



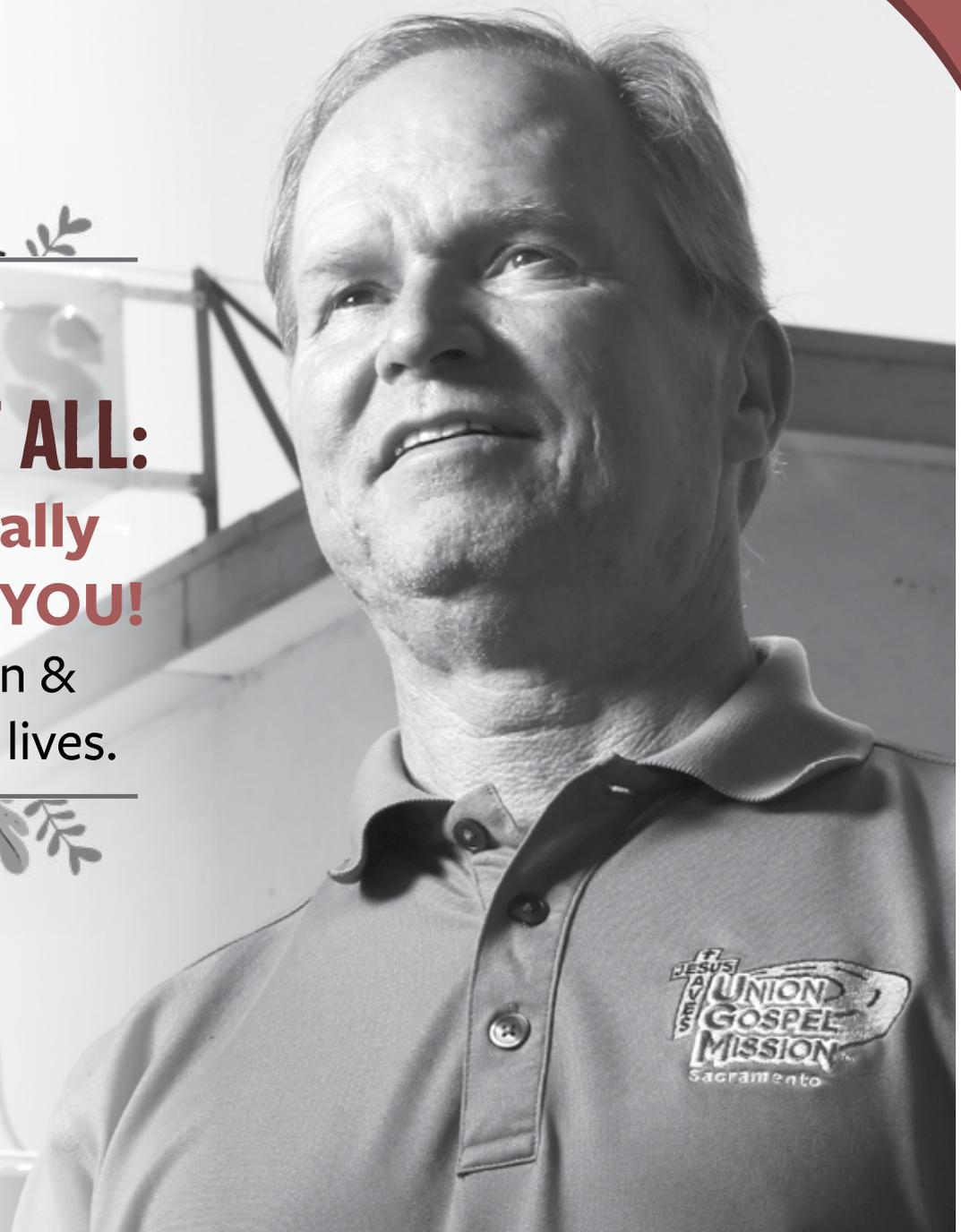
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## GRATEFUL THROUGH IT ALL:

Jed is especially  
thankful for YOU!

Your compassion &  
support change lives.

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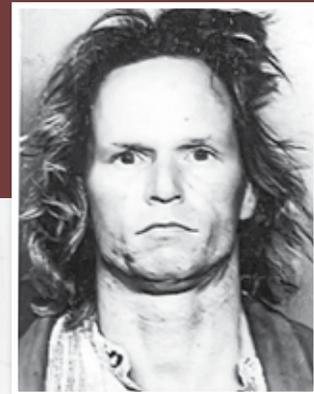
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**J**ed was alone... sitting in a jail cell... and desperate to change the lifestyle he'd been living since childhood. As he held a Bible in his hands and started to read, he began to feel hopeful for the first time in a long time.

Raised in a household where drug use was the norm, Jed never knew any other way. And because of that, Jed didn't see any problem using himself. Even as an adult, he moved to Sacramento and was welcomed into another family where drugs were the norm.

“I could never make progress in life... I burned all my relationships with other people. I ended up living a very lonely life.”

