

‘Crazy Pastor’ Is Fighting to Save Los Angeles Ministry, And He’s Not Backing Down

The Los Angeles Dream Center has spent more than three decades refusing to give up on people others have forgotten. Now, co-founder Pastor Matthew Barnett is making it clear he has no intention of stopping.

Barnett has moved onto the roof of the Dream Center and says he will stay there until the ministry raises \$1 million to continue serving Los Angeles through the end of the year.

“The @ladreamcenter is in the midst of a battle,” Barnett wrote on Instagram. “This August we are trending for the worst month ever of giving.”

The Dream Center’s outreach includes mobile food banks that feed more than 20,000 people monthly, transitional housing,

addiction recovery, foster care intervention, clothing distribution and educational programs. Its Carey Kitchen alone serves approximately 800 hot meals every day of the year.

And all of it is rooted in the Christian mission that has driven Barnett from the beginning: meet people where they are, meet practical needs and show them the transforming love of Christ.

Ministries like the Dream Center are vital to our communities. They go where the need is greatest, serve people others overlook and remain long after the cameras disappear.

For more than three decades, the Dream Center has refused to abandon Los Angeles.

Now Barnett is putting that commitment on display from a rooftop for the entire world to see.

"I love you all and pray for me for however long it takes," Barnett wrote.

He's not leaving.

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