

Thanks to you, J.D.'s gone from
**MADNESS TO
 GLADNESS**

Once an angry young man, J.D. let God change his heart. Now he's learning to treat others with love and respect.



When J.D. came to Union Gospel Mission Sacramento, he says he was “sick.”

Sick of the violence that once characterized his life. Sick of the drugs that had ruined his past — and threatened to destroy his future.

And sick of all the “craziness” that left him feeling frustrated, angry and hopeless.

Then, thanks to your giving, J.D. was able to come to the Mission where he was given a Bible

and began reading it faithfully.

Since that day, his life has changed dramatically.

“I’m learning to . . . not get so mad.”

Now, when J.D. talks about the transformation in his life, he does so quoting the Scriptures.

First, Romans 5:8: “But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

That has led him to embrace Ephesians 2:5:

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Temperatures are rising

Your gift will *save lives this summer* when you give to rescue people from this deadly heat

A MESSAGE FROM
PASTOR TIM LANE

It's up to you

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“(God) made us alive with Christ even though we were dead in transgressions — it is by grace you have been saved.”

“I don't always get it right but I'm a work in progress.”

Today, he lives by the words that are found in Philippians 3:14: “I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.”

“That is power!” he says.

Not only has God's Word changed J.D. spiritually,

Your gift could be the one that saves the life of someone like J.D.

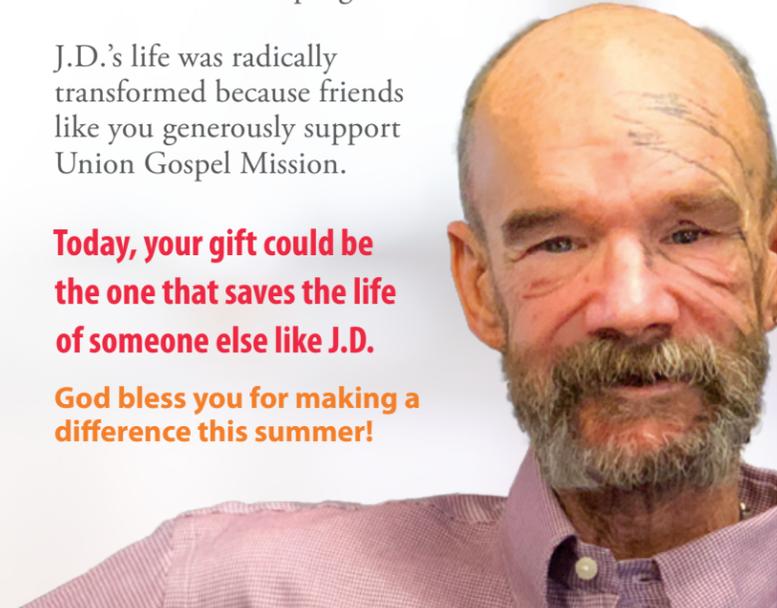
but emotionally. “I'm learning to deal with people and not get so mad,” he says.

He continues, “I used to show people my anger right off the bat. Now, I try to show them God's love like He shows me. I don't always get it right but I'm a work in progress.”

J.D.'s life was radically transformed because friends like you generously support Union Gospel Mission.

Today, your gift could be the one that saves the life of someone else like J.D.

God bless you for making a difference this summer!



SACRAMENTO SUMMERS: WHY THEY'RE DANGEROUS

When summer temperatures surpass 100 degrees, many of us instinctively reach for a cool drink or look for air-conditioned shelter.

Our homeless neighbors don't have those options. For them, even shady spots can be uncomfortably hot. But here's the real danger posed by our sizzling summers here in the Sacramento Valley . . .

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

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

We distribute shoes socks, and light gear to those on the streets for added protection.

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

Our shelter offers them a cooler, safer alternative, with nourishing meals.

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

Every month, we provide cool showers, and thousands of bottles of water to prevent dehydration.

This summer looks like it's going to be doubly challenging.

Not only are we seeing a drop-off in giving, but more people are coming to us for water, shelter and other lifesaving help.



PASTOR TIM LANE
DIRECTOR

Jesus replied, “You give them something to eat.”

The question of who should care for them reminds me of the story when the disciples asked Jesus to send the hungry crowds away who had been following Him all day.

“They do not need to go away,” Jesus replied. “You give them something to eat.” — Matt. 14:16

God wants us to compassionately care for our neighbors in need. When you respond with love, you get to be a part of a mission that is caring for the needs of people like our dear friend J.D., giving them God's Word with an opportunity to begin living a new life in Christ.

Thank you! Your kindness is bringing hope and saving lives!

God bless you for all that you do.



BIRTHDAY BASH

A giant party planned for our homeless guests to remind them they're special to God

Many of our homeless neighbors haven't celebrated their birthdays in a very long time. Some can't even remember them. Does that mean they should miss out on celebrating their special day?

We don't think so! That's why we've scheduled one giant birthday party for all our guests on Aug. 27 — regardless of what day their birthday actually falls on. It's just our way of reminding them that they are special to us because they are special to Jesus.

On that day, there will be birthday cake and ice cream, decorations and even a small gift for each of our guests. But the most important gift we can offer is the Gospel of Christ, the hope of Salvation, for a new life in His love and grace. Now *that's* a reason to celebrate!

HIGH HEAT IN FORECAST



The *Farmer's Almanac* is predicting warmer than normal summer temperatures throughout the Sacramento Valley.

With temperatures averaging in the high 80s to low 90s during a typical summer, the spike could see more days hitting triple digits.

And that's bad news for our homeless neighbors, many who must brave this heat all on their own.

Bad news for our homeless neighbors.

Thank you for not only providing meals, water, air-conditioned shelter and other lifesaving relief this summer, but helping us share the Gospel, giving everyone an eternal, life-changing opportunity.

PROVIDE *heat* RELIEF

Summertime is a terrible time to be homeless in Sacramento. The heat can be suffocating. Cold water is often hard to come by. And too much exposure to the sun can lead to heat stroke, or worse.

You can provide these suffering souls with relief from this miserable summer heat and give them the chance to hear about how Christ can set them free from a lifetime of misery.

This summer, join us in offering our homeless guests a cup of cold water in Jesus' name, along with other lifesaving care, as an expression of God's unfailing love for "the least of these" in our community.

"These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

John 16:33



This summer, provide lifesaving relief and the joy that's only possible through Jesus Christ.

3 WAYS TO GIVE



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My gift to provide LIFESAVING SUMMER RELIEF

YES, PASTOR TIM! I want to help save lives this summer. Here is my gift to provide meals, shelter and other critical summer relief:

- \$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.

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