

Thanks to you...

Matthew

has been given a
life-changing gift
this Christmas.



DON'T MISS...

2 Celebrating rebirth
this Christmas.

2 Year-End Matching
Challenge

3 "Anything I have is
because of God."

“Anything I have is because of GOD AND HIS GRACE.”

Matthew was exhausted and scared. He didn't want to go back to prison... and being homeless was taking a major toll on his health.

“I didn't trust the people out there, so I was using drugs to try to stay awake at night. Trying to fix my problems with my own strength,” he says.

Matthew first turned to drugs as a teenager. At the time, he was a strong athlete who was celebrated for his talents.

“I couldn't believe that people were clapping and cheering for me. I felt that same euphoria when I tried drugs, so I kept using to experience that feeling.”

But the good feelings became harder and harder to sustain. And Matthew lost everything – family, friends, work. After struggling to survive on the streets, Matthew decided to come to Union Gospel Mission.

“I had been here 16 years ago but only stayed three months, so I knew what it was going to take. **The only way I thought I could live was by coming to the Mission.**”

Matthew committed himself fully to his rehabilitation and reconnected with his Savior, Jesus Christ. He eagerly studies the Bible and discusses what he reads with our pastors and residents.

“The Mission is a sanctuary in the midst of the storm. I just had to surrender and, like the Bible says, God will renew us.”

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.” - 2 Corinthians 5:17 (NKJV)

Today, Matthew serves at the Mission in our laundry, joyfully washing clothes and blankets so guests will be welcomed in comfort. He plans to go to Bible college so he can serve others.

“I just have to get myself out of the way and trust God. He's molding me to be whatever He wants me to be. To help people who are broken, like I was.”

It's going to be a Christmas filled with joy for Matthew – and he is so grateful to you for this wonderful gift of a new life. “The Lord blessed me tremendously... giving me joy and a purpose. Now my life belongs to Christ.”

“I knew that if I didn't come to the Mission, I was going to die out there. I HAD TO MAKE A DRASTIC CHANGE.”

Celebrating Christmas with JOY for All People

In Luke 2:10, the angel says,
“Behold, I bring you good tidings
of great joy, which shall be to all
people.”

During the Christmas season,
we hear a lot about joy. It has me
thinking about how joy is something
all people can have in their hearts.
This time of year, our greatest joy is
celebrating the birth of our Savior
and the eternal life we have been
freely given.

That joy is what fills our hearts
Christmas morning... and, hopefully,
every day of the year. It's the same
joy I see on the faces of the men,
women and children who have
come to Union Gospel Mission and
experienced God's life-changing love
up close and personal. The joy YOU
help them experience through your
heartfelt prayers and support.

This Christmas, as you reflect on
the “reason for the season,” I hope
you will remember our neighbors
who are hurting. As Matthew's story
shows, your generosity offers help,
healing and a chance to be held in
the arms of a loving God through
His Son, Jesus Christ.

I am continually humbled by the
faithfulness of friends like you who
joyfully bless others. Thank you, and
may God fill your heart with peace,
love and joy!



God bless you and
your loved ones,

Pastor Tim Lane
Executive Director

A delicious Christmas meal for our homeless neighbors...

... STARTS WITH YOU!

As you prepare to celebrate the joy of
Christmas, please remember our hurting
neighbors. It's been another really tough
year for so many in our community – and
the very best gift you can give them is the
help they need right now and the Good
News of the Gospel!

Just \$1.92 provides a meal and care for
one person.

That meal is often the first step toward a
new life through the love of Jesus.



\$1.92

for 1 hot meal



A night

of safe shelter & our
ministry in Christ!

**CAN GIVE
SOMEONE**

**Healing
Hope
And a Second
Chance!**

Please Send Your Christmas Gift Today!

SEE HOW YOU HELPED CHANGE MATTHEW'S LIFE!

Year-End Matching Challenge DOUBLE YOUR HELP!



Here's a huge blessing as we end this year: Thanks to a generous group
of partners, **any gift you make until December 31 will be matched
through our \$100,000 challenge grant to support our UGM
Renovation Project!**

That's right... your gift today doubles to help renovate our facility that
was built back in 1967, so we can provide Christ-centered care in a more
comforting, welcoming facility. And that means twice the hope for
many of our neighbors who are still struggling to
get back on their feet.

DEADLINE TO GIVE: 12/31

- ✓ Add your special year-end gift to the reply
card and send it today.
- 📄 Give online anytime at ugmsac.com.

**THANK YOU
for doubling your
impact during
our matching
challenge!**



November 30 is GIVING TUESDAY

It's a day for neighbors to help neighbors... and join together as a community on **Giving Tuesday!** On November 30, your gift to our ministry will provide life-changing essentials like meals, essential care and rehabilitation services to help people here in the Greater Sacramento Area.

Many people are still struggling to overcome hardships and rebuild their lives on solid ground. *Your help is needed now more than ever to share the life-changing message of the Gospel that leads to new life in Christ.* Give our neighbors hope on Giving Tuesday!

Why Wait? Celebrate GIVING TUESDAY Now!

- ✓ Add your special Giving Tuesday gift on the reply card and send it today.
- 📄 Give online at ugmsac.com.

3 Easy Ways YOU Can Help this Christmas!



VOLUNTEER AT THE MISSION



The holidays are just around the corner, and we're getting ready for this very busy season. We need your help to care for all the men, women and children who will turn to us for care this time of year. **You can even volunteer remotely!**

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

Call: Eileen Trussell at **(916) 447-3268**

Email: info@ugmsac.com

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



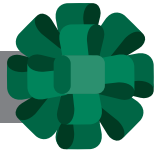
MEET BASIC NEEDS



Looking to cover the basics? These essential items keep Mission guests safe and comfortable during their time in our care. Please drop off donations at **400 Bannon St., Sacramento, CA 95811 - 7 days a week, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.**

Blankets * Sleeping Bags * Rain Gear * Backpacks * men's Warm Clothing
Coats * Socks * Shoes * Hygiene Items

HELP BRING AWARENESS



Follow us on social media and sign up for our emails! It's an easy way to stay up-to-date on ministry highlights, urgent needs, special events and more. You can also tell your friends, family and church about us and the many services we offer that can help someone in your community.



THANK YOU FOR MAKING THIS CHRISTMAS A TIME OF JOY!