



THE CLARION

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A CALLING TO HELP THE HOMELESS AND THE POOR

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He went from “just plain crazy” to CRAZY FOR GOD



Turns out Adam didn't need drugs to feel good. He needed a touch from his Savior. Here's how you helped make it happen . . .

By his own admission, Adam was a “crazy 12-year-old” who was willing to try almost anything to fill the void left by an alcoholic who abandoned him.

To ease the pain, Adam turned to what made him feel good: drugs, gangs, and crime.

“I loved the acceptance of that environment, even if it was a fake love,” he explains. “I knew hurting people was wrong. But I was selfish in my addiction. I didn't care.”

“I was believing the devil's lies,” he adds.

One day he was thinking about his young son when he made a startling discovery.

“I didn't want to end up like my father . . . and in some ways, that's exactly what I had become.”

Adam's life had hit rock-bottom and he needed help! Your giving made it possible for him to come to Union Gospel Mission Sacramento. Even before his first meal, we introduced him to the One who could

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Help someone coming off the streets experience **hope** and **new life** this Easter!

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transform his life: his Savior, Jesus Christ.

When Adam surrendered his life to God, he went from a history of being a crazy 12-year-old into someone who is now crazy for God.

Adam says, "Today, people who knew me from the streets look at me like 'Did you just say that?'" Even his own family is amazed by the new person that he is.

"I want to share the Gospel. Doing so will help me in my walk with Christ."

Today, Adam's obsession with drugs has been replaced with a passion to share what the redeeming love of Christ has done for him.

"The other day," Adam says, "a new guy came into the Mission and asked me how you disassociate from your past. I quoted from Romans 12:2, that transformation

comes from renewing of the mind with the Word of God."

"Jesus can change your life," he told his new friend.

When he now considers his past, Adam isn't so much filled with regret as he's filled with a new mission in life.

"Without you, I'd be dead or still stuck in my addiction."

Today, Adam is working a full-time job, a member of a great church who is discipling him, and helping at the Mission whenever he can to give back what he was so freely and lovingly given.

Adam knows that it was his Savior and the Mission that saved his life. But he's also quick to acknowledge friends like you, who made it possible for him to come here.

"You are the reason I have the means to improve my life and have hope. You are what makes

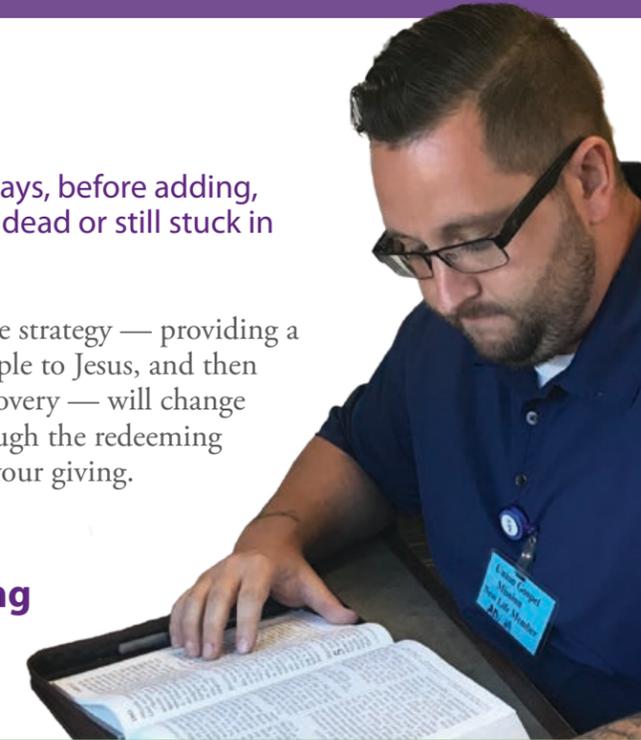
the Mission go," he says, before adding, "Without you, I'd be dead or still stuck in my addiction."

This Easter, that simple strategy — providing a meal, introducing people to Jesus, and then inviting them into recovery — will change hundreds of lives through the redeeming power of Christ, and your giving.

Thank you for your unwavering support!

"... just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life."

Romans 6:4 (NKJV)



A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR TIM LANE

Hallelujah!

"... Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen! Remember how He spoke to you when He was still in Galilee..."



PASTOR TIM LANE
DIRECTOR

— Luke 24:5-6

This Easter, this revelation we find in the Gospel of Luke is Good News for all people, but especially those coming into the Mission.

YOU make the love of Jesus real for hurting people.

For many have experienced *death* on the streets. The death of relationships . . . of hope . . . of life ever being any different than it is today.

Then they come through our doors and hear that Jesus has overcome death Himself and now offers *life*. They learn in Him alone there is salvation. All they need to do is repent and believe, and God promises to transform their lives, not only for today but for all eternity!

That's why we're so eager to have you join us in sharing the Resurrection story every Easter.

YOU make the love of Jesus real for people experiencing homelessness. And YOU offer them the second chance they need to start over again, starting with a Mission meal.

Our Savior lives and we pray that you, too, are blessed this Easter by our loving Savior!

Easter is a glorious time at the Mission because of *you!*

God reveals Himself in so many incredible ways when our homeless neighbors walk into the Mission at Easter time.



Our number one priority is to share the Gospel with each of our guests, giving them the opportunity to learn of God's love, mercy, grace, and forgiveness.



To help prepare their hearts, we first help meet their physical needs by providing food, shelter, and other critical services.



We know that each person we encounter is precious in the eyes of God. We pray with them regularly to show they are precious in our eyes, too.



Services like free haircuts and our Women's Clothing Closet help guests look and feel their best as they start down the road to new life.

THE SEASON OF *hope*

Because of Christ's death and Resurrection, the Good News of Easter is that new life is still available, regardless of what our homeless neighbors have been through in the past.

Everyone who walks into the Mission this Easter will hear about Christ's death and Resurrection, and how their lives can be transformed through the power of this important Gospel truth.

Our prayer during this season of hope is that as they learn of Christ's Resurrection, they would willingly embrace His love and forgiveness on their way to a brand-new start.



This Easter, help someone find the hope and joy that's only possible through Jesus Christ.

*"For the wages of sin is death,
but the gift of God is eternal life
in Christ Jesus our Lord."*

Romans 6:23 (NKJV)

3 WAYS TO GIVE



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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 redeeming love this Easter. 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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