



# SAVING GRACE

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A large, black and white photograph of a man with a beard and mustache, looking directly at the camera. He is wearing a dark t-shirt. In the background, other people are blurred, suggesting a group setting like a church service or a community meeting.

## PATRICK IS SO GRATEFUL

you have given  
him new life!

**DON'T MISS...**

**2** Show Them  
You Care

**3** "I feel the presence  
of God here."

**4** Leave a Lasting  
Legacy

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“I was dead to the world, but the Mission saved my life.”

Patrick stopped going to school and started using drugs at age 15. Before long, his addiction got him in trouble and he spent nearly 20 years of his life in prison.

“When I got out of prison, I was working and had my own place. But then I started using again... I lost my place and had nowhere to go.”

Having already burned bridges with friends and family members, Patrick ended up homeless on the streets.

“I was living in my truck. I wasn’t able to shower and didn’t know where my next meal would come from. Then I lost my truck and ended up in rehab. That’s when they asked me if I wanted to go to Union Gospel Mission.”

**Patrick knew he needed help staying clean and rebuilding his life, so he came to the Mission.**

“Something was telling me that this was the place for me,” he says, smiling. “It was like God was talking to me.”

As Patrick started getting more into God’s Word and studying the Gospel, he felt something shift inside him.

“When I first got here, I could feel the presence of God. I’ve learned to trust more and when I don’t

know something, I go look in the Bible and read up on things.”

Today, Patrick has graduated from our Men’s Rehabilitation Program. He has a full-time job and is working to restore the relationships with family members that were broken in his addiction. Now he finds his purpose in Jesus, and is content to let the Lord direct his steps.

“This place really saved me. I feel that God has a purpose for me, and nothing is impossible to Him.”

“I don’t want to go back to where I was... now I give it to God and let Him deal with it.”

**Patrick is thankful for the kindness and compassion of loving neighbors like you – and how you have given him peace and hope for the future.** “We’re not promised tomorrow, but we have today. No matter what you’re going through in life, Jesus is with you.”



# LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR!

It starts with a meal for \$1.92!



## A Message from PASTOR TIM LANE

### Will You Love Your Neighbor This Summer?

*“Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.”*

*- 1 John 4:11, NKJV*

Did you know the Bible tells us to love our neighbor in *eight* different verses? So clearly the Lord calls each of us to not just love, but to love generously. At the Mission, our staff's hearts are filled with love for those who are hurting and lost... and YOU put that love into action with your faithful support.

The summer months can be especially challenging for our neighbors in the greater Sacramento area. Those living on the streets face added stress and health risks due to the heat. Parents already struggling to pay the bills have the added burden of childcare costs and more meals to serve.

What's more, the summer months are when we typically see a decline in donations as people are busy with vacations and other activities... and don't always remember to help our struggling neighbors.

### ***That's why I hope we can count on you during the Love Your Neighbor campaign!***

I know you won't let these precious men, women and children be forgotten during the summer season. That you'll show them someone cares and there is hope for the future. You're also part of the celebration for a major milestone this year... our 60th Anniversary of saving lives and souls here at the Mission!

Thank you for loving our neighbors with your financial support and for keeping us in your prayers this summer as we share the Gospel message – we need it!

God bless you and your loved ones,

Pastor Tim Lane  
Executive Director

## 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](http://ugmsac.com).



## SHOW THEM YOU CARE

Help meet our community's needs!



### Your gift today provides:



thousands of  
meals



hundreds of  
nights of shelter



hundreds of  
hygiene items



countless hours  
of counseling &  
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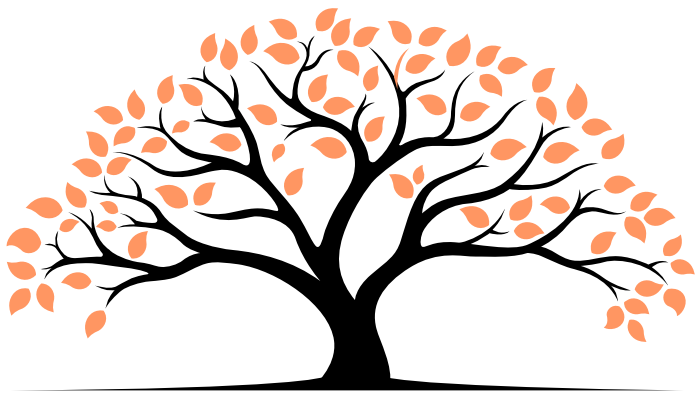
**LOVE YOUR  
NEIGHBOR**

98-DAY SUMMER CAMPAIGN

**DONATIONS SLOW  
DOWN IN SUMMER...  
PLEASE HELP TODAY!**

**Give now! [ugmsac.com](http://ugmsac.com)**

**Support our Summer Campaign now!**



## *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."*

## Your monthly gift makes a **HUGE** impact!

When you set up ongoing support as a monthly giving partner, Union Gospel Mission can be ready to help anyone who comes through our doors. That's because your partnership provides reliable, steady income to care for our homeless and hungry neighbors and share the Good News of the Gospel with them *all year long*.

For someone like Jesse, that generosity transformed his life!



*"I couldn't quit drinking so I came to the Mission. Every day, I'm learning more and more.*

*God's helping me, and I have Him in my heart. I love all the staff here and the programs. This is a loving place... it's just beautiful. If you need Jesus in your life, this is the place to go."*

If the Lord is leading you to become a monthly giving partner, simply visit **ugmsac.com** or complete the back of the enclosed reply form. Thank you!