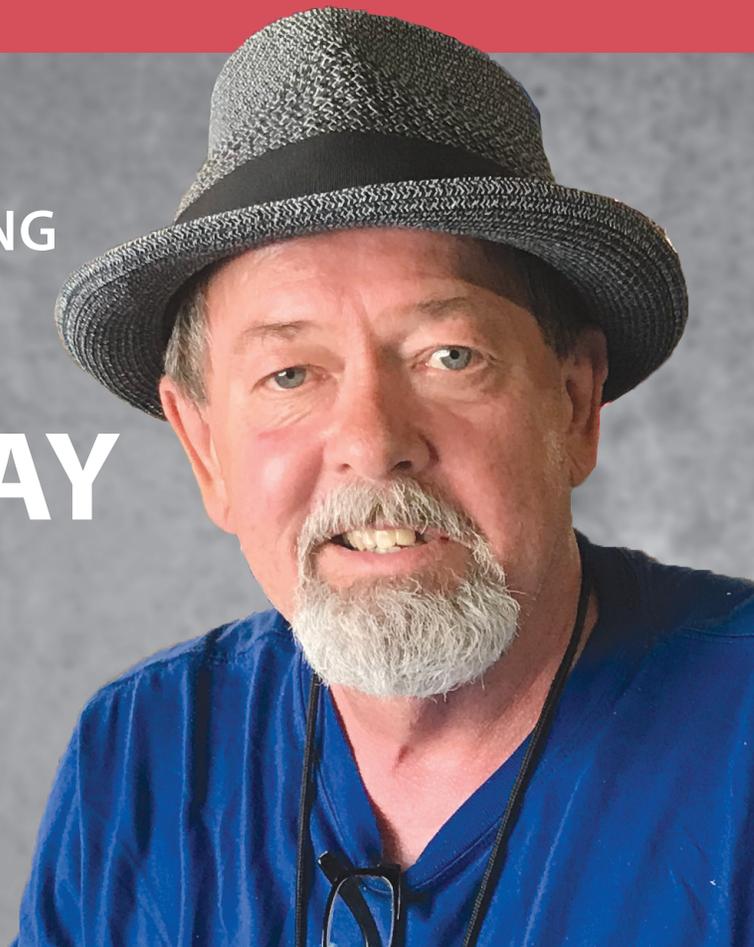


THANKS TO YOU, HE'S ENJOYING HIS FIRST SOBER HOLIDAY

An amazing turnaround,
just in time for Christmas



When you give at Christmastime, you don't just feed hungry people — you help change lives!

For years, Ken didn't know how to celebrate Christmas.

While he saw others filled with joy as they carried around their presents, the only thing Ken carried around was a lifetime of regret.

For drinking so much it destroyed his marriage. For losing his job because he was hung

over one too many Saturdays. For being so drunk he was once in jail for 34 days before he even knew he was there.

***"I didn't realize
how evil I was."***

"It was my own fault," Ken says. "I didn't realize how evil I was."

So it must have come as quite a surprise to Ken when he walked into Union Gospel Mission

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Offer someone hope and the chance for new life this Christmas by giving TODAY!

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one day last January . . . and was welcomed with open arms.

Ken has had difficulty with his sobriety while living here, but he's been embraced with love, care and grace by the Mission staff, and has made tremendous strides in his walk with God.

"I've learned more about Jesus Christ in the last three months than I learned in the 57 years before," he says. "All I want now is to follow God and live out my faith."

And he's getting plenty of opportunities to do that at the Mission. Between the Bible studies, counseling sessions, chapel and group discussions, Ken says he's started looking at life a whole new way.

He's even found a way to give back: working in the Mission warehouse, where he hands out clothing to others coming off the streets.

