



Send Relief
Los Angeles





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Meeting Needs, Changing Lives

Send Relief works with churches and volunteers to meet needs and change lives in communities within the U.S. and around the world.

By offering help and hope to the most vulnerable in collaboration with missionaries, local ministries and churches, your gifts and efforts through Send Relief have a long-term impact.

With Send Relief's help, churches and partners like you receive resources and training to be the hands and feet of Jesus to communities in crisis, refugees, human trafficking survivors, those affected by natural disasters and vulnerable children and families.



Ministry Centers

Send Relief ministry centers deliver compassion ministry within local communities while providing mission trips and training opportunities for churches all over the country. The goal of ministry centers is twofold: serve communities well and encourage others to do the same.

All over North America, Send Relief ministry centers actively assess community needs, develop ministry strategies, deliver ministry and provide opportunities for others to go on mission.

Community Snapshot

As the entertainment capital of America, Los Angeles has a lot to offer. From movie studios to celebrities, world-class museums to Beverly Hills, Los Angeles is California's largest and liveliest city.

- The city has around **10 million people** living in just Los Angeles County.
- With about **56,000 homeless individuals**, Los Angeles has ranked number two for the largest homeless population in the United States.
- The wage gap is tremendous in Los Angeles. It is not uncommon to see a homeless person sitting beside a luxury car on the street.
- The city streets, especially the freeways, were built to segregate people. Many areas have less access to resources.

But God is moving in significant ways in Los Angeles.

Even though there is a lot of need, God is using the Los Angeles Ministry Center — along with people and churches — to make an impact.

- In 2019, Los Angeles County had a population of **10 million people** with a median age of 37.
- The five largest ethnic groups in Los Angeles County are White (Hispanic) (26.3%), White (Non-Hispanic) (25.9%), Other (Hispanic) (19.5%), Asian (14.5%), and Black or African American (Non-Hispanic) (7.74%). 56.8% of the households in Los Angeles County speak a non-English language at home as their primary language.
- **84.1%** of the residents in Los Angeles County are U.S. citizens.



- As of 2019, **34.2%** of Los Angeles County residents were born outside of the country (3.43 million people).
- The most common foreign languages spoken in Los Angeles County are Spanish (3,711,836 speakers), Chinese (382,418 speakers) and Tagalog (236,497 speakers).
- **48.6%** of the people in Los Angeles County are Hispanic.
- **56.8%** of Los Angeles County citizens are speakers of a non-English language. That's higher than the national average of **22%**.

Sources: <https://datausa.io/profile/geo/los-angeles-county-ca> | <https://bestneighborhood.org/race-in-los-angeles-county-ca/>

Los Angeles Ministry Center Snapshot

Ministries

Strengthen Communities

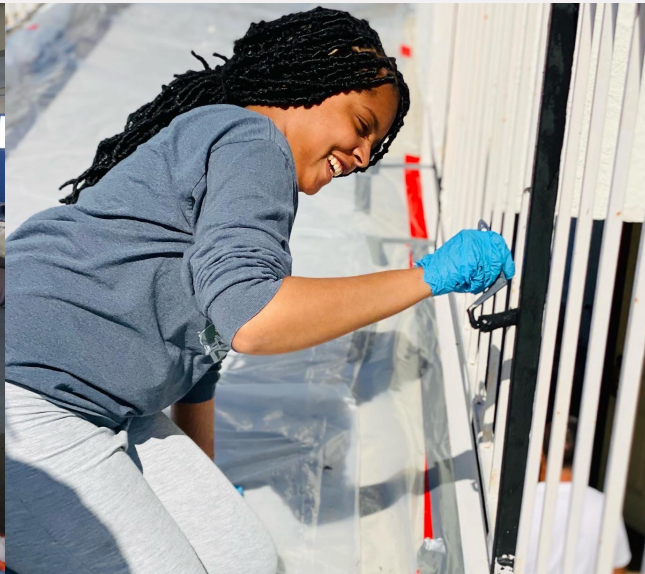
Care for Refugees

Protect Families and Children

Fight Human Trafficking

Care for Basic Needs

Mobilization Opportunities



Los Angeles Ministry Center Partnerships

Today, the Los Angeles Ministry Center has partnered with many different churches across Los Angeles County and Orange County.

