



SAVING GRACE

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TIM IS GRATEFUL & BLESSED THIS THANKSGIVING

because of your support

You've given him hope and
new life this holiday!



DON'T MISS...

2 Our Thanksgiving
Campaign has begun!

3 "I'm just a better
man today."

4 Volunteers
Needed

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"I'M JUST A BETTER MAN TODAY WITH GOD."

Growing up, Tim had a love-hate relationship with his father. "He was an alcoholic and never expressed love toward us. He beat me and my brother... hit my mother."

Tim's father was diagnosed with lung cancer when Tim was a teenager, so he dropped out of school to care for him until he died. But the biggest pain was when Tim's mom died soon after.

"I put her in the ground on my 17th birthday... to this day I still have a deep love for her."

Tim went back to high school, graduating and going to college for a semester, but then fell in with a bad crowd. "I learned how to drink and work, which was my downfall.

I continued to do that for 30 years."

Eventually, Tim's drinking caught up with him and he became homeless. Then a man walked by Tim in the park one day and told him he didn't have to live that way. "In a moment of clarity, I jumped on a bus, went to Sacramento and was accepted into Union Gospel Mission."

In our care, Tim accepted Jesus as his Lord and Savior, and the Gospel message healed him from the inside out. The structure and stability gave him a community of support and love he had never experienced.

Tim first started cooking in the Mission kitchen in our Men's Rehabilitation Program. He asked

to continue as an intern after graduating, and then stepped in as our Kitchen Manager when the previous gentleman resigned.

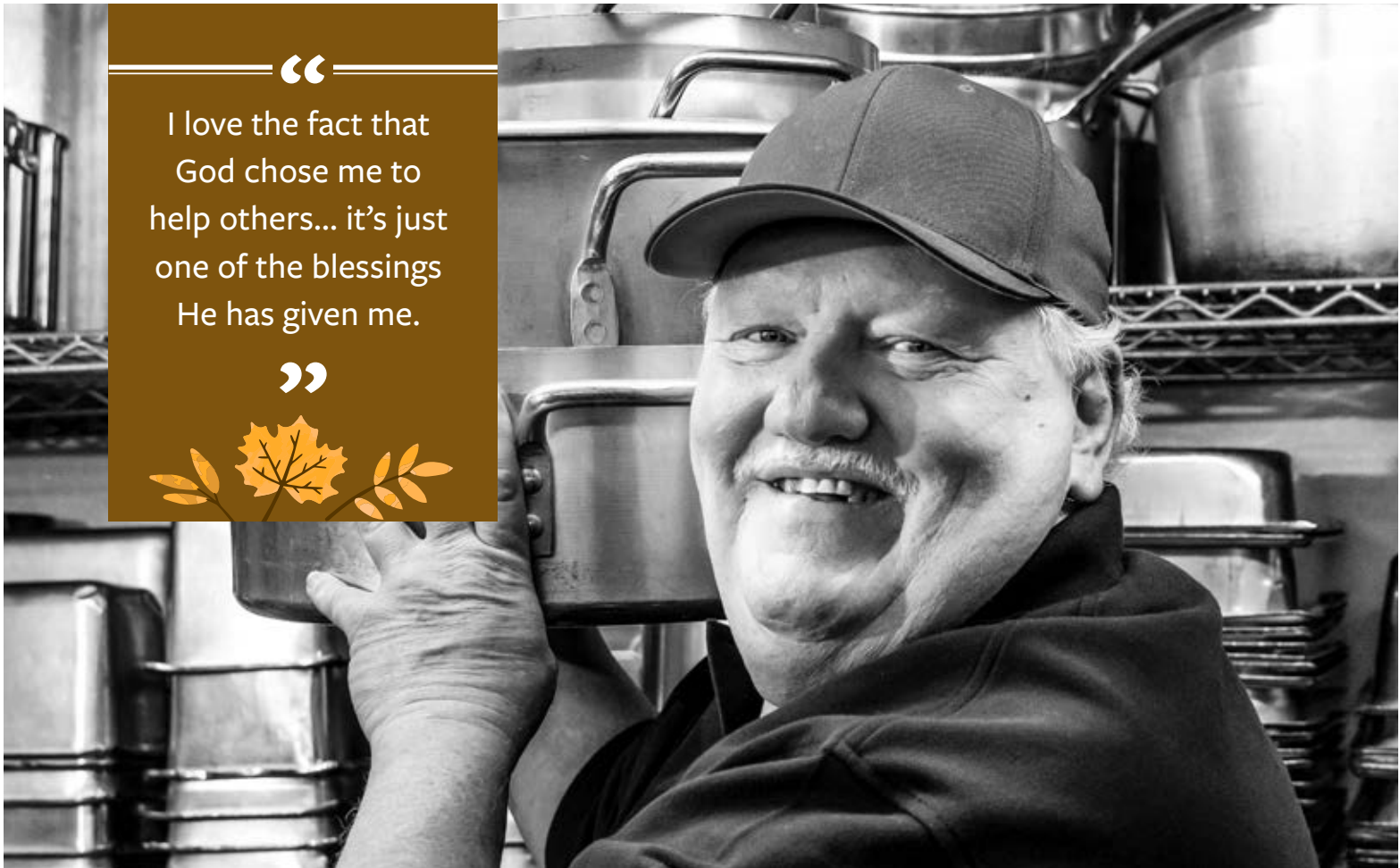
For 10 years, Tim has served on staff. "It's just a pleasure and a privilege to be here... I have a sense of peace. I thank God that He chose me to be a steward of his storehouse and I will continue to serve others... do whatever He needs me to do."

