



## THIS THANKSGIVING, TED KNOWS HE IS “BLESSED TO BE A BLESSING”

Your support took him from homeless and hopeless to praising God



“I was a combat medic, 502nd Infantry Berlin Brigade,” says Ted.

After coming home, Ted suffered from PTSD (post-traumatic stress disorder). Unfortunately, this led him to drugs and alcohol. And that led him to prison — for 16 years.

“Most of my immediate family died during my

incarceration . . . my mom, dad and daughter,” Ted says. “. . . it threw me for a loop.”

***“My mom always told me that God had a purpose for my life.”***

When Ted got out of prison last year, he had nowhere to go and he knew he needed help.

“I came here,” he says.

The fact that our program is Christ-based was not lost on Ted.

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# Thank you for helping share a meal and God's love at the Mission this Thanksgiving!

A MESSAGE FROM  
PASTOR TIM LANE

## Being thankful

For those who are homeless and poverty-stricken, every holiday is tough. Thanksgiving — a time to gather with family and celebrate our blessings — might be the most difficult of all.



PASTOR TIM LANE  
DIRECTOR

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

We all experience challenges in life which make being thankful hard, so I believe you understand. But, I believe there are three things the homeless and the poor can be thankful for this Thanksgiving:

- 1. The unconditional love of Christ,** Who promises to meet every need of those Who put their trust in Him.
- 2. The Mission,** which serves the homeless and the poor, to get them off the streets and to help with many provisions, on a campus full of hope and faith in Christ.
- 3. People like you who care** enough to pray regularly and give generously to see lives transformed.

Together we can offer hope and new life to these hurting men, women and children this Thanksgiving.

### THE HEART OF THANKSGIVING

## ABOUT MORE THAN *feeding* HUNGRY PEOPLE

Imagine accepting Jesus Christ as your Savior on Thanksgiving!

Because you help provide meals, shelter and more, there will be people who hear the Gospel this Thanksgiving and say yes to our Lord's unconditional love and forgiveness.

Thank you for being a blessing to hurting people through your giving.

During the month of November, we'll serve 9,200 meals at the Mission and provide over 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 25. And our big Thanksgiving dinner is November 27.

Thanksgiving here at the Mission is not only about filling hungry stomachs, it's about filling hungry souls.

**Please pray with us for these outreach events — that hurting people will discover the hope of Christ and seek the help they need to find new life.**

## Ted knows he is "blessed to be a blessing" Continued from page 1

"My mom always told me that God had a purpose for my life," he says. "She spent the latter part of her life on her knees praying for me."

Her prayers were about to be answered.

Ted immediately got involved in our addiction recovery program, counseling and Bible studies. He admits it was hard, but as he kept at it, "things just started to work."

And now Ted has a job and is temporarily staying at the Mission while he saves enough money for a place of his own.

While at the Mission, Ted participates in the daily devotions and church nights. He also loves to share his testimony and help the newcomers.

It's a wonderful feeling to know God is using you.

Ted says, "I wake up in the morning and say 'WOW!' Nothing but God. Praise God."

He adds, "Some of my original hopes and dreams are starting to be rekindled — start a

business, own a home, give back to my community."

Your support makes such a difference for men like Ted. In his time of need, Ted found the help he needed in our program and the hope he needed in Christ.

And now God is using Ted to help men who are where he was when he walked through our doors. The expression "blessed to be a blessing" seems to describe Ted well.

**Many have never heard  
how much God loves them.**

"Where I want to be is where I can do the most good . . . to serve the body of Christ . . . serve my family, my community and my country," he says.

Ted asks: "Who did Jesus minister to?"

