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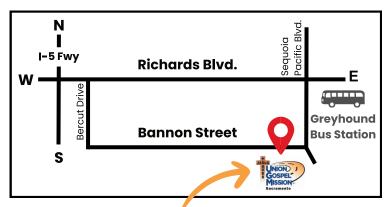








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# **2023 YEAR IN REVIEW**





## From our Executive Director

As I reflect over the past year, I have had the privilege of seeing God use the Union Gospel Mission to bring together local churches, volunteers, and donors to address the rising homelessness crisis we're experiencing in Sacramento.

I have seen the sacrifice and commitment of our staff and volunteers as they make sure our services are available every day. I hear of the Gospel messages being proclaimed by local church groups during our evening chapel, and I have shaken the hands of our New Life Program graduates who are on their way to a better life. All this was only possible because of our hope in Christ.

We have been addressing the increase in women's homelessness by continuing to offer our bi-weekly Bible studies and Women's Clothes Closet. We've also added a New Life Class and women's showers!

Adding this to our ongoing commitment to providing free meals ensures that we are meeting both their spiritual and physical needs.

We also had the honor of participating in the first-ever USA-hosted Homeless World Cup in Sacramento. Our New Life Program men grew in their strength and perseverance as they competed and shared their faith.

We were excited to see the return of our longanticipated Appreciation Banquet. It was a memorable event to show our gratitude to our amazing volunteers and donors who made our work possible.

Looking back at all that God has done this year, my heart is full of gratitude. I think about the many hours volunteers have given, the thousands of meals served, and the countless souls that heard the Gospel - praise God for His faithfulness! I hope you read this Year in Review encouraged knowing that our great God is at work here in Sacramento. *Pastor Tim Lane* 

#### **Redemption House**

For many years we have been praying for the opportunity to continue supporting graduates of our 10-month New Life Program. Typically after finishing our program, graduates face a daunting task as they have to quickly integrate back into society, find employment, and prepare their budget for housing. But this year, all that has changed with the purchase of our new transitional home called Redemption House!



We know God will use this house to transform many lives. Graduates of our New Life Program now have a longer head start to successfully transition back into society. During this time, local churches will send members to lead small groups and Bible studies at Redemption House to help normalize Christian living for our graduates. We give thanks to God for giving us so many generous donors who have enabled us to purchase this home. Thank you!



#### Women's New Life Ministry

This past year, we have seen a significant rise in homelessness, particularly among women. In response to meeting this growing need, we have faithfully been seeking the Lord for new ways to expand our services. We praise God that He has answered our prayers by giving us the unwavering support of so many donors and volunteers! We are so grateful to the ladies that come in every week to make sure our services are reliably available to any of the women and children in need.

Our bi-weekly Bible study has continued to provide a reliable opportunity for women and children to come off the streets and hear about the hope of Christ. In addition, they get to shop in our Women's Clothes Closet, which has been a wonderful source of much-needed help for our guests. This year, for the first time in UGM history, we began offering showers, a service that has been received with much gratitude.

A notable highlight of this year has been the introduction of the New Life Class, held every Tuesday after women attended a devotional, shopped for free clothes, or utilized our new showers. A Certified Biblical Counselor has been going through the Book of John and discipling many women who have become regulars and are growing in their faith!



#### 2023 Homeless World Cup

Men from our New Life
Program had the
privilege of participating
in the first-ever USAhosted Homeless World
Cup right here in
Sacramento, CA! More
than 400 players from 29
countries participated in
this week-long
tournament. Every
athlete competing in this
event had experienced
homelessness at least
once in their life.



We praise God that participating in this historic event gave many opportunities for our men to grow in godly character as they persevered through intense matches with very little training.

# Appreciation Banquet

This year we brought back our Appreciation Banquet for the first time since 2019! It was a joyous occasion as we had a chance to share our deepest appreciation and gratitude for our volunteers, church partners, and donors.

We enjoyed a delicious meal that was prepared and donated by John Saelee and fellow volunteers from City Bible Church. Kim Pacini-Hauch was awarded The Good Samaritan Award for her efforts in helping us purchase Redemption House. Pastor Tony Arnds of Folsom Bible Church brought an impactful Gospel message. Finally, our night concluded with a powerful testimony from our recent New Life Program graduate, Louis Moreno (pictured below).



### 2023 Impact



**95,760** Meals Served to Men, Women, & Children



**2,204** Women & Children served through our New Life Ministry



109 Men underwent our 10-Month New Life Program



**32,120** Nights of Safe Shelter



**26,000** Attended Chapel



**62,862** Articles of Clothing & Shoes Given



**20,782** Hygiene Products
Handed Out



**18,010** Showers Given to Men and Women



**1,624**Mailroom
Clients