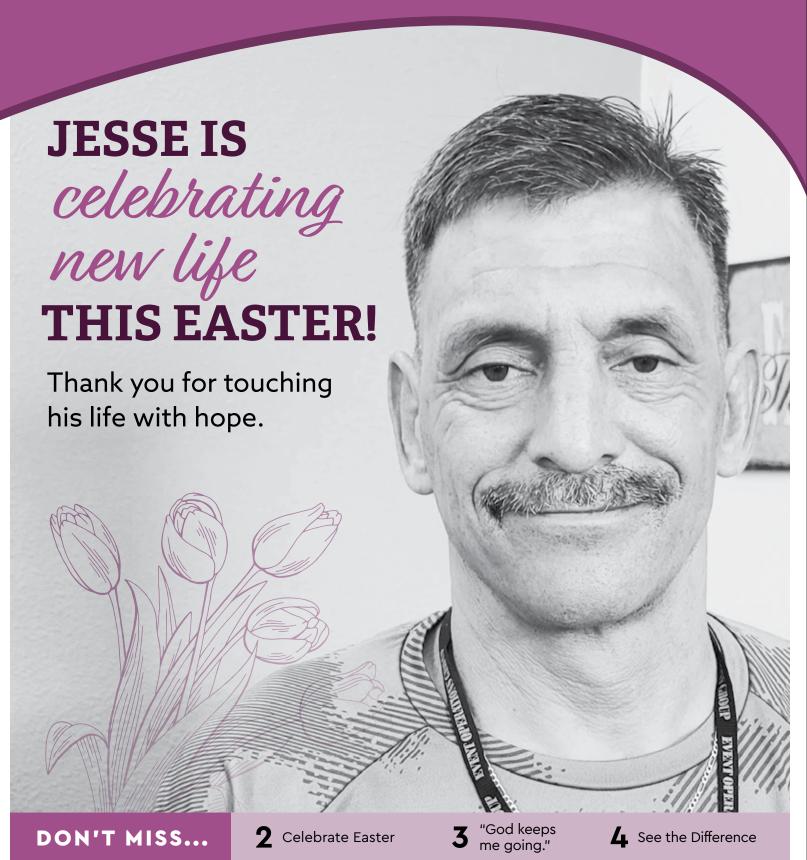


## SAVING GRACE

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Jesse grew up with a single mother who struggled with alcohol addiction, so he never really had a childhood.

"My mom drank all the time, and it made me angry at her. I had to clean and take care of her, and she never let me go to school. I was lost all the time."

Jesse stayed at home and cared for his mother – sacrificing his education and ignoring his own needs. But then she passed away and he no longer had a purpose.

"I was 30 years old when I started drinking. Seeing my mom die made me so miserable... one sip led to another, and I couldn't quit."

After years of heartache, Jesse knew he had to get help or his drinking would kill him, too. That's when he came to the Mission to turn his life around.

Though he wasn't sure what to expect, Jesse was overwhelmed by the love and support he received when he walked through our doors. He joined our Men's Rehabilitation Program, where men learn to overcome their addictions through the power of Jesus Christ, and his healing began in earnest.

"I love the Mission... They taught me more about God than I could ever imagine. The men here are like the brothers I never had."

Through Christ-centered classes and Bible study, Jesse went from being someone who knew about God to having a real, personal relationship with his Creator.

"I have God in my heart, every day, and I would never give that up for anything."

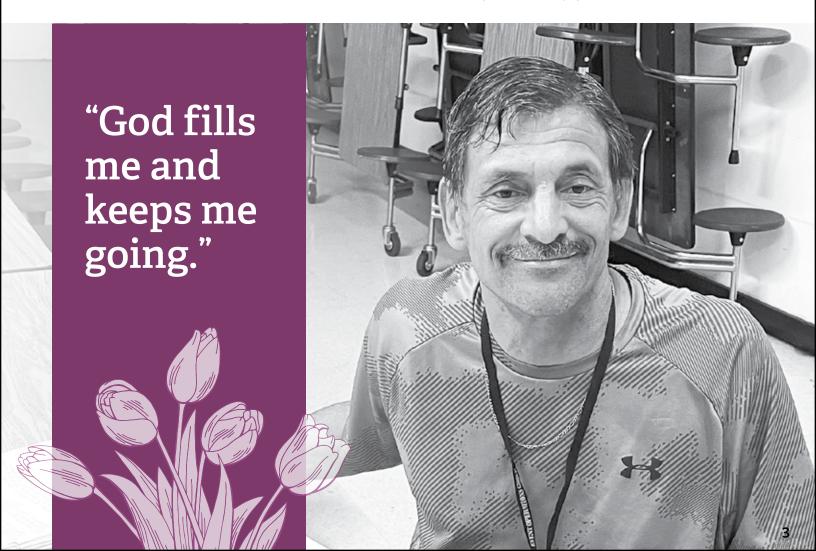
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I knew that if I didn't get Jesus in my life, I wasn't going to last... I would be dead out on a street somewhere.

