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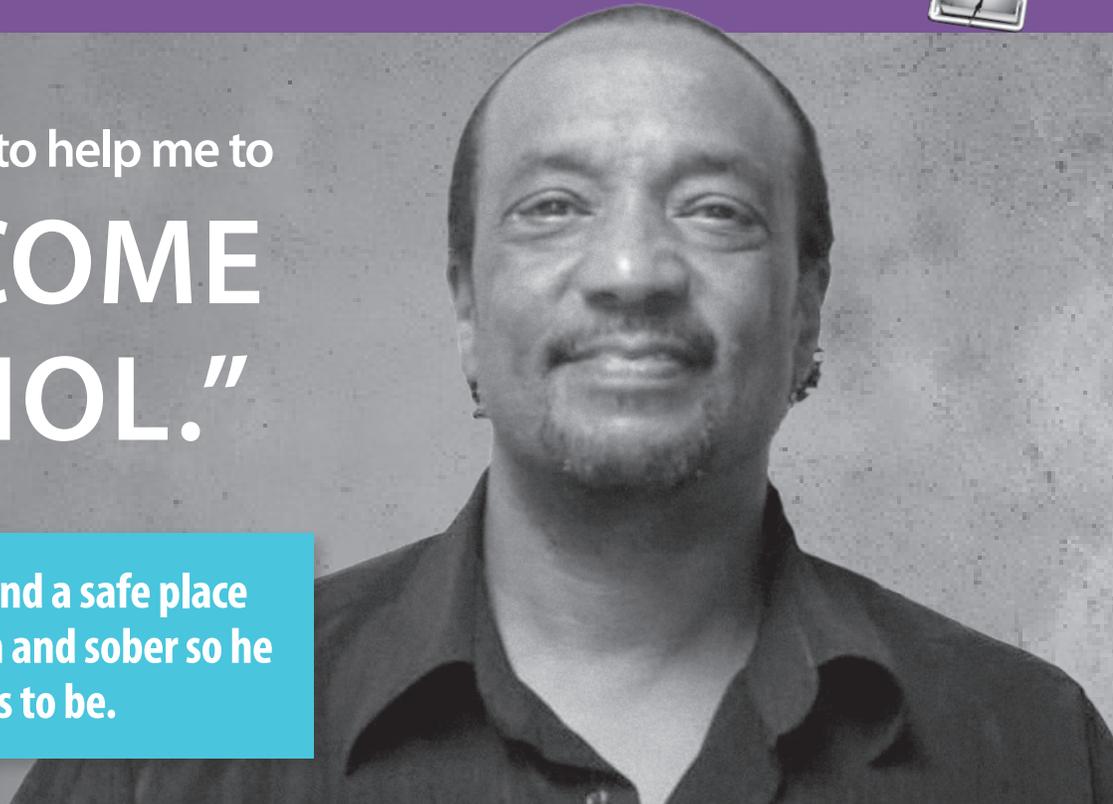
UNION GOSPEL MISSION SACRAMENTO

A CALLING TO HELP THE HOMELESS AND THE POOR

EASTER 2018



“I asked the Lord to help me to  
**OVERCOME  
ALCOHOL.**”



Because of you, Calvin found a safe place at the Mission to get clean and sober so he can be the father he wants to be.

At 60 years old, Calvin has come a long way to get where he is now.

Yes, there have been wrong turns, but there have been lots of bright moments too.

His children, for instance. All seven of them.

A smile lights up Calvin’s face as he talks about his kids.

“I’d love to be there to raise my [younger] kids,” he says. “They miss me, and ask when I’ll be back on a

full-time basis. I tell them, ‘I’m still here for you. If you’ve got a problem, call Daddy.’ ”

*“I prayed on it... I had to take the first step...”*

But Calvin knows there’s work to be done first . . .

Namely, overcoming his dependence on alcohol.

When stress and pressures got to him, Calvin couldn’t find any other way to cope. He soon lost control of his drinking and landed in jail. Eventually, he lost visitations with his children.

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A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR TIM LANE

Our Savior lives!

## "I ASKED THE LORD TO HELP ME ..."

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"I asked the Lord to help me to overcome alcohol. I couldn't understand why I couldn't achieve that. I prayed on it . . . I had to take the first step, but God helped me more."

Calvin checked himself into a detox center and in the process was referred to Union Gospel Mission Sacramento.

"I've been here a year," Calvin shares. "Being here has given me understanding of the Word and that God is a loving God. He has forgiven me."

