



SAVING GRACE

A newsletter of the Union Gospel Mission • Summer 2024



The love **YOU** share

gives neighbors like Thomas
hope for a better life...



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A meal for \$2.39 is an easy way to **LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR!**



A Message from PASTOR TIM LANE

Thank you for **REMEMBERING** your neighbors this summer

What does summer mean to you? Family vacations... lazy mornings... afternoons at the park or by the pool. As a kid, you probably remember time standing still over summer. Yet, now these months seem to be busier than ever..

Between work, family, and community responsibilities, endless "to-do" lists crowd our days. In some ways, the "lazy days of summer" may be a thing of the past.

We've seen this at the Union Gospel Mission for a while now. As supporters in our community stay busy with summer plans, donations tend to drop off. I'm thankful you haven't forgotten about the needs of your neighbors – and that you respond with a heart of compassion... which is why I need your help.

As we enter **our 3-month Love Your Neighbor campaign, I hope I can count on you. Please give generously each month of this season** to help the men and women in the greater Sacramento area who are hurting and homeless.

Thank you for remembering to share love with your neighbors in need this summer – no matter how leisurely or lively these months may be.

With much gratitude,

Pastor Tim Lane
Executive Director

*"Just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."
- John 13:34b-35*



PLEDGE TO GIVE MONTHLY IN 2024

We're grateful for faithful friends whose regular support as **Redeem Team Monthly Giving Partners** provides a reliable stream of revenue to fund our programs of rescue, discipleship, and restoration through the Gospel's message of Christ's love.

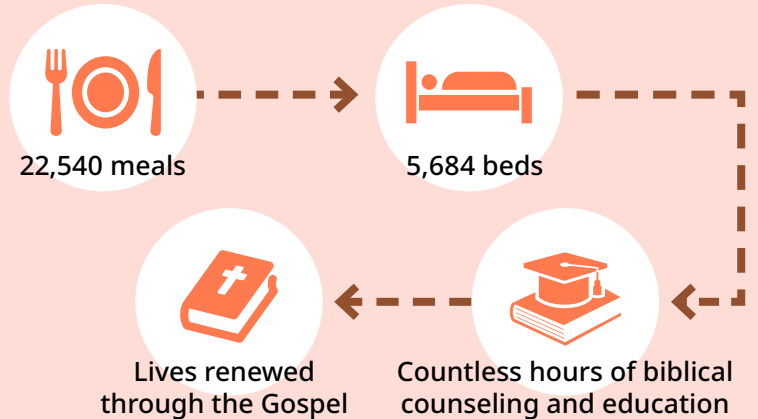
We invite you to join this vital group!

Your pledge of \$35, \$25, or \$15 per month will help ensure an ongoing foundation of transformation for men and women working to rebuild their lives, restore their families, and return to their communities.

To learn more about becoming a member of this extraordinary group, contact our Development Director, Eileen Trussell, at **(916) 447-3268, ext. 37** or email **info@ugmsac.com**.

TRANSFORMING LIVES

is possible this summer... **thanks to YOU!**



*At every step of their journey...
YOUR gift helps change their lives.*

Support our Summer Campaign to restore hearts & rebuild lives!

Give now! ugmsac.com



Finding Purpose – AND REDEMPTION – In God’s Will



For 21 years, Thomas’s work as a Mission Chaplain has served as a reminder of God’s faithfulness. “Because I’ve experienced being an addict,” he reflects, “the Lord has been able to use me for His purpose, and I’m so grateful.”

Heroin addiction almost cost him everything as a young man. “Even though it was against all that I believed, I fell into addiction while I was overseas in the service.”

God brought Thomas out of addiction’s grip, and having experienced the miracle of Jesus’s saving grace, he was inspired to spread the Gospel. “In ’77, God called me to be a lay minister in the church.”

In Albuquerque, Thomas served in a church and at a local mission. “I moved to a church in Rockland where I was ordained and became a minister of evangelism.” And it was during this transition that God led him to the Union Gospel Mission.

When he began at the Mission, he was the only chaplain on staff, supporting Mission guests at every stage in their journey of discipleship.

As additional chaplains have joined the Mission, he’s seen the work expand and felt the relief of having a team to share the load of caring for

Mission residents. “We minister to the men in the program, and we watch over the graduates too, as they move into the next chapter in their lives.”

From employment and housing assistance to sobriety checks and spiritual accountability, Thomas and his team are committed to sharing Christ’s love and helping residents succeed.

“Isn’t it remarkable how the Lord can take your worst shame and use it to bring healing?”

Thomas praises God for your heart of compassion that helps his team minister to neighbors in need. Because you chose to share God’s love, he sees firsthand how weary Mission guests find new hope and life. “The Mission is doing work of the Kingdom of God in these men’s lives, and that’s the most important thing – that the Gospel is preached with clarity.”

Keep neighbors SAFE this summer

Many of us can count on cold drinking water, refreshing showers, and air conditioning to make it through this summer's hottest weeks.

But our neighbors out on the street have no relief. They're at risk of heat stroke, dehydration, or even death – especially those who are most vulnerable, like seniors or families with children.

Your gift can make all the difference for someone experiencing homelessness this summer. Just \$47.00 provides a meal and a night of safe shelter for a man and many services, such as clothing, food, and care for women and children.



**Cool water to drink
& nourishing meals**



**Refreshing showers
& safe shelter**



**Clean clothes, socks, and
yes, even blankets are
needed this time of year!**



**Sunscreen &
hygiene items**

Because of your support, hurting neighbors have what they need with Bible studies and discipleship to recover and rebuild at the Mission – so they can have healthier, more stable lives!



**Your gift of
\$47.00
provides a
meal + night
of shelter!**



We Turn Cars Into Care

That car, truck, or other vehicle that's taking up space in your garage, yard, or driveway could be providing life-changing care for our program graduates through our Vehicle Donation Program!

It's easy to donate any vehicle to the Mission, as long as it's in **running condition, smogged, and registered.**

If your vehicle meets these criteria, we would be grateful for your support. Your kind donation will go a long way in supporting our graduates, and you'll be entitled to a **tax deduction** for the value of your vehicle!

To learn more, contact Danny Vanek at **(916) 600-3087** or **dvanek@ugmsac.com**, or visit **ugmsac.com/vehicle-donations**.

**To see how you
can help meet our
neighbors' most
urgent summer
needs, visit
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