



{ Who are the people you see every day? }

People We See

in downtown Los Angeles.

Meet Jim Poteet.



AGE: "I'm 56."
BIRTHPLACE: "Norwalk, California."
MARITAL STATUS: "I've never been married, thank God."
FAMILY: "I have one brother and one sister. Both are older than me."
MILITARY SERVICE: "No."
EDUCATION: "I went to Milliken High School in Long Beach. It wasn't enjoyable. I didn't have many friends and was pretty much a loner."
FAVORITE CHILDHOOD MEMORY: "I don't really have any nice childhood memories, and I would rather not talk about it."
RELIGION: "Not really, no."
WHERE DO YOU LIVE? "I live in the missions. In fact I just signed up at the Emmanuel Baptist Mission. I've been on the streets since 1980 after my mom kicked me out of the house. Not sure why she did, though."
FAVORITE PLACE IN LOS ANGELES: "The City Hall area."
WHAT WAS THE LAST JOB YOU HAD? "I worked at a company called Dynadrill. I helped ship stuff. I was there until they

fired me. Not sure why they did though. I guess that's what companies have to do."
FAVORITE MOVIE: "I don't really have one."
FAVORITE TV SHOW: "I like to watch PBS."
FAVORITE CANDY: "I don't really like sweets."
FAVORITE FOOD: "Steak and potatoes."
FAVORITE MUSIC: "Rock and roll."
LAST THING EATEN: "I had a baloney sandwich and chips from the mission. It was a bagged lunch."
MOST HELPFUL ORGANIZATION: "The missions."
IF YOU COULD WISH FOR ANYTHING, WHAT WOULD IT BE? "To be honest, I'm rather miserable. I'd just kind of rather be dead. I'm not going to kill myself or anything, but I really have a defeated attitude."
WHERE WILL YOU BE IN FIVE YEARS? "I'm going to die homeless."

The Club gave Jim a toothbrush and toothpaste, soap, two pairs of socks, shampoo, band wipes, some food, \$20 and bottled water.

The interview took place Feb. 13 at City Hall East downtown.

Photos by Angel Gomez and John Hawkins.

Blanket the City!



John Hawkins, Club CEO (right), distributes a blanket to a resident of the streets.

Thanks for Helping

Alive! thanks all the Club Members who so generously donated to the Blanket the City project. More than **\$650** was collected and distributed to those living on the streets by way of blankets. We look to continue the project next winter.



{ In this monthly feature, Club CEO John Hawkins, Director of Member Services Angel Gomez, introduce you to people you see every day, but you might not know who they are. The Club reminds you that we all have names and stories to tell. }