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## Accompanying the Man (and Woman) of Sorrows

Dear Friends of LAMP Catholic Ministries,

One evening this past October, it was around 10:00 pm, I was on my way back from a meeting, and exited a Parkway to go onto a local street. There was a stop light at the end of the exit that had just turned red. I noticed a woman standing on the grass, about 15 – 20 feet or so from the roadway, facing to her left with her head down. She looked homeless and forlorn in the darkness. I thought I would have time with the traffic light, so I called out to the lady and motioned for her to come by the car. I grabbed some coins and a little red card I always have available.

When she got to the car, I said: “I have some coins for you, but the most important thing I have for you is this card.” And I gave it to her. She was having a hard time reading it, possibly because of the lack of good light, so I told her that it says: “You are precious in God’s

eyes.” Right away she answered back that: “He is precious in my eyes.”

The traffic light changed, so I quickly gave her the 4 quarters and said: “God bless you.” As I began to pull away, she said: “Thank you for noticing me.”

Those words pierced my heart. I felt it was the Lord saying that to me. I began thinking of all the times I don’t notice Jesus in the person of poverty before me or that I pass by.

During this Season of Christmas, when we acknowledge the God man in the Infant Jesus, let us ask Him to help us recognize His presence in the person before us, especially in the materially poor person.

One with you in His service,

*Tom*

Tom Scheuring  
Director

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*Newest LAMP Missionaries Mary Louise Kohser (squatting, from Pittsburgh, PA), and Casey McKee (standing, from South Dakota) have encountered this gentleman living on the street in the Times Square area of Manhattan. A number of times LAMP Missionaries have shared the love of Jesus with him as he struggles with burdens and temptations. Accompaniment, prayer, sharing God’s Word--what we can give, only by the grace of God, who we think makes the light of the Holy Spirit present in this photo.*



*(Below) LAMP Missionary Ed Greene prays before the Blessed Sacrament. Each LAMP Missionary prays a daily Holy Hour for the ministries that are entrusted to us. We serve at the invitation of Jesus, our Lord, our God, our All.*



*(Above L) LAMP Missionaries Kate Schieferecke (r.) and Peter Solberg (c.) pray with a homeless woman who comes regularly to the LAMPcafe; (Middle) Kate prays with a woman whose identity needs to be protected because of human trafficking.*



## **She Prayed for An End to Human Trafficking....**

Shortly after arriving at the site next to a shelter for homeless persons in the S. Bronx with the LAMPcafe, a group of a dozen or more guests were standing in front of our service table waiting to be served a sandwich, a drink and any pastry we happened to have that day. Out of all those guests, some of whom I knew well from their frequent coming to the LAMPcafe, I felt prompted to talk to a woman I had never met before. She was soft-spoken but very receptive to visiting and introduced herself. We'll call her Cassie. After visiting briefly, I asked if she wanted to pray and if anything was on her heart that she wanted to talk to the Lord about. She said, with tears welling up, that she wanted to pray for "an end to human trafficking."

I called Peter, another Missionary, over to pray with us and placed my hand lightly on her shoulder as we prayed together. I thanked Jesus for dying for us to set us free and to restore our relationship with the Father. I asked God as a good and loving Father to protect Cassie in every way from all harm related to human trafficking.

We repeated together, "Jesus, I trust in you" several times. To close, I asked Cassie if there was

anything she wanted to talk to Jesus about, and she very humbly prayed a simple prayer for "the strength to keep going."

After our prayer I asked Cassie if she was in immediate danger. She said: "I've been in constant danger for seven years, but the only thing I've never done is give up." Cassie shared she was staying at the shelter and working with a caseworker to get moved to a safer location. We told Cassie we would be praying for her and gave her several holy cards and a rosary. She thanked us and walked back to the shelter.

I praise God for His work through LAMP to speak faith, hope and love to His beloved daughter, Cassie, who is suffering so deeply and with such great faith.

*- LAMP Missionary Kate Schieferecke*

(If you have a chance, see the movie, "Sound of Freedom", which is a true story of human trafficking).



(Right) LAMP Missionaries Peter Solberg and Mary Louise Kohser encounter a woman on the streets in Manhattan who shares a brilliant smile and an openness to God's love.



We would be happy to send you a template from which you can make "precious" cards (see opening letter on p. 1.) to give out as a way of evangelizing, especially to poor persons you may encounter. Perhaps your children or grandchildren would like to have some stickers with LAMP's logo. They were a big hit with the children at the NY State Eucharistic Congress recently. Please let us know....



## "God Won't Help Me. I'm a Bum!"

Our "LAMPcafe" is a canteen truck we take out four days a week to bring a sandwich, cold (or warm) drink, but particularly spiritual support for the materially poor. Recently we were parked next to a shelter and a man named Angel, a self-professed alcoholic, approached us. He has come before and spoken about how he can't stop drinking. I asked if he knew places to go where he could get help. He muttered: "Yeah, they can't help me". I suggested he ask God for help. Angel replied: "God won't help me, I'm a bum." My response was: "Well, He helped me when I asked Him to lift my obsession to drink."

With a look of surprise, Angel said: "You are not a bum." "Well, my family thought I was when they threw me out. Bosses, friends and others called me

that. But I discovered that God doesn't make bums." After a pause, Angel stepped aside to get a sandwich.

A few others came along with the same contention. They felt they couldn't ask God for anything because of how they live. They believe in God but think that God doesn't believe in them. It is amazing how they are keeping the faith and feeling unworthy of the Lord's love.

Nearing the closing of our time, Angel was packing up his things and the lunch we gave him when he said, "I appreciate y'all. A lot of people come by with food but that's it. You come here. You see us, look us in the eye and talk to us. You listen. I/we appreciate it so much." He was smiling and waving as he left, hopefully having experienced some of God's unconditional love.

- LAMP Missionary Ellen Cheng



(L.) Ellen warmly greets a woman who came for a lunch one day, and listens as the woman begins to share her story. (R.) Casey and Ellen share smiles and interest with the gentlemen on the line.



With all the people living on the streets these days, we are asking our readers if you might send **scarves, hats, gloves or socks** (for men or women) that we might give to our cold sisters and brothers whom Jesus identifies with so closely. Thank you!



LAMP is very grateful to St. Joseph, generous donors and to 2 foundations that provided grants to purchase a new canteen truck just as the old one was needing costly repairs. It is a joy to drive to our sites of service with the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, God's Word in Scripture, and LAMP's logo representing the Heart of Jesus clearly visible.



### Daily Christmas

Through Angelus prayer  
Life's fading hours ignite each noon  
As Christmas grace bursts forth

-LAMP Missionary *Marybeth Greene*

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May the unconditional love of Jesus  
celebrated this Christmas season  
fill you with great joy!  
Blessed Christmas and a Holy New Year!



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