At his darkest moment, the Lord reached down and touched Jed's heart. “I really felt the Lord impressing upon my heart that He

wasn't asking me to do anything except trust Him. So I did.” And that trust led Jed here to the Mission.

**“When I walked into the Mission, I felt like my life began. I finally had a place to start.”**

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I learned what it meant  
to serve the Lord at the  
Mission. Now I'm in the  
place where God wants  
me to be.”

Jed joined our Rehabilitation program and experienced true healing. “It's Christ-centered healing here... the counseling, the classes, the support. It was a foundation that made me confident I could live without falling

into my old lifestyle again.”

When Jed graduated from our program, he married a godly woman and got involved in a church that continued to nourish his faith. And today, following God's leading in his life, he's the pastor of that church! “God used what I learned at the Mission to move me and mold me into the man I am today.” For the past six years, Jed has worked at the Mission and continues to serve here today.

**As Jed celebrates this Thanksgiving, he feels incredibly thankful for your compassion and support – and how it's given him a fresh start in life.** “You're supporting people's lives being changed... many times, it starts with a meal. That meal leads to a message that provides people with hope that they can change their lives.”

## GIVING THANKS FOR ALL GOD'S BLESSINGS

It might surprise you that in another year filled with hardships and uncertainty, the overwhelming messages I hear are ones of gratitude and hope.

Despite the challenges we still face as a community – or perhaps because of them – we remain connected to each other in a spirit of love and generosity. **Your care and compassion have never been more evident here at Union Gospel Mission than right now, as we prepare for the Thanksgiving season.**

You have stepped up to help our hurting neighbors as God has called us to do. Provided nourishing meals. Essential care. Life-restoring guidance. More than that, you've prayed for our ministry and guests. Encouraged others to join our mission to transform lives. Your love has made it possible for hearts to be restored and lives rebuilt. Now that's something to celebrate!

As we count our blessings this Thanksgiving, you and other faithful friends are at the top of my list. As you enjoy the holiday season with your loved ones, both near and far away, I pray God will fill your heart with joy, peace and the comfort of knowing that lives have been changed thanks to your kindness.

I am grateful for you... today and every day.



God bless you and your loved ones,

Pastor Tim Lane  
Executive Director

## 2021 THANKSGIVING CAMPAIGN

*It's been another challenging year for so many of our neighbors...*

# 24,600

### Meals Needed by Thanksgiving

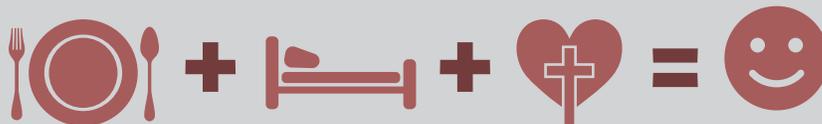
Many of our neighbors are still struggling... trying to get back on their feet... trying not to lose hope. Today, YOU can help them!

For just \$1.92, you can provide a nourishing meal for a hungry neighbor this Thanksgiving season. And that meal opens the door to so much more...

- Safe, welcoming shelter
- Warm clothing, coats & shoes
- Classes & job training to help them get back on their feet after another tough year
- A chance to experience God's love and the transforming power of the Gospel message that changes lives



### YOUR GIFT WILL MAKE AN IMPACT!



Please – help us be ready to serve thousands of meals to our homeless and hurting neighbors during the busy holiday season!

**Rush your 2021 Thanksgiving Campaign gift today.**

✉ Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.

🖥 Give online anytime at [ugmsac.com](http://ugmsac.com).

**READ JED'S STORY  
TO LEARN MORE!**





## Leave a Lasting Legacy

While many individuals provide a lifetime of generous gifts for family, friends and organizations they care about, over half of U.S. adults do not have a will or other estate plan.

Without a will, your estate will be divided according to the state in which you live. And the result may be very different from what you had wished, especially if your desire was not only to care for those you leave behind, but to leave a lasting legacy for the causes close to your heart.

The Mission can help make sure your wishes are followed. For information on planned giving opportunities, please call **Eileen Trussell** at **(916) 447-3268, ext. 37.**

*If you have already included the Mission in your will, please call so we can say "thank you."*

# CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS

Put your God-given talents to work at the Mission to help serve and care for the men, women and children who will turn to us this fall. **You can even volunteer remotely!**



Contact us today to see how you can help...

Call: Eileen, Jed or Hannah at **(916) 447-3268**

Email: **info@ugmsac.com**

Or visit **ugmsac.com** to find out more or sign up now!

**Psst... don't miss out!** Follow us! Like us! Be in the know!

Ever read an email or a post that made you inspired? Then you should **follow us on social media!** It's a great way to be lifted up by seeing how your partnership transforms lives.

Another great way to see your impact is to **sign up for our emails!**

You'll stay up-to-date on outreach updates, urgent needs, special events and more. Please tell your friends, family and church about us. We have many services that can help someone in your community.



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