

## THIS THANKSGIVING, KAMLESH IS GRATEFUL FOR LIFE!



How your giving turned this dentist into an evangelist

Kamlesh knows he's lucky to be alive.

First, because a near-fatal car crash left him in a coma. "At one point, the EMTs declared me dead!" he remembers. But Kamlesh wasn't dead, just gravely injured, requiring doctors to give him a pacemaker and put a shunt in his brain.

When he left the hospital seven months later,

he began taking drugs because of the pain and unhappiness he felt.

***"They helped me with a new life."***

That's the second reason Kamlesh says he's blessed to be alive: because what easily could have killed him drove him to seek help from Union Gospel Mission Sacramento.

After that first meal, he not only discovered the

Continued on page 2 ▶

### INSIDE

Page 3 One of the most important times of the year

Page 3 Being thankful in difficult times

Page 4 How a Meal + Chapel = The Start of a New Life

# Help someone coming off the streets experience new life this Thanksgiving!

## Despite a rough *beginning* ... Continued from page 1

benefits of sobriety but surrendered his life to Jesus Christ, who completely transformed his life.

On the eve of what will be an entirely new way to experience Thanksgiving, Kamlesh says, "I'm so thankful for the Mission. They helped me with a new life."

Kamlesh's family is financially successful. His father was a doctor in England. His brother is a pharmacist in South Carolina. Even his son works for NASA. And though he plans to return to dentistry one day soon, he says he's found a greater calling: telling others about the God who saved him after his near-death experience.

"No one thought I would live," he says. "But God has a purpose for me, and I believe it's using my testimony to share His message of hope. I can't force anyone to change. I can only tell them what happened to me and how I changed."

***"No one thought I would live. But God has a purpose for me..."***

Kamlesh is now mimicking what he's learned from other men at the Mission. How to be faithful to God. How to be repentant. How to be forgiven.

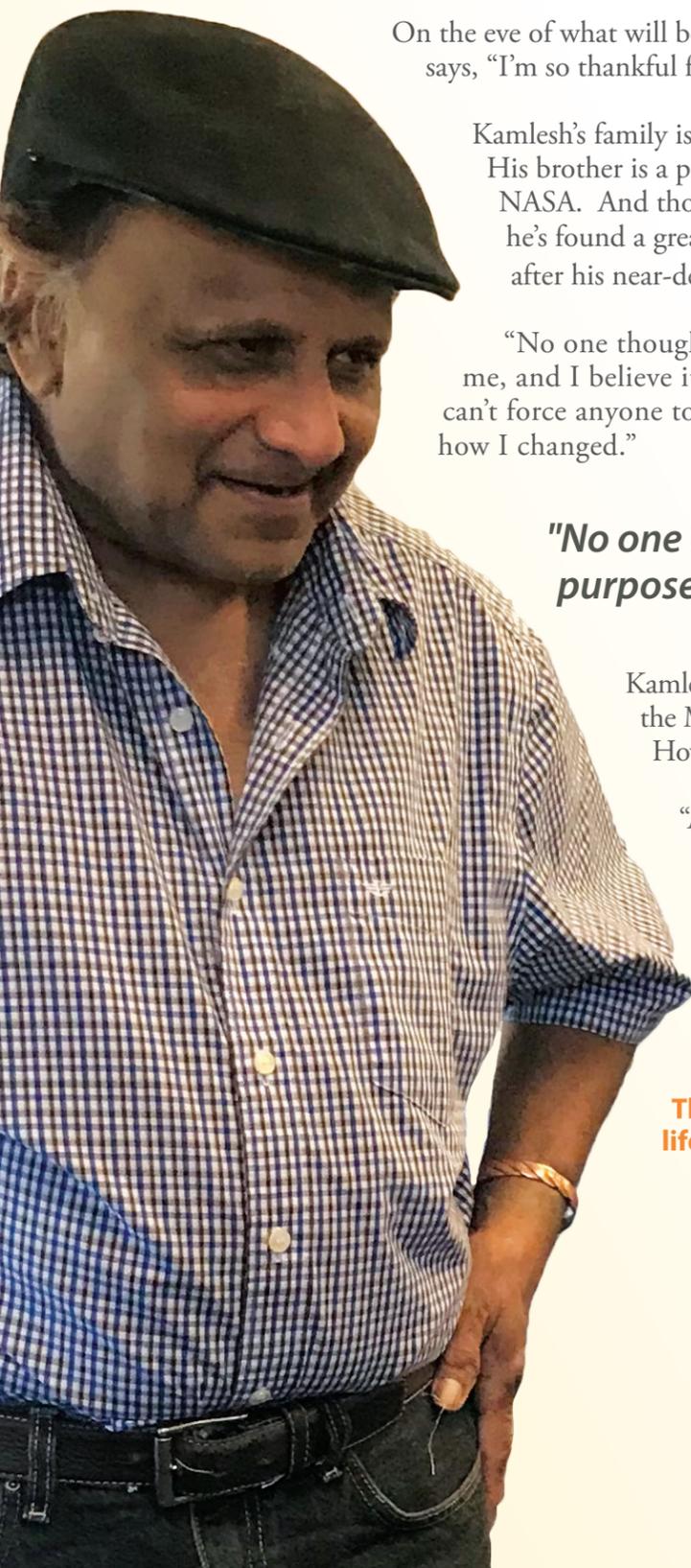
"At medical school, I learned about the human body," he says. "Now I've learned to be human."