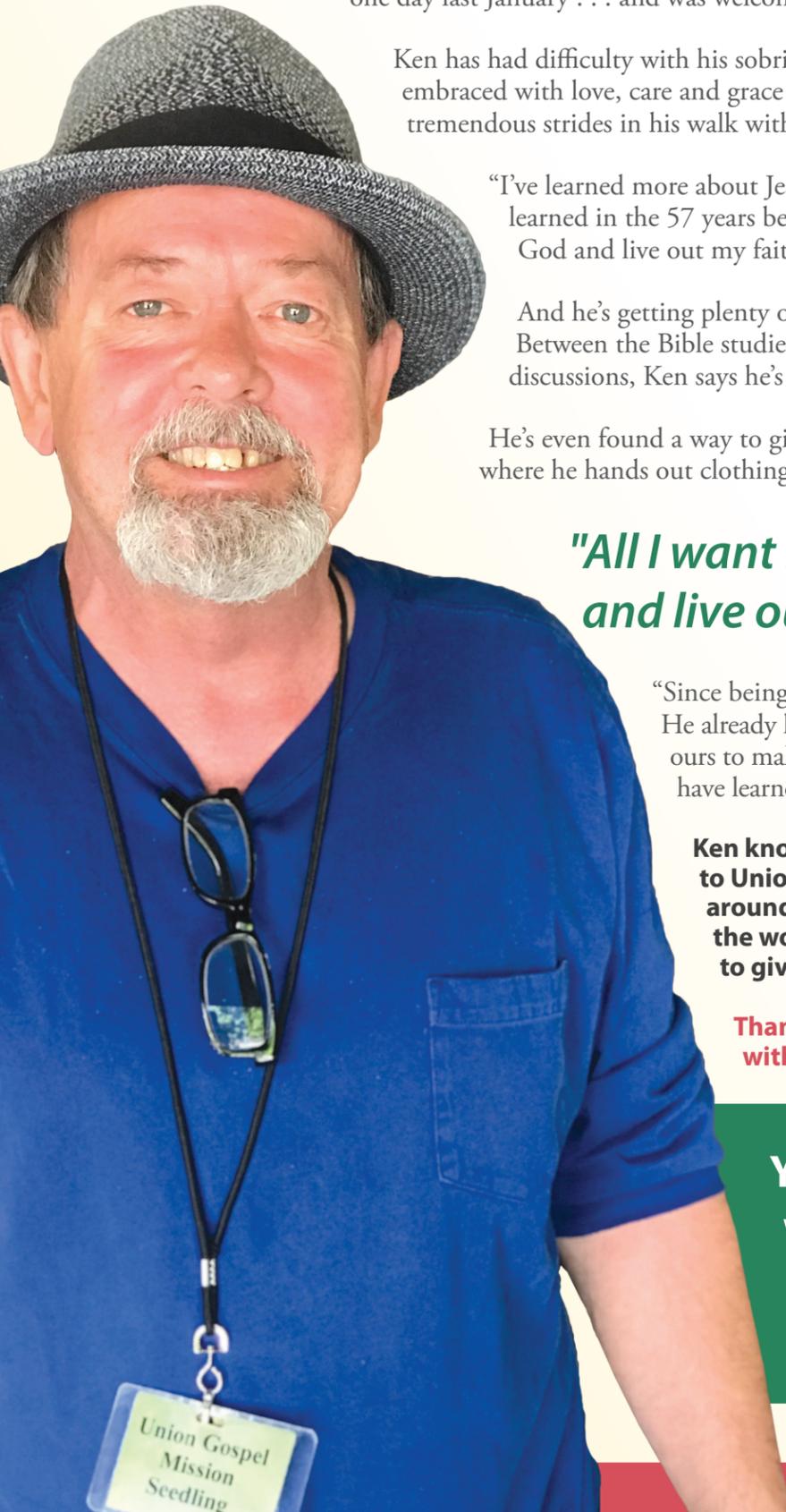
"All I want now is to follow God and live out my faith."

"Since being here, I've learned that God loves all of us. He already knows what's going to happen. The choice is ours to make. We know that there are consequences. I have learned that you need to do the right thing."

Ken knows it was God's mercy — and your gifts to Union Gospel Mission — that turned his life around. Now he encourages others to invest in the work of the Mission. "If you have the ability to give, you should give," he says.

Thank you, and God bless you, for partnering with us in this lifesaving work.

Your gift this Christmas will provide hope, and open the door to a new life.



JESUS IS THE REASON FOR THE SEASON!

The food boxes we hand out at Christmas are a good reminder that this community cares about its own, particularly those who struggle with hunger.



As we get closer to Christmas, our dining room fills up every night with people looking for a hot meal and somewhere to get out of the cold.

God has blessed us with friends who give abundantly — and faithfully. They are the reason so many will find hope in Christ this holiday season.



A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR TIM LANE

It's STILL Good News

"Behold, I bring you Good News . . ."



PASTOR TIM LANE
DIRECTOR

When the angels announced Jesus' birth, it was indeed good news for people of that time.

What's remarkable is nothing's changed in 2,000 years!

Jesus' birth is still good news for those who feel . . . rejected by society. Trapped in utter poverty. Forgotten, especially by loved ones.

In other words, for our homeless and poor neighbors!

What's remarkable is nothing's changed in 2,000 years!

That's why this Christmas, I'm asking you to provide meals and other vital care to those in need. But the real difference comes when you introduce them to Jesus, Who is the only One that can transform their lives!

Thank you for giving, and being a part of what God is doing in Sacramento to give hope and restore lives.

THIS CHRISTMAS, FEED THEIR BODY ... AND THEIR *soul!*

What makes Union Gospel Mission Sacramento an amazing place at Christmastime is not just the meals we serve or even the presents we distribute to people coming off the streets.

For those who will surrender their hearts and lives to Jesus, everything changes.

It's the way our guests respond to the message of the Gospel when they hear that Jesus was born "that they may have life, and have it to the full" (John 10:10).

For those who will surrender their hearts and lives to Jesus, everything changes. Healing begins. Hope takes root. And people who thought they'd never experience joy again are overwhelmed with a sense of peace.

That's what makes our holiday meals so important, and why we need your help this Christmas — to feed their body and soul.

Please be generous this Christmas. There's so much at



stake, not just for today but for all eternity.

Thank you for helping to change so many lives!



Three WAYS TO GIVE



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ugmsac.com
and give right away.



To give by phone,
please call
916.447.3268.



STAY CONNECTED

MY GIFT to provide CHRISTMAS JOY

YES, PASTOR TIM! I want to offer meals and care to my homeless neighbors so they can experience the transforming power of Christ this Christmas. I've enclosed:

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

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

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