Today, Calvin has made gigantic leaps forward at the Mission with God's grace. He says he wears his shield of armor "very strongly" and he has newfound confidence in himself.

*"Thank you for all you've done to help me. I'm so grateful."*



But what he's most looking forward to is being able to spend time with his kids. "I miss them dearly," Calvin says. "I love them and I tell them to stay positive and believe it's going to be okay."



Calvin is continuing to grow in the Lord and recently celebrated his New Life Graduation from the Union Gospel Mission with his family.

Most of all, Calvin wants to thank you for his recovery:

"Thank you so much for all you've done to help me. I'm so grateful. This is an awesome program. I'm not like I was a year ago. If you put your mind to it, it'll work. You have to have faith and pray, because He can touch your soul."

**When you give your Easter gift today, you'll make a real difference in the life of a homeless person — because you provide real help and hope at a time when they need it most. God bless you for giving!**

## YOU HELPED DONNA DRESS FOR *Success*

Donna's heart filled with joy every time she looked at her beautiful baby. At the same time, she was feeling worried and anxious as each day went by without the prospect of a full-time job.

So when she did land a job interview, Donna wanted to look her best!

She came to the Women's Clothes Closet at Union Gospel Mission for an interview outfit . . . but didn't find anything that was quite right.

Just before Donna left, the staff and volunteers prayed for her and her job interview, and asked the Lord one more time to help Donna find an outfit. And the right outfit came together! Slacks, blouse, blazer and even black socks.

**The happy ending to this story is that Donna GOT THE JOB! Because nothing is impossible with God's help and your support of this ministry. Thank you!**



**"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."**

**2 Corinthians 5:17 (NKJV)**

*"They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus." — Luke 24:2-3*



PASTOR TIM LANE  
DIRECTOR

This Easter, I am so grateful that you have come alongside the Mission to express love for our homeless neighbors by providing meals, shelter and the chance to hear the life-changing Gospel.

**YOU make the love of Jesus real for hurting people.**

The men and women who come to the Mission at Easter have been living in darkness — *entombed* by their past.

But the hope of Easter is in the revelation that Jesus has overcome the darkness and has made the way for salvation; that when they repent and believe, their lives will be transformed into new creations living brand-new lives in Christ!

That's why we're so eager to share the Good News of the Resurrection every Easter.

And why you are a tremendous blessing to everyone we serve. YOU make the love of Jesus real for hurting people. And YOU help give them the second chance they need to start over again, starting with a meal at the Mission.

Thank you for your faithful friendship and may you be blessed this Easter.

Hallelujah, our Savior lives!

## Easter at the Mission is a special time — because of *you!*

**Easter will be here before we know it, and we're looking forward to seeing what God will do in the lives of our hurting neighbors.**



Each week, guests get the opportunity to hear the Gospel and deepen their relationship with the God of mercy and forgiveness.



We help those suffering physically, emotionally and spiritually experience the love of Christ through meals, shelter and the chance to hear the Gospel at our worship services.



Each person we encounter is a precious child in the eyes of our Heavenly Father. We pray with them regularly to show they are precious in our eyes too.



A volunteer barber gives a free haircut to help guests look and feel their best as they start on the road to a new life.

# GIVE MEALS AND *hope*

Soon men, women and children will be stepping into our dining room, hungry for an Easter meal and a bit of warmth and human compassion.

**You can help provide a complete meal at the Mission for just \$1.92, but it can do so much more than fill an empty stomach!**

Our hope is that as Christ's love penetrates into hurting and broken hearts, people will reach out to make changes to start again — and their recovery can start as soon as possible!

But we need your help to be able to feed every person who comes through our doors, and share with them the glorious news of Christ's Resurrection and why this miraculous event changes everything . . .

**Please give your Easter gift today and bless homeless neighbors in Sacramento with a meal and hope for a new life this Easter!**



You help transform lives every time you give to the Mission.

## 3 WAYS TO GIVE



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and give right away.



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please call  
916.447.3268.



## STAY CONNECTED

### My gift to provide EASTER MEALS

**YES, PASTOR TIM!** I want to help feed and care for my homeless neighbors, and help them experience God's love this Easter season. I'm enclosing:

- \$19.20** to feed and care for **10** people this Easter.
- \$34.56** to feed and care for **18** people this Easter.
- \$57.60** to feed and care for **30** people this Easter.
- \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to provide meals and care for as many people as possible.

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