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Today, Jesse serves around the Mission wherever he's needed, working to welcome homeless guests and make them comfortable for the night. He's learning to be patient and wait on the Lord to guide his steps.

Your generous support has filled Jesse's life with love, encouragement and, most of all, hope this Easter season. "I love the staff and the programs. This is a loving place... a house of God. Now I'm happy and full of joy!"



"Then, as they were afraid and bowed their faces to the earth, they said to them, 'Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen!" - Luke 24:5-6, NKJV



# 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 and that your legacy lives on to share the transformative power of the Gospel for years to come. 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."

#### A Message from PASTOR TIM LANE

# The everlasting hope OF EASTER

As we celebrate the joy of Easter morning, we must also remember the pain and sorrow of Calvary. The agony Jesus faced and the fear His friends and followers felt when they thought all hope was lost.

Many of the people who come through our doors also feel like all hope is lost. They look back on their lives and feel nothing but brokenness... regret... shame.

But this Easter, they can experience the heart-pounding joy and love that comes through new life in Christ! Your support helps us share the Gospel message of hope all year long, but most especially during the miraculous Easter season. We are also thrilled to celebrate a major milestone this year... our 60th anniversary of saving lives and souls here at the Mission!

The Bible tells us, "And God is able to make all grace abound toward you..." (2 Cor. 9:8, NKJV).
Through your gifts to the Mission, you pass on those blessings to those who come through our doors!

Thanks to caring friends like you, this Easter will be a time of rejoicing for those who have found abundant life in the arms of our Risen Savior... and a time to welcome anyone in need of everlasting hope.

I pray that you, too, will be filled with blessings and peace this Easter!

God bless you and your loved ones,

Pastor Tim Lane
Executive Director

## CELEBRATE EASTER BY SHARING THE HOPE OF THE GOSPEL WITH OUR HURTING NEIGHBORS!

Hurting men and women turn to the Mission each day... longing for a second chance in life. Today, you can help make their new beginning possible with help like:

A hot meal for \$1.92 – often the first step to a new life in Christ

An overnight stay in our safe shelter for menChrist-centered care & healing in our life-change programs

By giving generously now, our homeless and hungry neighbors will be welcomed with food, shelter, and most importantly, the life-changing message of the Gospel this Easter season!

Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.

Give online anytime at ugmsac.com.

Thank you for your support of our Mission guests. Have a blessed Easter!

## HELP **MEET OUR EASTER NEEDS**



#### **MAKING EASTER - RESURRECTION SUNDAY A** SPECIAL PLACE FOR OUR GUESTS!

You have a BIG heart for those in need and this Easter, we have a great way to show how much you care! Between now and Resurrection Sunday, we're preparing to serve thousands of hot meals, provide basic necessities like safe shelter, clean clothing and Christ-centered care, and most importantly, share the hope of the Gospel.

Our hurting neighbors are turning here... and we're counting on YOU to help them!

Drop off donations at the Mission, 400 Bannon Street in Sacramento.

No time to shop? Donate now!

#### **NEEDED ITEMS!** Drop off any of these items by Friday, April 15: ☐ POWDERED ☐ HAM MILK ☐ INSTANT ☐ DESSERTS MASHED (store-bought) POTATOES □ COFFEE ☐ CANNED VEGIETABLES ☐ CREAMER

### **See The Difference YOU Are Making!**

Want to learn more about how your support is impacting the lives of our hurting and homeless neighbors here in the greater Sacramento area?

Check out our website to read stories of lives changed through our Savior's love, learn about upcoming volunteer opportunities and read the latest news about happenings here at the Mission. You can even make a safe, secure donation online to share God's Word to help transform even more hearts and lives! Visit us today at ugmsac.com.



#### YOUR PRAYERS **CHANGE LIVES!**

Prayer is powerful. That's why we covet your heartfelt prayers and faithful support of our work in the greater Sacramento area. Here are some of the ways you can pray for our ministry!

- Pray that God will lead people in need to the Mission.
- Pray that our guests' hearts will be open to the Good News of the Gospel.
- Pray that our staff will have strength to lead & speak His truth.
- Pray that our community will be healed & strengthened.

Thank you for lifting up our guests, staff, volunteers, neighborhoods and country. For the last 60 years, the support and encouragement of friends like you has allowed us to serve hurting people here in our community. May the Lord bless you and keep you!