



# Love, Peace, and Manna

The Manna Cafe Ministries newsletter

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## News from the Frontline

Hi friends ... Kenny here. As many of you know, I was diagnosed with cancer in May of 2021. On May 15, 2022, a year after it all began, I came back to CHIPSA Hospital in Mexico for what I thought was going to be a routine, two- or three-week set of treatments. However, it's been nearly two months, and I'm still here.

When I arrived here, I found out the cancer had started growing again, and this time it seemed to be very aggressive. After much prayer and talking with my doctors, we chose a vigorous plan of action that involved major surgery followed by higher doses of chemo. Vicki flew down the first week of June to join me and be with me for the procedure. It was a success – except that they made me shave my beard off! The lower part of my face hadn't seen the light of day in 18 years, so the outcome was quite a shock.



In order for the surgeon to get the tumor he was going after, he had to remove part of my esophagus and about half of my stomach. (The surgery was a lot like a radical gastric bypass.) Although surgery went well, recovery has been a different story. To be honest, the past five weeks have been the hardest of my life. Recovery has moved a lot slower than anyone thought it would. There were even times I didn't know if I was going to make it.

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# *We're Hiring!*

If you're looking for a way to impact your city five days a week, we invite you to join the most dedicated group of people in town – the Manna Cafe staff.

## **PART- OR FULL-TIME MARKETING MANAGER**

The Marketing Manager will be responsible for 1) reaching the public through social media and other avenues, 2) planning and executing several annual events, and 3) various other tasks related to marketing. He/she will be well-versed in social media avenues and related technology; able to take quality photographs and conduct brief interviews; have proven event planning skills; and possess excellent communication skills.

## **PART- OR FULL-TIME FUNDRAISER**

The Fundraiser will be responsible for securing new donors and supporters for the organization. He/she will be skilled and experienced at raising funds; enjoy networking and making numerous local connections; be a self-starter; possess excellent communication and people skills. He/she will work closely with the organization's leadership team. This position holds the possibility of commission.



## **PART-TIME OUTREACH ASSISTANT**

The Outreach Assistant will help manage Manna Cafe's hot meal program and the emergency warming/cooling center. He/she should have flexible working hours, organizational skills, and people skills. He/she will work closely with the Outreach Coordinator, homeless population, hot meal team leaders, and multiple volunteers.

## **PART-TIME DRIVER**

The Driver will transport food and supplies to and from hot meal locations and provide general assistance with meals. Between 6-8 hours per week. F endorsement required.

Candidates should understand and subscribe to the organization's mission statement.

**Interested? Email your resume (with references) to [Resume@MannaCafeMinistries.com](mailto:Resume@MannaCafeMinistries.com).**



# Adopt-a-Meal

## MANNA CAFE'S HOT MEAL SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM

BRING YOUR COWORKERS

BRING YOUR KIDS

BRING YOUR CHURCH GROUP



One unique feature of Manna Cafe is our soup kitchen on wheels, which allows us to serve hot, nutritious meals both on- and off-site. Is your workplace, organization, church, or family looking for a way to make a difference in Clarksville? One of the most valuable and effective ways to do this is by sponsoring one meal per month. This is how it works:

**The Manna Cafe culinary team cooks and transports each meal. Sponsors contribute \$300/month toward expenses. Volunteering by serving food and helping with set-up and tear-down is highly encouraged as well. Church groups are invited to offer a brief devotional and/or provide acoustic music. Enjoying the rewards of serving the poor is guaranteed!**

**INTERESTED? Email [Brandy@MannaCafeMinistries.com](mailto:Brandy@MannaCafeMinistries.com).**

**Swimming pools, watermelon, backyard BBQs:** What's not to love about summer? At Manna Cafe, we enjoy summer as much as anyone else, but it's often slim pickins' when it comes to donations. This is because folks tend to focus on family vacations and other seasonal expenses. Sadly, however, **poverty never takes a vacation** – so we're asking you to take a moment to send a gift – large or small, every donation is appreciated and important! Help us help the hungry get through the summer months. Thank you!



Visit [mannacafeministries.com/donate](http://mannacafeministries.com/donate), text to give at 931-542-4772, or follow the QR code.

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**Ken Shipley and Brandy Barker**



**Sara Miller**



**Vicki York**

Even so, my faith has never been stronger. I know God is going to get Vicki and me through this. My doctors are now prepping me for the rest of the treatments that were part of the original plan. My beard is finally growing back, and I'm starting to wonder if I'll regain my strength as it gets longer, kind of like Samson and his hair.

In the meantime, Manna Cafe hasn't slowed down a bit. You might wonder how it's possible for Manna to operate so smoothly — distributing groceries, serving hot meals, offering a cooling center, and lots more — while I'm taking the time I need to get well. All the credit goes to an amazing team and faithful volunteers, and a few specific people who hold it all together. There's Ken Shipley (COO); Brandy Barker (CFO); and Sara Miller (former administrator and long-time Board chair). My wife, Vicki, will step up as my co-CEO as soon as we return from Mexico. All four are extremely dedicated to Manna Café and the people we serve, and they keep me updated and involved in everything that's happening.

I trust Ken, Brandy, Sara, and Vicki completely, and so can you. I invite you to stop by Manna Cafe some time, say hello, and see what we're up to.

Have a great summer! Peace out.

