



THE CLARION

UNION GOSPEL MISSION SACRAMENTO

A CALLING TO HELP THE HOMELESS AND THE POOR

SUMMER 2020

Thanks to you, Rudolph has a new life of . . . **GIVING BACK**

A lifetime of drinking and drug use were no match for God's love and mercy. You helped make it possible.



Although Rudolph spent most of his life “in and out of drugs,” he can trace his dramatic plunge into addiction to his earliest days, living with alcoholic parents.

From the age of 9, he used drugs and alcohol. This set the stage for a lifetime of pain and confusion.

Rudolph’s parents died when he was young. This loss was soon followed by the death of his two brothers in a bank robbery. Like so many who are trapped in addiction, Rudolph found refuge in the numbness of drugs and alcohol.

“The Mission has been there for me.”

Rudolph managed to get through college, marry, and join the U.S. Army. But his drug use resulted in discharge within two years. With his life unraveling, Rudolph’s wife and children walked out. He traveled with no destination. Lived with no direction. Suffered with no healing in sight.

With his life in complete disarray, and sleeping on the sidewalks of Sacramento, Rudolph checked himself into a mental health crisis center. And after finding a measure of stability, he made an appointment with one of our team members to talk

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Temperatures are rising

You can save lives this summer when you give to rescue people from this deadly heat!

A MESSAGE FROM
PASTOR TIM LANE

A cup of cold water

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about joining the Mission's Rehabilitation Program. "I pleaded with him for just one chance," says Rudolph. We agreed to give him that chance. And today, Rudolph has become a shining example of God's grace, love, and forgiveness.

"The Mission taught me how to appreciate things and not take them for granted."

"The Mission introduced me to Jesus Christ, who saved my life, taught me how to live without drugs and alcohol, and has restored my wife and children back into my life," says Rudolph. "I have a fresh start and a new life."

Today, Rudolph's children have their dad back. "Everything is going way better because I'm sober and following Jesus."

Best of all, Rudolph is grateful to stay on with the

Mission as an Intern Houseman in our Rehabilitation Program. "I want to give back, because the Mission has been there for me."

Today, your gift could be the one that saves the life of someone else like Rudolph. So please give generously to share the hope of a new life. Thank you. And God bless you!



GIVE A FOOD BOX FILLED WITH *hope*

Our community is still reeling from the COVID-19 crisis. Many who were already living on the edge, especially seniors, have had their lives turned upside down. Job loss, empty kitchen cupboards, overdue bills. We're seeing that all across Sacramento.

The need for help with food, in particular, has increased dramatically. Nationwide, about one in three people seeking help at food pantries has never before

needed that kind of aid.

That's why we've ramped up our food box program to help families and seniors on fixed incomes.

When you give a food box, you'll provide families with an extra margin as they try to make ends meet during these difficult days for so many. Thank you!



As summer temps climb, I can't help but remember those wonderful words in Matthew 10:42: "And whoever gives one of these little ones only a cup of cold water in the name of a disciple, assuredly, I say to you, he shall by no means lose his reward."



PASTOR TIM LANE
DIRECTOR

Thank you for your continued partnership and prayers.

We trust our sovereign God for His continued faithfulness to fulfill our ministry and to make everlasting life-changes through the power of the Holy Spirit and His Word.

Thank you for your continued partnership, and for your prayers, especially during this time of crisis.

Because of you, our suffering neighbors have a place of help and hope at a Gospel-centered Mission.

We hope and pray God's loving hands are keeping you all healthy and well, strengthened and encouraged by His faithful promises.

In Christ's Mercy and Grace,

RUNNING FOR RUDOLPH



This Mission supporter ran the California International Marathon to support our graduate, Rudolph!

Jim Morris is a fan of the Union Gospel Mission — and of Rudolph. He's also an avid long-distance runner.

Jim ran the California International Marathon in December to support Rudolph in his work at the Mission. The Communications Manager for the California Rice Commission, Jim says, "The odds are slim for full recovery for many on the streets. That doesn't mean we shouldn't try. I think the chance of a great story similar to Rudolph's, something straight out of a highly dramatic movie, is well worth it."

To read the entire story, go to: ugmsac.com/running-for-a-cause

SUMMER DONATION NEED GROWS

As the COVID crisis continues to impact Sacramento, the Mission wants to provide even more meals, showers, clean clothes, sundries, and other essentials for those who are homeless.

The scorching summer heat often multiplies the suffering,

and therefore the need. That's why your donation of men's clothing (socks, shoes, jackets), blankets, sleeping bags, and tarps will be a blessing.

You'll not only meet immediate needs, but also open the door to sharing the Gospel and new life in Christ.

We accept donations seven days a week, 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. Please call (916) 447-3268 with questions.

PROVIDE *heat* RELIEF

With summer just around the corner, the sizzling hot temperatures are coming fast. For those trapped on the streets, vulnerable and without shelter, the heat is truly dangerous.

But when you give today, you'll provide our suffering neighbors with shelter from the suffocating Sacramento heat . . . and open the door to new life in Jesus.

Please join the Mission this summer to offer our homeless neighbors bottled water, shelter from the blinding sun, and other lifesaving care. Thank you!

"But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." Isaiah 40:31, NIV



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

3 WAYS TO GIVE STAY CONNECTED



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please call
916.447.3268.



"My gift to provide LIFESAVING SUMMER RELIEF"

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

\$_____ to provide meals and care for as many people as possible.

Name _____
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