellowship intended throughout God's Church.

...will provide a safe and nurturing training group for Christians and others seeking to serve and explore gospel ministry.



OUR FAITH... Essential Historic Christianity

Street Life Ministries is a non-denominational organization with roots in the historic Christian faith. As participants in various local congregations, we strive for the best of what the church offers: a high regard for Scripture, a belief in divine healing, a commitment to conscientious citizenship and a practical approach to living lovingly.

Further, we uphold the essential teaching of historic Christianity:

We believe in the Triune God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

We believe the Bible is the inspired Word of God and the final authority for Christian life and faith.

We believe that Jesus was a real person, fully God and fully human. He lived a perfect life, then died on a cross, paying the penalty for our sins. On the third day Jesus physically rose from the grave, conquering death.

We believe that repentance from sin and belief in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord is the only way to salvation.

We believe in the resurrection of both the saved and the lost: the saved will be raised to life with God, and the lost to separation from God.

We believe God has supernaturally endowed every believer with spiritual gifts and a unique purpose, and that the Holy Spirit empowers us to live out that purpose through the Church.

We believe that the Church is the living Body of Christ on earth. As members of His Body we exist to celebrate the living God, cultivate personal growth in Christ, and communicate Christ's love to the world.