- The ministry center is partnering with organizations such as Zoe International, various food distributors and pantries (such as Hearts of Compassion through The Garage Shop and Board) and even the Los Angeles United School District to feed the local community.
- The Ministry Center partners with organizations that allow them to meet needs and change people's lives.
- They hope to partner with more organizations in Los Angeles once renovations in the Ministry Center are complete.
- One of their recent significant accomplishments was helping mobilize churches to distribute sanitization wipes to schools across Los Angeles.
- As a no-strings-attached campaign, they provided much-needed resources to the public school system. It also helped them to see the local church care for their community.

"It is so important to understand what your community actually needs," says Darryl Speers, the Los Angeles Ministry Center director. "We want to help churches understand their community to be able to achieve holistic restoration. The community of churches here is so supportive of what the Los Angeles Ministry Center is doing and is eager to be a part of all that is happening within Send Relief."

—Darryl Speers



History of the Los Angeles Ministry Center

The Los Angeles Ministry Center began with the faithfulness of Min Lee, a Korean missionary serving in Canada.

When he moved to Los Angeles, he prayed about where God was leading him to serve. During a visit to LA City Baptist Church, a church located in a primarily Hispanic community in East Los Angeles, he began to serve and eventually became the pastor.

Min was doing incredible work for his community during the pandemic, such as providing food pantries and outreach programs for at-risk youth. Darryl Speers met with Min and his wife, Helen, and saw all the excellent work they were doing.

After this meeting, Send Relief and LA City Baptist entered a five-year partnership to completely transform their rundown building into a beautiful church and ministry center.

The LA Ministry Center is only six minutes away from Skid Row, which is the location of thousands of people living in poverty on the streets of downtown Los Angeles. There are hardly any local SBC churches in this area, and there is limited access to any resources.

The area is known to have the highest rate of human trafficking of minors in Los Angeles. It has a high rate of gang activity and crime as well. Many students struggle in school, so education is also a big issue.

The LA Ministry Center has partnered with Zoe International to fight human trafficking. The Center will act as a place of safety and care to assist the vulnerable on a path to stability.

“We are moving toward establishing more resources for those who age out of this program as well. Alongside this, we are establishing a drive-thru food pantry on the site of the Ministry Center. We also have showers and a washer/dryer built in the ministry center that is a resource for the community,” Darryl Speers adds.

There is missionary housing behind the sanctuary of the church as well.

“We eventually want to offer ESL classes and partner with the church in after-school programs for students to get help in education,” Darryl Speers explains. “We are also looking into how we can get involved with helping refugees in Los Angeles.”

The church has provided food pantries in the past with the Ministry Center. Once, they partnered with Prodigal Sons and distributed boxes of food right to people’s doorsteps in the neighborhood around the Ministry Center.

Alongside giving out food boxes, they have offered hope by sharing the gospel and were able to pray for the people in the community.





Vision

The Los Angeles Ministry Center’s vision for the future is to continue the work that God has already started and find new ways and opportunities to serve and feed the communities around us.

“We would love to get a food trailer to be able to serve hot meals out of the Ministry Center,” Darryl Speers explains. “Many people have access to cold food and groceries, but hot meals are tough to come by.”

Alongside this, they would like to partner with organizations that assist refugees in Los Angeles.

“We would also like to develop a program like the Lovewell Center in Louisiana and help those caught in poverty and human trafficking. We would also like to get a refrigerated shipping container for meats and other food that need to be refrigerated, alongside a refrigerated truck.”

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Future Ministry Plans

- Strengthen Communities: Feeding Ministries
- Strengthen Communities: Adult and Childhood Education



Get Involved

One of the most powerful ways to show the most vulnerable the love of Christ is by taking steps toward them. By helping churches be the hands and feet of Jesus, Send Relief supports and provides opportunities for those who desire to respond directly to these needs in lasting, meaningful ways while sharing the hope of the gospel.

Give

Your gift provides critical, immediate help to families and communities that need it most. Give today to provide practical care and share the love of Jesus.

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Serve

Participate in various compassion opportunities by taking a mission trip and vision tour to a ministry center around North America. Mission trips can include apartment outreach, food pantry ministry, after-school programs, sports ministry, canvassing, prayer walking, homeless ministry, physical labor, serving at-risk families and university campus ministry. The trip also includes aspects of training and equipping so that you can learn how to connect and serve the international and refugee communities in their cities.

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