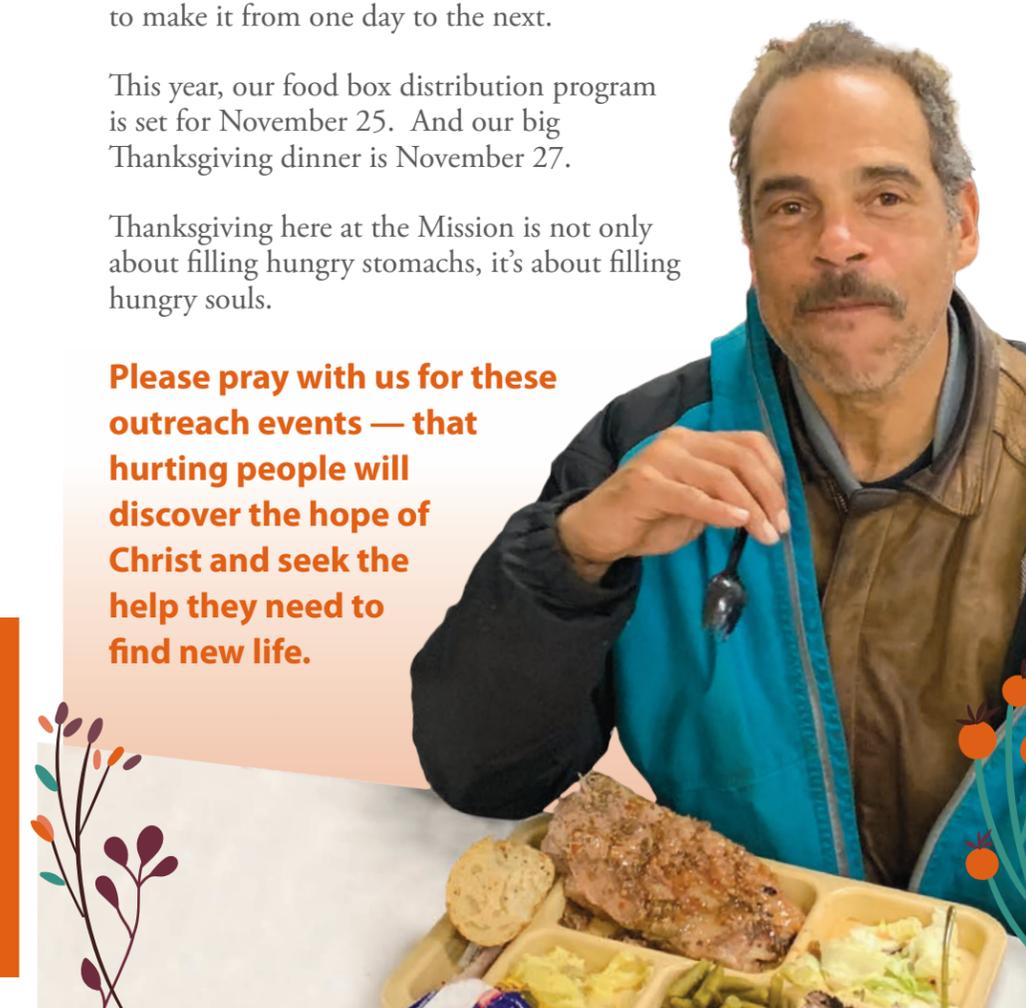
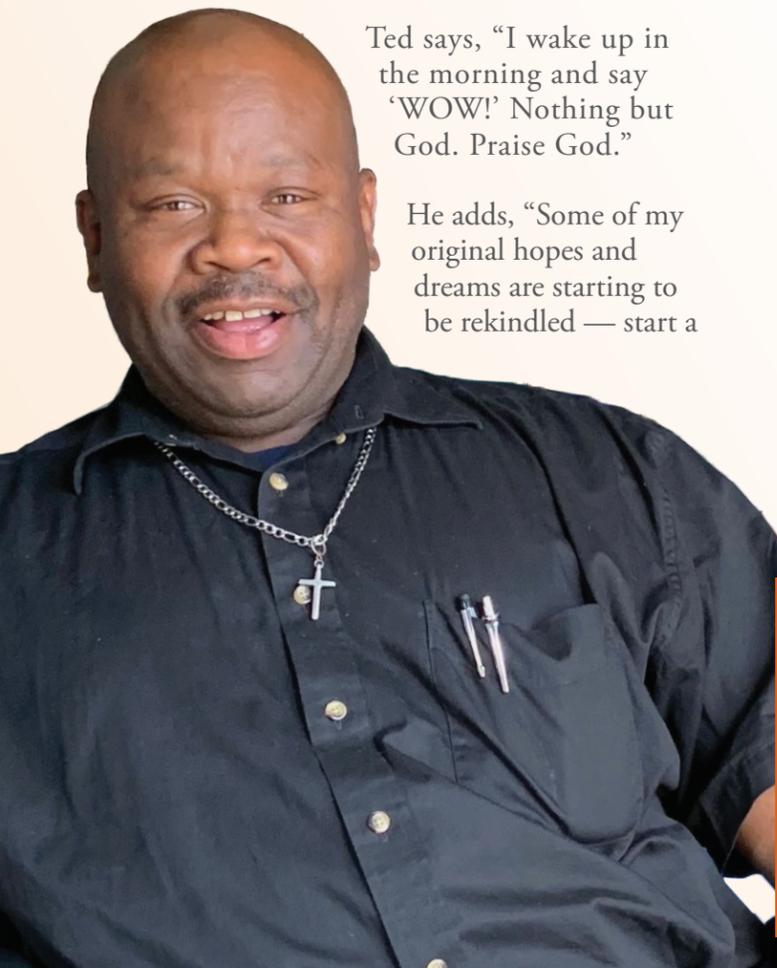
He answers: "The sick. The homeless. The hungry. The poor in spirit. Those are the people who need us. Who need Him."

**This Thanksgiving, your support can help shelter the homeless, feed the hungry and comfort the poor in spirit in Jesus' name. You'll help us reach men like Ted with physical help and the hope of Christ!**

**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)



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

Physical hunger is what brings most homeless people to Union Gospel Mission. That's why we provide a nourishing meal.

But our goal is to also feed each person's spiritual hunger. Because we know it's the Gospel message at our nightly chapel services that can change hearts.

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

Many have never heard how much God loves them. When they do, that unconditional love and forgiveness fills them with the hope that new life is possible! Then they can join one of our life-changing programs and get a fresh start.

Through your support, the Mission can provide meals AND share the life-changing power of God's Word. Thank you! Please give again to help meet these critical needs this Thanksgiving.

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



## Three WAYS TO GIVE



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### 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.
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