



SAVING GRACE

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SHARING THE HOPE OF THE GOSPEL THIS Christmas!

Thanks to you!



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Celebrating the HOPE of Christmas

How comforting it is to know that our Lord, Jesus Christ, has shared in our humanity. He knows our struggles and the struggles of our poor and homeless neighbors too!

On the eve of his birth, Jesus and his earthly parents Joseph and Mary experienced being turned away and told there was “no room at the inn.” It reminds me that Christ understands the pain and fear of our guests who also have nowhere else to turn.

Here at the Union Gospel Mission, we will always do everything in our ability to welcome and support a hurting person who comes to our doors. Even so, many of our guests have faced years of homelessness... poverty... and other challenges that have left them feeling unloved and unwelcome.

During the holidays, caring friends like you help remind them they are not forgotten. Your gifts to provide hot meals, safe shelter, and Gospel-centered discipleship are meaningful expressions to them of the Lord’s kindness and care in their lives.

This Christmas, I invite you to extend Christ’s love and grace to our neighbors. Your generosity will surround them with hope this holiday season! Thank you, and may God bless you now and into the New Year.




Pastor Tim Lane
Executive Director

Scan to watch a special holiday greeting!

Share Gospel Hope AND A Christmas Meal...

It’s hard to have hope when you’re struggling with hunger or homelessness. **YOU can make this Christmas a time of celebration for our neighbors in need with your gift to help them today!**



\$1.92
for 1 hot meal



\$46.00
for 1 night of
safe shelter

**CAN GIVE
SOMEONE**



Please Send Your Christmas Gift Today!

\$150,000 Year-End Matching Challenge

DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT!



Thanks to a generous group of partners, when you give between now and December 31, your generosity will go 2x as far to provide food, shelter, and Christ-centered care... and above all *the hope of the Gospel* for our struggling neighbors!

The need is urgent. Time is running out to help our neighbors in need this holiday season. Scan to see how you can offer a helping hand before the year is over!



To take advantage of this special match opportunity, just add your special year-end gift to the reply card and send it today... or give online at **ugmsac.com**.

THANK YOU for doubling your impact during our Matching Challenge!

WHERE THE LIGHT OF THE GOSPEL Shines Bright

“I believe God put me on this planet to serve Him. At a Mission like this,” says Jeremy Gauthier, the 41-year-old Operations Manager and Lead Chaplain at the Union Gospel Mission. “God used everything in my life to shape me into the man I am today.”

Like many men at the Mission, Jeremy grew up in a troubled home. He started using drugs and alcohol at age 12 and spent 20 years trapped in addiction. He ended up homeless on the streets until God transformed his life at a shelter run by a church.

“They showed me a kind of life I’d never seen before,” he says. “They were so loving and gentle, and I wanted that.”

Shortly after Jeremy was saved, he began serving, replacing old habits that served himself to serving others and the local church. Later, he went to seminary, and in January 2022, he started serving as chaplain at the Mission.

“I was hired to reform the program and replace their AA and 12-step model with a biblical one. We desire to see the gospel transform lives from the inside out, train biblically, and then send them back into their communities and a local church prepared for life.”

One of Jeremy’s newest efforts is launching Redemption House, a residential home in downtown Sacramento to provide extended care for men after they graduate from the Mission’s program.

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“It will give them a safe, rent-free place to land after they leave, where they can continue growing in their faith and reach for their goals,” Jeremy says. “At the same time, it’s a place where local churches can come alongside them, mentor them, disciple them, and get them involved in their churches.”

This Christmas, thanks to generous support from friends like you, the Mission will continue to share the hope of Christ with even more people in our community. “Redemption House, and the men we serve there, is truly the light of the Gospel shining bright in downtown Sacramento.”



WE TURN CARS INTO CARE

Your car or truck that you have been questioning what to do with can be a wonderful answer to prayer for our graduate who just completed the New Life Program, is working, and needs transportation!

It’s easy to donate your vehicle to the Mission:

- **A Great Tax-Deduction** for the value of your vehicle.
- **Fast and Easy** – Staff will prepare all the paperwork for you.
- **Free Pick-Up.** Vehicles need to be running, smogged, and registered.

We do it all! Call **(916) 447-3268**. To learn more, visit **ugmsac.com/vehicle-donations**.

Pledge to Give Monthly in 2024

Most folks walk into the Union Gospel Mission with just the clothes on their backs. They're homeless, abandoned by friends, or are suffering from the consequences of their destructive behaviors. They have nowhere else to turn.

Our job is to take them into our family and make them feel at home. Feed them. Shelter them. Share the love of Christ and the Gospel message of hope.

Thanks to a very special group of people who really have faith in our work here in the greater Sacramento area, we have the resources to do just that. These people are members of our Redeem Team, and I would like to invite you to join them.

To learn more about this extraordinary group, contact Eileen Trussell at (916) 447-3268, ext. 37, or email info@ugmsac.com. To join now, visit ugmsac.com.

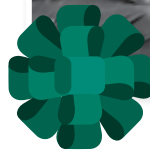
YOU MAKE CHRISTMAS AT THE MISSION SPECIAL!

Christmas Morning: Thanks to local donation drives and the generosity of people like you, our Mission guests experience the joy of waking up to Christmas gifts.



Holiday Feast: Your gifts help provide a delicious Christmas meal for our residents – for many, the first holiday feast they've enjoyed in years.

The Miracle of Jesus: Worship, prayer, fellowship, and a Gospel message of Christ's love – our guests gather in the chapel to celebrate the hope of Christmas together.



Thanks to you, our neighbors don't have to spend this Christmas on the streets. Your support provides hot meals, essential care, and a reminder of the true reason for the season!