



SAVING GRACE

A newsletter of the Union Gospel Mission • Easter 2025

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ROBERT BRIGGS,
our new
Executive
Director!**



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You may have noticed a new name on your letters from the Union Gospel Mission. In January, Pastor Robert Briggs stepped into the role of Executive Director. Eager to share his heart and vision for the role, Pastor Robert gives his thoughts on the committed work, Gospel-centered purpose, and ongoing needs of our Mission.

What's the first thing you want supporters of the Mission to know as you begin this role?

"We are continuing to expand our work, but nothing is changing. We will maintain our historic values of bringing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the last, the least, and the lost of Sacramento, and sharing the hope of eternal life with those who need it."

What do you hope to accomplish in your first year leading at the Mission?

"Encouraging our staff and setting course for future expansion. My goal is helping the Mission develop and expand its influence and usefulness in addressing the major spiritual and social issues that lie at the heart of homelessness and addiction in Sacramento."

What is your vision for the Union Gospel Mission and the community it serves?

"That we will continue to be faithful, our work will be fruitful, and we will particularly begin to think about the growing needs of women and children as we make plans to expand our women's ministry. I also hope we will encourage and unite the churches and Christian community of the greater Sacramento area to come together to combat the homeless crisis."

Do you have any special message to share as we celebrate the Easter season?

"We get to celebrate Easter and proclaim the Gospel message of Jesus! And I am truly grateful for the generosity of our faithful donors, especially since we do not receive government funding. I pray that their faithful support continues, and I encourage everyone to look at our list of urgent needs on page 4 and help us meet the needs of our neighbors."



Quick Facts ABOUT PASTOR ROBERT



He was born in Glasgow, Scotland and moved to the US in 2003



He has pastored at Immanuel Baptist Church in Sacramento for 21 years



He's been involved with the Union Gospel Mission for over 19 years



He serves as chaplain to the Sacramento Republic FC Soccer Club



The Gift of New Life in Christ

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." - 2 Corinthians 5:17



A Message from PASTOR ROBERT BRIGGS

Hope in Christ...

Men and women often come to us on the worst days of their life. They're tired, hungry, and struggling with shame. For many, the Union Gospel Mission is a last resort.

But the fact that they come to us at all means they still have a glimmer of hope. Because they're trying to change, part of them still believes a new life is possible. **Generous friends like you provide the services and programs that help rebuild their lives!**

Through the Gospel, God delivers our hurting and homeless neighbors. Whether they come for a meal, a safe place to sleep, or for recovery, your generosity helps bring the message of hope and new life in Christ to the least, the last, and the lost.

Especially now during the Easter season, the hope of new life carries a special meaning. We're reminded of the empty tomb – a symbol that nothing is impossible with God. We hold that promise for each of our neighbors in need.

Thank you for caring for our homeless, hungry neighbors.

Through your gifts and prayers, you show that you have faith in their future and the power of God's redeeming love!

Happy Easter... and God bless!

Pastor Robert Briggs
Executive Director



YOU changed lives last year!

In 2024, friends like you joined together to make an incredible, Gospel-centered impact for our poor and homeless neighbors...



108,000 meals fed the hungry and the needy



32,120 nights of shelter kept people safe



Your compassion opened the door to many other services and recovery with the Gospel at the center of all that we do.

Thank you!

Because you showed you care, our community's most vulnerable men, women, and children are looking forward to a brighter future!



This Easter... EVERY MEAL MATTERS

Just \$2.39 for a meal & hope for a new life!

Each meal served with love at the Mission is so much more than a plate of food. It can also open the door to life-changing services like safe shelter, essential items and care, and a new life in our recovery program and job preparedness.

Every meal you provide this Easter matters!

Just \$2.39 provides a hot, nourishing Easter meal to someone in need... and shares the hope of the Gospel for a new life in Christ.

✉ Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.

✨ Give online anytime at ugmsac.com.



GIVE MONTHLY. **SAVE LIVES ALL YEAR!**

You can make a lasting difference in our community when you become a monthly partner!

These days, it costs more than ever to provide the life-changing care our hurting neighbors at the Union Gospel Mission need... By becoming a Redeem Team partner, you can help our residents start their journey to a new life in Christ by providing:



HELP OUR NEIGHBORS IN NEED **THIS EASTER**



Make Easter Week a blessing!
Bring your donations by **April 14.**

You can help thousands of our homeless and poor neighbors this Easter!

Donate these much-needed items to provide for their needs and give them Gospel-centered hope for a new life.

URGENTLY NEEDED ITEMS!

- BLANKETS
- SLEEPING BAGS
- BACKPACKS
- TOWELS
- SPRING CLOTHING AND SHOES
- BODY WASH, SHAMPOO, TOOTHPASTE, TOOTHBRUSHES, DEODORANT, RAZORS, BRUSHES/COMBS

Drop off donations at the Mission at 400 Bannon St., Sacramento,
7 days a week, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m

No time to shop? Donate now!

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monthly now!**

