



“I’ve Stopped Leading a Double Life”

by Katie



I came to the Tri-City Union Gospel Mission at the roughest time in my life. I’d been using really bad drugs and making terrible choices. I’m bipolar, but I wasn’t taking my medication. I did my best to hide it from the people who loved me. I was living a double life, but I never could fool myself. I knew that I was a ticking time bomb... always on the verge of flying off the handle. I wasn’t being a good mother to my sons, Caden and Griffin.

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— Katie”

The final straw was when I lashed out and assaulted my ex-boyfriend. That landed me in jail. All along, it didn’t feel like *me* doing these things. It felt like I was powerless to stop this strange person I’d become.

I met an incredible woman in jail. She had a long sentence ahead of her, but she seemed so calm. I asked her for her secret. Her response was that she had Jesus in her life.

Right in that instant, I knew I was changed. I picked up a Bible that same day and began to read. When I got out, I knew the Mission would be the best place to get my life back in order.

Throughout my stay here, my perspective has shifted. I’ve accepted Jesus into my heart. Whatever comes my way, I trust He is with me. I’m clean and sober now, and God has given me the opportunity to be able to make amends and to the people I’ve hurt.

This program gave me the time and energy to focus on fixing my life. I’m getting the help I need for my mental illness. Most importantly, it’s helped me gain back the trust of my parents and my kids. Right now, the boys are staying with their grandparents. But I’m visiting them more often and we’re becoming a family again. I’ve transitioned from this program to a halfway house. Soon I’ll be looking for a place of my own.

God bless you for the help you’ve given me along the way. I’ll always be grateful!



Rising to the Challenge This Fall

Message from Andrew Porter, Executive Director

Dear Friend of the Mission,

Katie's story, from the front page of this newsletter, inspires me greatly. It's proof positive of your kindness at work. You should feel a sense of accomplishment for the part you've played in transforming her life for the better.

Why your support means even more heading into the holidays . . .

But stories like Katie's also serve to remind me of the urgent need we're facing in this community. For every person whose body and soul we've nourished back to health, there's another one out there hurting. Feeling alone. Wondering if a better life is truly possible.

With autumn approaching, the need for our life-changing services will only increase.

That makes your support of Tri-City Union Gospel Mission even more valuable heading into the holiday season.

I know I can count on you to rise to the challenge this fall. I know you'll continue helping to feed, shelter, and otherwise care for hurting souls of every description here in the Tri-Cities. And I'm certain you'll keep on supporting the New Life Recovery Program, our Bible-based approach to spiritual restoration.

On behalf of Katie and the many others you've helped through your giving to the Mission, thank you and God bless you for caring!

Andrew Porter
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Update: Russell's a New Man, Thanks to You!

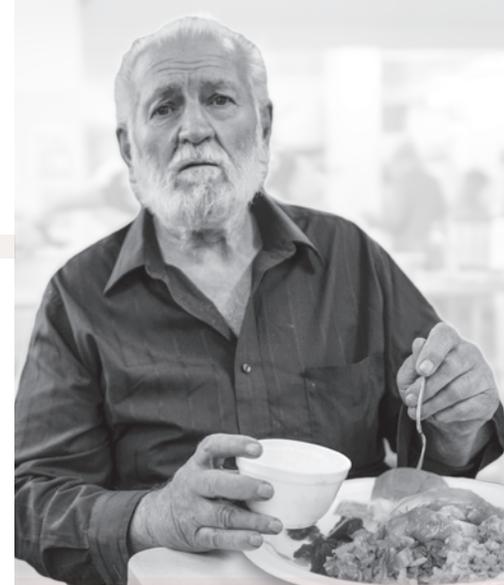
Russell came to Tri-City Union Gospel Mission a lost soul. The first part of his story appeared in a previous edition of New Life. Here's an update on his progress, several years down the line.

"I don't know what is coming," Russell says. "But today, I am not going to drink. My prayer to God was to take away the desire."

He's come a long way since first arriving at our Mission, reeking of liquor and broken dreams. So, what fills up Russell's life now, in place of the desire to drink?

"In its place I have Christ in my life. Along with that, I have the willingness to stay employed, to pay off my child support, and to be a new person."

Today, Russell's is often the first face you'll see when you visit our men's shelter in Pasco. He works the front desk, welcoming other lost souls in from the street. Thank you for making this cycle of rescue and renewal possible through your generosity!



HOW YOU TRANSFORM LIVES, EVERY DAY

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" (2 Corinthians 5:17)

For the broken, beaten-down men, women, and children who walk through our doors, transformation often feels like a dream beyond reach. At first, your gifts help nourish their bodies and put a roof over their weary heads. Once those earthly needs are satisfied, the real miracles begin.

Through your support, these hurting souls begin to realize that they're special and deserving in God's eyes. Many of them accept Jesus into their hearts and begin a life of hope and renewal. They arrive broken and leave restored . . . new creations with a purpose in life!

This Thanksgiving season, please do all you can to help our homeless neighbors in need. Thank you, in advance, for your continued generosity!

To give today, please use the enclosed reply slip, or make your donation online at www.tcugm.org. You may also call us at 509.547.2112. Thank you for being a friend to men, women, and children who need your help.

PLEASE GIVE TODAY

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And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. (Romans 8:28, NIV)