



In an effort to shift public perception around homelessness and offer raw, unscripted moments of human connection, **Crossroads Mission Avenue will host a 24-hour event called *Conversations on a Bench* on October 8-9, 2026**, at the Hastings Mission on 702 W 14th Street. The initiative is part of a **nationwide campaign** led by Citygate Network, a faith-based association of rescue missions and life-transformation ministries across North America.

For one full day, **Daniel Buller, Executive Director of Crossroads Mission Avenue, will sit on a bench livestreaming one-on-one conversations with community members** – ranging from local leaders and donors to former program participants and curious passersby. The bench becomes a platform for truth-telling, healing, and hope.

“Every person has a story, and every story matters,” said Buller. “This event invites people to see past stereotypes and engage with the reality of what it means to experience – and overcome – homelessness.”

The livestream will be **accessible on YouTube, and everyone is invited to watch!** In addition to raising awareness through the event, the public is invited to choose a location and come tour a Mission on October 8th from 10 am until 4 pm! Come and see firsthand the impact your support makes possible!

Here’s how you can help:

1. **HELP** us by covering this event in **PRAYER!**
2. **SHARE** the news!
3. **COME** tour a Mission between 10 am – 4 pm on October 8th! Choose a location from the list below! Bring a donation to make a difference: Help stock our shelves with a donation of toilet paper, paper towels, or cleaning supplies during your visit!
4. **WATCH** the event from 2 pm Oct 8th till 2 pm Oct 9th! **Livestream access:** <https://www.youtube.com/@CrossroadsMissionAvenue>

The local effort is part of a **coordinated movement, with more than 100 ministry CEOs participating** in similar events across North America!

Choose the location nearest you for your tour:

702 W 14th St in Hastings
1404 E 39th St in Kearney
1910 W 9th St in Grand Island
907 W 8th St in Lexington