

NEW LIFE

SAVING LIVES / RESTORING HOPE / IMPACTING COMMUNITY

A Newsletter of Tri-City Union Gospel Mission – Holiday 2020



THANK YOU FOR BRINGING
GREAT JOY
TO HURTING PEOPLE

You changed Eldon's life



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“The Mission is a lifesaving place that gives people hope and lets them know they’re loved.”

Eldon grew up with a dad who wasn’t around much, which left him feeling angry and abandoned. So at age 12, he started partying and using drugs.

“My mom basically raised us. I was trying to fill a void that only God can fill.”

His drug use spun out of control when his fiancée, who was his high school sweetheart, was shot and killed. “That sent me off the deep end... I was mad at God.”

Eldon spent years caught up in addiction until he hit what he calls the triple H. “I was helpless, homeless and hopeless. Sleeping in a tent in my sister’s backyard, and God kept bringing the Mission to mind.”

The day he walked into Tri-City Union Gospel Mission, everything changed for Eldon.

“I believe the Lord brought me here,” he says, smiling. “Before I had no purpose... no destination. Now it’s all in God’s hands, and He can do miracles.”

At the Mission, Eldon recommitted his life to God.

He entered our New Life Program and found strength and support to help him face the future with faith.

“I learned more about God and the Bible, and that He’s all about hope. God is good and He helps people at the Mission overcome old ways of living.”

He also found a new calling – to minister to others who are hurting. “Now this is my mission: to help others and bring them to Christ,” he says.

Eldon graduated from the program with new hope for the future. He knows that God will direct his steps and lead the way for him to be a servant of His kingdom.

“I would love to work at the Mission. Even when I live in my own place I still want to volunteer and be a part of what God is doing here.”

This year, Eldon will be celebrating Christmas as a renewed creation, filled with the great joy of God’s love. “When Jesus loves you, you can have love for others. Love conquers all.”



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Celebrating rebirth this *Christmas*

As we celebrate the Christmas season and the miracle of Jesus' birth in a lowly manger, we must keep in mind the ending... That He gave His life on the cross so you and I could be reborn as children of God.

You know that the guests of Tri-City Union Gospel Mission have had a tough time before they come through our doors. Poverty, addiction, homelessness, hunger, violence... you name it. ***But what's so incredible is not their past stories, but how their lives are completely transformed thanks to you.***

You believe that change is possible. More than that, your generous support gives these men, women and children the very services and support they need to be restored and reborn. You give them the most incredible gift there is this Christmas: the chance to find peace, purpose and a new life filled with God's blessings.

As you celebrate this joyous season with loved ones, I hope you'll remember your neighbors who still need healing. After this difficult year, my prayer is that God will move in mighty ways in hearts and communities across the country. May you be filled with peace and love, and continue to share His love with others.



Andrew Porter
Executive Director

It Starts With You...

You make transformation possible!

This has been a hard year for everyone, *especially* for your neighbors in our community who lost jobs or experienced unexpected difficulties during the pandemic. But they have hope thanks to YOU!

Your compassionate support provides:

- Safe shelter and clean clothing
- Life skills classes and practical guidance
- The message of God's life-changing love



Just \$2.05 provides a meal and care for one person... and could be the first step toward lasting transformation.

Please Send Your Gift Today!



\$2.05
for 1 hot meal



\$30.75
for 1 night of
safe shelter

**CAN GIVE
SOMEONE**



**A new life healed
by God's LOVE**

READ ELDON'S STORY TO LEARN MORE!

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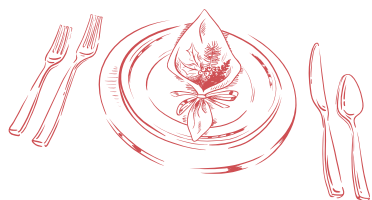


The holidays are our busiest time of year, as hundreds of your hungry, hurting neighbors come through our doors in search of a hot meal. And you can help us be ready to serve them all with a smile!



Please host a food drive or donate the much-needed items listed below to help serve thousands of delicious, nutritious meals throughout the holiday season. Please deliver your items to **221 S. 4th Ave. Pasco** (please use the 3rd Ave. entrance) by Monday, December 21.

- Boneless Hams, Frozen Turkeys
- Salad Dressings
- Bags of Potatoes
- Ground Coffee, Sugar (white & brown)
- Butter, Cooking Oil, Herbs & Spices
- Napkins



Planned Giving • Leave a Legacy

There's a simple way you can leave a legacy of support to care for your homeless, hurting neighbors. When deciding about a gift to Tri-City Union Gospel Mission, planned giving can help you:

- Accomplish your giving goals
- Increase the impact of your gift
- Potentially reduce taxes

Wise counsel can help you determine the best giving option for you today and in the future. **To learn more, visit tcugm.org and click on "Planned Giving" under the "Ways to Give" tab.** Thank you for blessing others for years to come!

Thanks to the recently passed CARES Act, your gift today could qualify for a greater tax deduction. Please check with your tax adviser for more information.

Andrew, please use my Christmas gift to bless my struggling neighbors who have had such a challenging year:

- ☐ \$26.65 to feed & care for 13 people
- ☐ \$53.30 to feed & care for 26 people
- ☐ \$75.85 to feed & care for 37 people
- ☐ \$88.15 to feed & care for 43 people
- ☐ \$_____ to help as much as possible

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY / STATE / ZIP _____

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