

TRUE FREEDOM — AT LAST!

Thanks to you, James now has Jesus in his heart, along with a brand-new life!



James has found true freedom from the past that haunted him for so many years.

Every alcoholic seeking treatment has their “rock-bottom moment.”

For James, that moment came on Father’s Day, 2015, when he and a group of friends went on a bender at Folsom Lake Bowl.

“It’s tough sleeping in a dorm with 24 other men ... from all walks of life.”

Suddenly, as his buddies were laughing and getting drunk all around him, James had an epiphany —

what some might call a “moment of reckoning.”

“I can’t do this anymore.”

Drawing strength and encouragement from his oldest son, Jared, the two of them went to Union Gospel Mission Sacramento to see about James getting help for his drinking problem.

Two days later, James joined our New Life Drug and Alcohol Rehabilitation Program.

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A MESSAGE FROM
PASTOR TIM LANE

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dorm with 24 other men . . . from all walks of life.”), James says he’s now grateful to those very same men for giving him hope, and pointing him toward Christ.

“These men taught me so much. From the Bible teaching to the counseling, they are how I came to know Jesus. It’s amazing how God works things out.”

These days, James celebrates his brand-new life every chance he gets. Thanks to God’s unfailing love — and your generous giving — he’s finally experiencing true freedom, not only from alcohol but from the demons that haunted his soul for so many years.

“It’s amazing how God works things out.”

His advice for others struggling with their own demons?

“Be patient in our Lord Jesus Christ, keep the faith and things will work out for His glory.”



With your help, James is no longer haunted by his addiction to alcohol.

James is a completely new man from head to toe because good people like you faithfully support Union Gospel Mission Sacramento, both prayerfully and financially. **Thank you for doing all you can to help change lives!**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO... *them!*

William* can’t tell you when his birthday is. And it embarrasses him.

He vaguely remembers having a birthday party with the kids from the neighborhood when he was little. But that was decades ago, before years of drug abuse and living on the streets clouded his memory.

At Union Gospel Mission Sacramento, we still believe that everyone should get the chance to celebrate their birthday — even if they’re homeless. That’s why we we’ll be celebrating with one giant birthday party for all our guests on August 27.

There will be birthday cake and ice cream, decorations, and even a small gift for each person staying here — a reminder that Jesus wants to put hope back in their lives, just like you do when you support this ministry.

For someone like William,* that alone is a reason to celebrate!

*Name changed to protect identity.

THE *real* DANGER POSED BY SIZZLING SUMMER TEMPERATURES

When summer temperatures climb into the triple digits, many of us instinctively reach for a cool drink or scurry indoors where it’s air-conditioned.

Our homeless neighbors don’t have such luxuries. Even shady spots can be uncomfortably hot. But here’s the real danger posed by our sizzling summers here in the Sacramento Valley . . .



200°

Every summer, asphalt streets can reach 200° or more.

So we often provide shoes and thick socks to our homeless guests for added protection.

109°

In 20 minutes, car interiors get as hot as 109°.

Our shelter offers them a safer alternative.

106°

In less than 15 minutes, heat waves can raise body temps to 106°.

We give out thousands of bottles of water every month to keep our guests hydrated and out of danger.

Thank you for supporting Union Gospel Mission Sacramento this summer, and bringing cool relief to those forced to live on the streets.

When scorching temperatures hit, you are a godsend

When temperatures climb into the triple digits, I am saddened by the suffering of people on the streets. We invite our homeless friends to join us for . . .



PASTOR TIM LANE
DIRECTOR

Cold water. Cool showers. Safe overnight shelter. Plus meals to nourish their bodies — and the Gospel message to nourish their souls.

This gives us a chance to sit down and talk with them, exploring the many ways we can help them get off the streets permanently.

This is only possible because of . . .

The promise of the Lord’s provision. And generous friends like you!

We’re so grateful that God has put it on your hearts to faithfully stand by our ministry throughout the summer.

When scorching temperatures hit, you are a godsend to this ministry — and those we serve. Thank you for caring for our homeless neighbors in every season!

YOU CAN MAKE A *big impact* THIS SUMMER

Tonight, approximately 3,700 of your neighbors — homeless and hungry men, women and children — will have no place safe to lay their heads.

They'll experience loneliness. They'll be uncomfortably hot. Even more troubling, they'll feel unloved. Unwanted. Hopeless. Like they don't matter anymore.

The words of Jesus are profoundly impactful,

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon Me, because He has anointed Me to preach the gospel to the poor; He has sent Me to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed . . ."

Luke 4:18

That's why I'm asking you to give this summer. Not just to provide a meal or a night of comfort, but to offer someone the chance to discover Christ's unfailing, everlasting love. To give them a future and hope!



Thank you in advance for giving to the Mission to help us show the love that God has for our neighbors!

Three WAYS TO GIVE



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STAY CONNECTED

MY SPECIAL SUMMER GIFT

YES, PASTOR TIM! I want to help feed and care for my homeless neighbors and help them discover Christ's unfailing love this summer. I'm enclosing:

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

Name _____
Address _____
City _____
State _____ Zip _____
Email address _____

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And the King will answer and say to them, "Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren, you did it to Me."

Matthew 25:40