Tim's heart is overflowing with gratitude this Thanksgiving because YOUR loving support gave him the confidence and support to rebuild his life. "At the Mission, we give people hope. My heart's full and I'm just blessed."

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I love the fact that God chose me to help others... it's just one of the blessings He has given me.

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Celebrating Thanksgiving Every Day of the Year



A Message from PASTOR TIM LANE

Here's a wonderful Bible verse for this season of Thanksgiving: *"This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."* (Psalm 118:24) During Thanksgiving, we gather to thank the Lord for blessings of family, food and health.

But what if we kept that same, abundant spirit of the holiday in giving thanks every day of the year?

Each day at the Mission, I see people who are thankful for the gift of new life that YOU helped make possible! You wrap them in God's loving embrace. Teach them skills to build brighter futures. Lift up our ministry and guests in prayer. And rejoice over every heart restored through the hope of the Gospel!

Life is challenging right now. With continuing inflation,

costs for necessities like housing, gas and groceries are higher than ever. It's even harder for our struggling neighbors to make ends meet... and for our ministry to meet our community's pressing needs.

Through it all, I remain faithful to God's calling and grateful that I can rely on friends like you. My prayer this Thanksgiving is that you will do the same.

I hope you will take comfort in the love of friends and family, and the joy of knowing hearts are changed thanks to you. God bless you!

Pastor Tim Lane
Executive Director

2022 THANKSGIVING CAMPAIGN

YOU can give our hurting neighbors reason to celebrate!

Thousands of Meals Needed this Thanksgiving Season

Thanksgiving can be another difficult day for our neighbors struggling to overcome homelessness... poverty... addiction. But you can change that!

Just \$1.92 provides a hot, nourishing meal and more. Your gift welcomes someone to our table and leads to a better life through:



**Safe, welcoming
shelter**



**Warm clothing,
coats & shoes**



**Classes & job
training**



**The hope of the Gospel,
lovingly shared with them**



We need your help to serve thousands of meals this holiday season! **Please rush your 2022 Thanksgiving Campaign gift today using the enclosed reply card and envelope OR online at ugmsac.com.**

*Read Tim's story - a life you
helped change!*



Volunteers Needed

Do you have a heart to serve men, women and children here at the Mission? **We would love for you to join us as a volunteer!**



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

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

Email: info@ugmsac.com

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



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."*

Are you connected yet? Be the first to know what's going on!

Want the inside scoop on what's happening at the Mission? It's easy...

Follow us on social media! Every post shows you how your partnership is transforming lives and healing our community.

Sign up for our emails! You'll be the first to hear about outreach updates, urgent needs, special events and more.

And when you tell your friends, family and church about us, they can join the celebration this Thanksgiving, too!

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