



# THE CLARION

UNION GOSPEL MISSION SACRAMENTO

A CALLING TO HELP THE HOMELESS AND THE POOR

WINTER 2020



Brian is back  
on his feet —  
**Thanks to you!**

**Because of you, Brian  
has experienced a  
miraculous restoration**

*When you give at Christmastime, you'll do more than provide food and shelter for those desperate to escape hunger and homelessness — you'll transform lives... like Brian's!*

Brian drank and used drugs for most of his life. But that's all behind him now.

Looking back, he can see the roots of his addiction: the death of both parents when he was young, childhood trauma, and physical pain, including bad knees.

Brian's story is a familiar one: he struggled in school, hung out with the wrong crowd, and began using marijuana in his early teens. By his mid-20s, he was

drinking heavily and using meth. "But alcohol was my thing," he says.

***"I can't thank the Mission's donors enough."***

"For a long time, I was in and out of recovery. I'd put my life back together and do OK for a while. But it never lasted," he says.

This cycle continued for decades. Every two or three years he would relapse, get help, then stabilize for a while.

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# Your Christmas gift will offer HOPE and the chance for NEW LIFE!

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was to get me back to the Mission.”

### “UNREAL”

Brian showed up at our door, asked to join our rehabilitation program, and was accepted. His transformation has been miraculous.

*“I can’t thank the Mission enough. They saved me.”*

“The Mission has been fantastic. The amount of support I get is just unreal,” he says. Through our rehabilitation program, Brian has been able to get his commercial driver’s license back, benefit from spiritual mentoring and personal counseling, receive a donated car, put his finances in order, and is on his way to earning his GED.

“God is using this to restore my thought life, my intellect, and my spirituality,” says Brian.

### “BACK ON MY FEET”

Today, he is relying on God’s direction and taking a day at a time. “If you make a true investment in God with your heart,” Brian believes, “He will keep all of His promises. The Mission is a fantastic place to get back on your feet. But you have to put yourself into it. I can’t thank the Mission enough. They saved me.”

**Not long ago, Brian didn’t even want to live. But today, he’s on the path to a new life. Here in this season of hope, you can help someone else like Brian.**

**Thank you, and God bless you, for partnering with us in this life-saving work.**



## How you can transform lives this

# Christmas



While COVID-19 has forced us to make adjustments to our outreach, we want to share Christmas with as many people in need as possible — hot meals, life-saving items, and the chance to know new life in Jesus. We’ll need your help to do that!

For everyone’s safety during the pandemic, our dining room is closed. But we continue to distribute hot dinners every night to anyone who comes to our doors. We’ll also be serving bountiful meals during the holiday season.

We provide food boxes to families and seniors every Tuesday and Thursday. Additionally, we provide 100 special holiday food boxes so that they can celebrate too. We want to do all we can to help people facing hunger to put food on the table, especially during this time of uncertainty.

The pandemic has been hard on our hearts. And we miss our volunteers. Would you please pray and continue your partnership during these important days of ministry? We’d be blessed by your year-end gift of any amount the Lord leads you to send.

**Thank you. God bless you. And Merry Christmas!**

Blankets and Winter Items Needed! Please go to [ugmsac.com/items-needed/](http://ugmsac.com/items-needed/) for details.



## A MESSAGE FROM PASTOR TIM LANE

### The reason for the season

Like you, we’re preparing for Christmas. But the holidays are going to look different this year at the Mission, because of COVID-19.



PASTOR TIM LANE  
DIRECTOR

One thing won’t change, however: our commitment to presenting Jesus as the reason for the season *and* the reason for this work. Everything we do — in the coming days especially — will be in His name.

**Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!**

For the families that are wondering where their next meal is coming from . . . for the men and women taking shelter under bridges . . . for the lost souls trapped in addiction, we’ll do our best to make the Christ of Christmas real to them.

Of course, we’ll need your partnership as we work together to restore lives. That’s why I hope you’ll give generously in these last days of 2020.

Thanks for all you do for the Mission. May your heart be filled with joy and thankfulness this Christmas for God’s indescribable gift!



*Your Christmas gift will meet critical needs and share the hope of Jesus with our hurting neighbors.*

# Share Christmas Hope

It begins with a meal, essential care, and the chance to KNOW Jesus

If you've been thinking about supporting Union Gospel Mission one more time in 2020, this might be your last chance. Now's the time to give a last gift to share help and hope with hungry and homeless people across Sacramento!

Your partnership in these final days of the year will provide not just meals, housing, counseling, and life- and job-skills training, but the chance to experience new life in Jesus Christ.

Please give now to transform lives this Christmas — AND in the new year!

**Thank you and God bless you for giving during this season of generosity.**



## Three WAYS TO GIVE



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Tune Into "Voices from the Streets" Sundays at 2 pm, Mondays at 3 pm

## "My gift to share the hope of Jesus this Christmas"

**YES, PASTOR TIM!** I want to provide meals and care to my homeless neighbors so they can experience the hope of our Savior this holiday season. I'm sending:

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

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