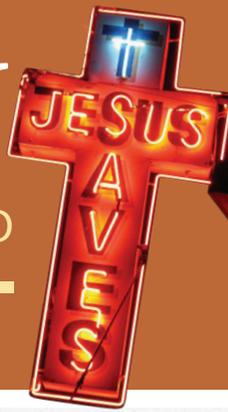


# THE CLARION

UNION GOSPEL MISSION SACRAMENTO

A CALLING TO HELP THE HOMELESS AND THE POOR

THANKSGIVING 2017



## HERE'S PROOF YOUR GIVING IS CHANGING LIVES!



You helped rescue Will from the streets, which led him to a new life in Christ

Will is 33 years old. And until last year, he never had a memorable holiday.

When he was 2 years old, Will's father told him that his mother was dead. Six years later, Will found out that his mother was actually ALIVE — and went to live with her. But by then, she was a heroin addict and pretty much let Will run the streets.

After that, every holiday was the same. Sleeping on a friend's sofa. Abusing drugs. Causing trouble.

No family gathering. No holiday feast. Nothing to celebrate.

**"I think my addiction was literally trying to kill me."**

"I've overdosed three times and spent months in mental institutions after cutting myself all over my body," Will says. "I think my addiction was literally trying to kill me."

According to Will, only God's love and mercy saved him from certain death. And because of your gifts, Union Gospel Mission was the life preserver God sent to Will. He sat down to his first Mission meal, which

continued on back ▶

**Union Gospel Mission**

SACRAMENTO

P.O. Box 1108, Sacramento, CA 95812

**INSIDE:**

Page 2: Thank you for giving them a 2<sup>nd</sup> chance

Page 3: A wonderful way to share Christ's love

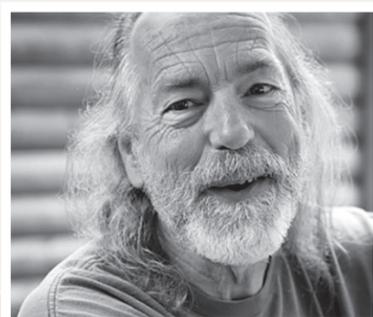
Page 4: Here's PROOF (continued)

*This Thanksgiving, your homeless neighbors give thanks for YOU!*

**A WONDERFUL WAY TO SHARE CHRIST'S LOVE**

## THANK YOU FOR GIVING THEM A SECOND CHANCE

Because of your generosity, hurting men and women can find real help and hope at the Mission — at Thanksgiving, and all year long!



*"I would have ended up dead in my addiction had it not been for the Mission, where I met Jesus."*

— Jim



*"I am looking forward to returning to the workforce where I will be productive and loyal to my employer, contribute to my community and begin a new and positive chapter in my life."*

— Gaillard



*"First and foremost, I am thankful to Almighty God and His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ. I want to also say 'thank you' to the Mission."*

— Olga

*"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever."*

— 1 CHRONICLES 16:34

## HOPE FOR THE HOMELESS

At the Union Gospel Mission, our care for the community extends beyond holidays, making a difference in the lives of men, women and children all year long.

**8,500 MEALS**

served at the Mission every month of the year

**365 DAYS**  
24/7

each year when the Gospel is presented at the Mission

**42,000**  
Annual attendees at Mission chapel services

THANKSGIVING 2017

## THE PERFECT TIME TO GIVE THANKS

A complete Thanksgiving dinner — with turkey and all the trimmings — is a wonderful sight for people who have not eaten in days. For parents who are not able to afford to put much food on the table. For seniors who have not had anything special to feel thankful for.

The Thanksgiving season means the kitchen staff goes all out to prepare delicious meals for our residents. Anything you can give to help cross things off our shopping list would help.

**Thank you for your donations!**

### Shopping List:

Whole turkeys  
Turkey roasts  
Fresh potatoes (red/gold/russet)  
Milk (2%, whole)  
Heavy cream  
Butter - unsalted  
Eggs  
Fresh onions  
Fresh carrots  
Fresh celery  
Frozen green beans  
Frozen peas  
Frozen corn

I've seen the misery and heartache the holidays bring to homeless people in Sacramento.



**PASTOR TIM LANE, DIRECTOR**

Words alone cannot ease the depth of such pain.

So we choose to focus on sharing the love of Christ, starting with the Gospel that changes lives, followed by a hot meal — a powerful reminder that they are not alone. There are people nearby who genuinely care, and they matter to us because they matter to God.