**Today, Kamlesh's heart is filled with gladness because you helped him discover new life. Now you can give that same joy to others coming off the streets and into the Mission this Thanksgiving.**

**Thank you for partnering with us in this life-changing work.**

**"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)**



## WHY THANKSGIVING IS

# ONE OF THE MOST *important* TIMES OF THE YEAR

Many people who hear the Gospel message this holiday season will embrace God's love and forgiveness for the very first time. Once that happens, Thanksgiving takes on an entirely new meaning — one of gratefulness, even in the midst of suffering.

For those who are homeless, the holidays are a lonely, desperate time.

That makes it one of the most important times of year at Union Gospel Mission Sacramento.

During the month of November, we'll serve 8,600 meals and provide 100 holiday food boxes to hungry families throughout the Sacramento area.

These are more than just meals. They are the perfect opportunity to share God's unfailing love and provision with those who are struggling to make it from one day to the next.

This year, our food box distribution program is set for November 19. And our big Thanksgiving dinner is two days later, on November 21.

**Please pray God would use these outreach events to rekindle hope and change lives!**



A MESSAGE FROM  
PASTOR TIM LANE

## Being thankful in difficult times

Most of our homeless neighbors would probably be hard-pressed to find anything to be grateful for this Thanksgiving.



PASTOR TIM LANE  
DIRECTOR

But I believe there are three things they can always be grateful for:

1. The unconditional love of Christ, who promises to meet every need of those who put their trust in Him.

**Let's give everyone in our community a reason to have joy.**

2. The Mission, which is uniquely equipped to help them get off the streets when they're ready for change.

3. People like you who care enough to pray regularly and give generously to see lives transformed.

Won't you join me in offering hope to these precious souls this Thanksgiving?

Together, let's give everyone in our community a reason to have joy — especially "the least of these."

# HOW A MEAL + CHAPEL = THE START OF A *new life*

Most homeless and hungry people come to Union Gospel Mission Sacramento for a meal. At least initially.

But it's the Gospel message they hear at our nightly chapel service that changes their hearts. Many have never

***"Many have never heard that God loves them. Once they do, it gives them hope..."***

heard that God loves them. Once they do, it gives them hope that, maybe, change really is possible.

These two things together — the meals that initially draw them to the Mission, and the life-changing power of God's Word — are what give people the courage to step out in faith.

That's when they often join one of our life-changing programs.

I know you care about your hurting neighbors. That's why



I'm hoping you will be generous today and give your best gift to help someone make a fresh start this Thanksgiving.

**Thank you for helping to change so many lives!**

## Three WAYS TO GIVE



Union Gospel Mission Sacramento  
P.O. Box 1108  
Sacramento, CA 95812



Visit us online at  
ugmsac.com  
and give right away.



To give by phone,  
please call  
916.447.3268.



## STAY CONNECTED

### MY GIFT to provide THANKSGIVING MEALS

**YES, PASTOR TIM!** I want to help feed and care for Sacramento's homeless and help them discover the transforming power of Christ this Thanksgiving. I'm enclosing:

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

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Email address \_\_\_\_\_

ND811A

