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A Message from PASTOR TIM LANE

Sometimes I wonder, what would become of the struggling neighbors the Union Gospel Mission cares for if it wasn't for your compassion and generosity?

I think of people like Jeff, whose story you can read on Page 3 – his testimony is a powerful reminder and encourages us to continue our work with your prayers and support. God is moving at this Mission, transforming lives for His Kingdom to come!

I thank God for how YOU are providing hope, help, and the opportunity to transform lives for the lost and hurting in our community.

From the essentials of food, warm clothing, and safe

shelter... to long-term healing and stability through our discipleship program – with you beside us and Christ as our foundation – our ministry can provide all this and even more life-changing services this fall.

As we prepare to serve an estimated 25,500 meals to our hungry neighbors, I pray you'll continue to share your time, talent, and gifts with our ministry, knowing God will use your blessings to restore hope in many lives.

Thank you for giving me – and countless guests at the Union Gospel Mission – a reason to give thanks this fall!

Pastor Tim Lane, Executive Director



Chapel Changes Lives

“So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.” - Romans 10:17

Attending chapel at the Mission can be a major turning point in the life of someone who has lost all hope. After struggling with abuse, addiction, and their life of sin, many do not want to turn to God.

Chapel helps find faith!

Faith in the Gospel of Christ is what saves. That is what is proclaimed through the prayer, praise, and preaching in our chapel services every night of the year.

Are you or your church interested in getting involved with chapel or donating Bibles for our guests? For more info, contact us at (916) 447-3268 or info@ugmsac.com.

Join Our
2024 THANKSGIVING CAMPAIGN

25,500

Meals Needed this Thanksgiving Season

This Thanksgiving, countless guests will gather at our tables. Many are alone... longing to overcome homelessness and poverty... wishing they could reunite with their families.

For just \$2.39, YOU can provide a meal to nourish their bodies and lift their spirits. Your gift welcomes someone who is hurting to our table and surrounds them with life-changing care:

Shelter at a Christian Mission

Warm clothing, coats, shoes, and essential care

Biblical Classes, job training, and transitional housing

The Gospel that Saves!

Please help our neighbors in need this holiday season! Send your 2024 Thanksgiving Campaign gift today using the enclosed reply card and envelope OR online at ugmsac.com.

Scan to see how you can help this fall!

“Now, I’m a new creation in Christ.”

Jeff’s parents abused him when he was a little boy and he grew up with deep, emotional wounds. “If I couldn’t trust my own mom and dad, I felt like I couldn’t trust anyone, so I put up walls to protect myself.”

Alone behind those walls, with no one to help him heal, Jeff turned to alcohol and drugs to numb his pain. “I was trapped, imprisoned in my own addiction,” he says.

But he was a functioning addict, able to hold down a job, provide for his family, and keep his bondage a secret. “I hid behind a mask for more than 20 years.”

Then Jeff began to sense God calling him to come out of hiding. “He was pressing on my heart to trust the people around me,” Jeff says. “Finally, I told my wife, my child, and my in-laws the truth.”

Jeff’s trust was well-placed. His family began praying for him and God answered their prayers by leading him to the Mission. That’s when Jeff entered our New Life Program and was transformed. **“God opened my eyes to His truth of the Gospel. I repented and turned my life over to Jesus Christ, and it changed who I am.”**

Through discipleship and life skills classes, Jeff also found healing for his childhood trauma and learned to live out his newfound faith. “The Mission changed my heart and mind, through God’s Word,” he says.

Jeff graduated in March of this year and he thanks God for being able to return to his former job, move back home with his wife and daughter, and be the godly husband and father they deserve. “I’ve become the man God always intended – an ambassador of Jesus, living in His righteousness.”

This fall, Jeff gives thanks for YOU and your incredible generosity. Your prayers and support have helped change his life.

“I was separated from God, on a path of self-destruction, but the Mission saved me. Now, I’m a new creation in Christ.”

**“God got a hold of my heart
and transformed my life.”**



Donate Your Vehicle Change a Life



Looking to make a meaningful impact? Consider donating your car or truck to us!

Your generous gift will be given to one of our New Life Program graduates as he leaves the Mission and launches out on his own. Because of you, he'll have the means to commute to work and/or school, shop for groceries, get to medical and dental appointments, and more. You'll be helping to equip him for his new life of self-reliance.

All donated vehicles must be running, registered, and smogged, and all donations are tax deductible.

For more information or to make a donation, contact Danny Vanek at

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Thank you!

AN EXTRAORDINARY GROUP OF PEOPLE!

Redeem Team

For our poor and homeless neighbors, each day is a struggle to survive and find hope to carry on.

Jesus calls us to care for them, to welcome them in, to feed, shelter, and clothe them in His name.

Because of the generosity of the members of our monthly giving club – **Redeem Team** – we have the resources to answer that call.

Will you consider joining this group of faithful friends of the Mission? Your monthly gift will help ensure that we're able to provide for all who walk through our doors and give them the hope and transforming power of the Gospel!

To learn more about becoming a monthly giving partner, go to [🖥️ https://ugmsac.com/redeem-team/](https://ugmsac.com/redeem-team/).