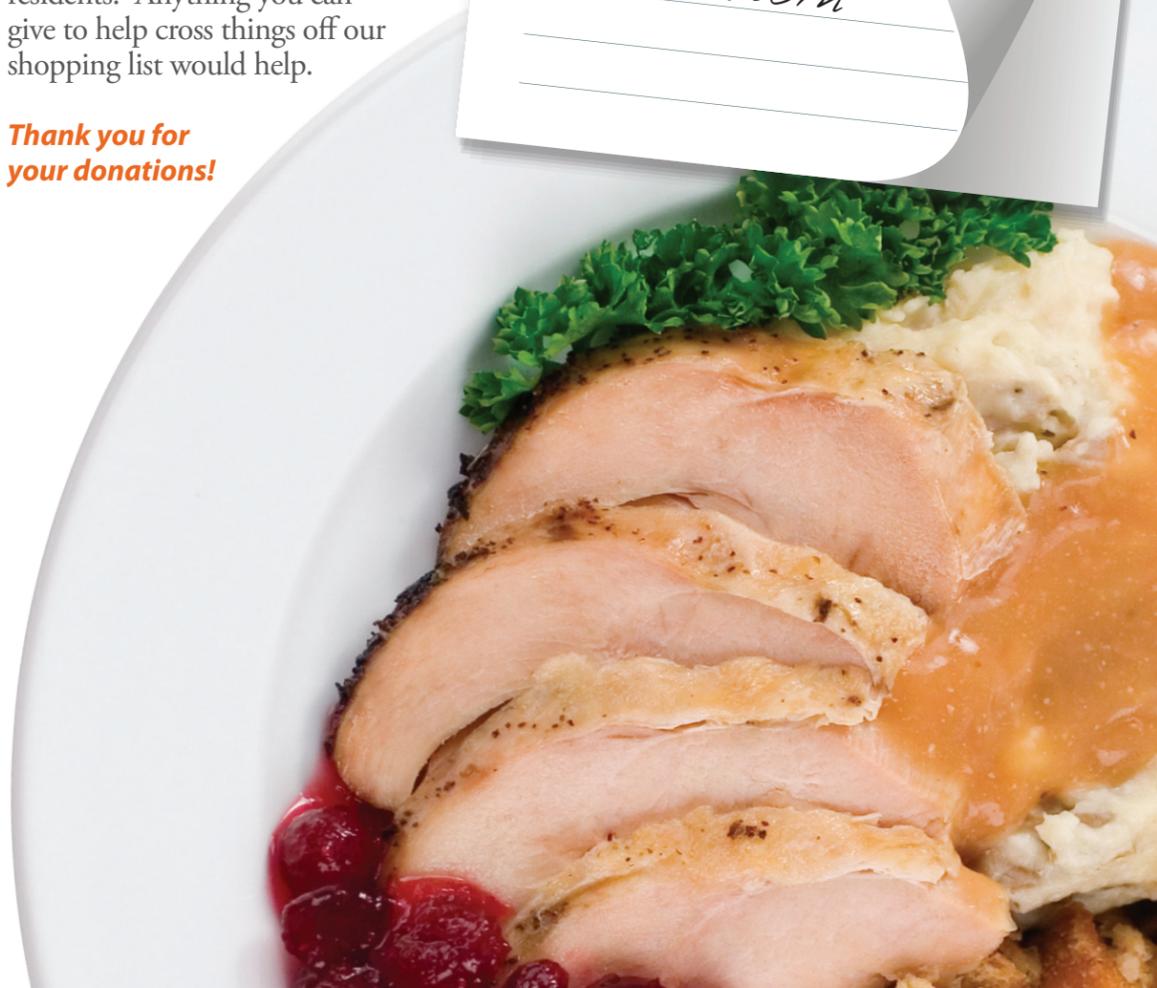
**Thanksgiving is the perfect time to reconnect broken hearts with the love of Jesus.**

When you've experienced the pain of isolation and rejection that many of our guests have, Thanksgiving is the perfect time to reconnect broken hearts with the love of Jesus.

That's why I invite you to partner with us this Thanksgiving. Your gift will provide meals, but also the kind of hope that leads to new life.

So much good . . . starting with a traditional holiday dinner for just \$1.92.

Thank you for giving our homeless neighbors something they can truly be grateful for this Thanksgiving!



# REAL-LIFE CHANGE

Will's story (continued from front) . . .

not only satisfied his nagging hunger, but also opened the door to hope — and gave him a brand-new start.

Today, he says his priorities are telling people about Jesus, making up for lost time with his kids and ministering to his mother, who continues to live in the grip of her heroin addiction. Will says, "I'm ashamed that for so many years, I chose drugs over them."

"When I was growing up, my mom used to take me to church all the time and tell me, 'No matter how much you mess up, Will, I'm your Number 1 fan,' " Will recalls.

## "I'm ashamed that for so many years, I chose drugs over (my kids)."

Now he's telling her the same thing, inviting her to his church and sharing what Jesus Christ did for him.

Can Will's mom finally beat her drug habit like her son did? Will isn't sure, "But I pray for her all the time," he says. "It's all in God's hands."



You help transform lives every time you give to the Mission.

The holidays are a tough time to be homeless, to be poor, to be hungry. Please provide someone else like Will with a hot meal, opening the door to new life. It starts by sending your best gift to Union Gospel Mission Sacramento in time for Thanksgiving.

**Thank you for your compassion. Our guests will be blessed. And so will you, knowing that you've helped change someone's life — forever!**

## 3 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



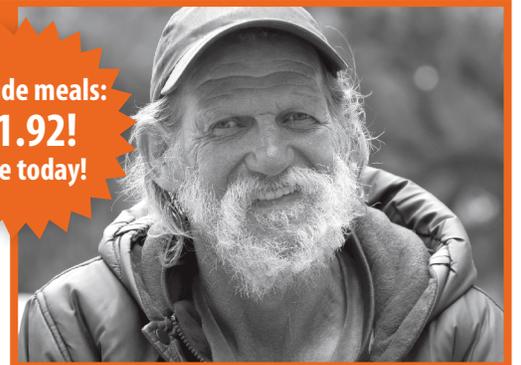
## My gift for THANKSGIVING MEALS

**YES, PASTOR TIM!** I want to help provide meals and other vital care to my homeless neighbors during the Thanksgiving season. 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 feed and care for as many people as possible.

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

Provide meals:  
**\$1.92!**  
Give today!



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