

NEW LIFE

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A Newsletter of Tri-City Union Gospel Mission – Easter 2022

JONNY IS *celebrating new life* **THIS EASTER!**

Thank you for touching
his life with hope.



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the better I feel."

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"THE MORE I PRAY, THE BETTER I FEEL."

Jonny knows just how important second chances can be. After all, he was given a chance for a new life after spending six weeks in a coma.

His struggles began after his first marriage ended and he turned to drugs to cope with the pain. "My ex-wife was cheating on me and I felt worthless and suicidal. I started trying to numb myself with drugs."

For years, Jonny's life was controlled by addiction. The turning point finally came when he overdosed and ended up in a coma. On Christmas morning, Jonny came out of his coma – stunned but grateful to be alive. But his joy was short-lived because he no longer had a stable home to go to. He ended up living in his car until it ran out of gas, and eventually decided to make a life-changing decision...

"I was in a horrible place – full of self-loathing and feeling like something was missing in my life. I left my car, got on a bus and rode to the Mission."

In our care, Jonny was given the time and support he needed to recover. The overdose left him with physical and mental challenges, like having to relearn how to tie his shoes and other skills that his brain had forgotten how to do.

"Everybody's nice and patient with me because they know I lost a lot of memory and have a learning disability caused by the coma. That helps a lot."

But even more amazing than the physical healing he's found is the spiritual growth he has experienced after accepting Christ as his Savior.

"I've learned that God is going to show me what's right for me on His time... not on my time. I'm learning how to live in a Christlike way."

Your generous support has filled Jonny's life with love, encouragement and, most of all, hope this Easter season. "I feel like I got a second chance at life. I used to think I was a loser and never thought I would become anything again, but now I'm hopeful."

"I realized that everything happens for a reason and God's plan was for me to be at the Mission."





TCUGM RESPITE CARE

Many people become homeless because of the struggles caused by existing health problems. Once homeless, their ability to recover from illness and medical procedures becomes more than just challenging... it becomes life threatening. And the strain on hospitals and emergency rooms to care for them is costly and overwhelming.

Our new respite care program at TCUGM is designed to overcome this crisis. We provide a safe, clean environment where homeless patients can recover, which greatly reduces hospital re-admittance and ER visits. Support from compassionate friends like YOU helps us provide this life-saving service... thank you!

SEE THE DIFFERENCE YOU ARE MAKING!

Want to learn more about how your support is impacting the lives of our hurting and homeless neighbors here in the Tri-Cities area?

Check out our website to read stories of lives changed, learn about upcoming volunteer opportunities and read the latest news about happenings here at the Mission. You can even make a safe, secure donation online to share God's love to help transform even more hearts and lives! Visit us today at **tcugm.org**.

"Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!" – Luke 24:5-6, NIV



A Message from ANDREW PORTER

The everlasting hope **OF EASTER**

As we celebrate the joy of Easter morning, we must also remember the pain and sorrow of Calvary. The agony Jesus faced and the fear His friends and followers felt when they thought all hope was lost.

Many of the people who come through our doors also feel like all hope is lost. They look back on their lives and feel nothing but brokenness... regret... shame.

But this Easter, they can experience the heart-pounding joy and love that comes through new life in Christ! Your support helps us share that message of hope all year long, but most especially during the miraculous Easter season.

The Bible tells us, "*And God is able to bless you abundantly...*" (2 Cor. 9:8 NIV). Through your

gifts to the Mission, you pass on those blessings to those who come through our doors!

Thanks to caring friends like you, this Easter will be a time of rejoicing for those who have found abundant life in the arms of our Risen Savior... and a time to welcome anyone in need of everlasting hope.

I pray that you, too, will be filled with blessings and peace this Easter!

Andrew Porter
Executive Director



CELEBRATE EASTER BY CARING FOR OUR HURTING NEIGHBORS!

Hurting men and women turn to the Mission each day... longing for a second chance in life. Today, you can help make their new beginning possible with help like:

♥ **A hot meal for \$2.05 – often the first step to a new life in Christ**

♥ An overnight stay in our safe shelter

♥ Christ-centered care & healing in our life-change programs

By giving generously now, our homeless and hungry neighbors will be welcomed with food, shelter and care this Easter season!

✉ Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.

✎ Give online anytime at **tcugm.org**.

Thank you for your support of our Mission guests. Have a blessed Easter!



RESTORE HOPE THIS EASTER

You have a BIG heart for those in need – and here's a great way to show how much you care this Easter! Between now and Easter Sunday, we're preparing to serve **thousands of hot meals** and provide men, women and children with **basic necessities like safe shelter, clean clothing and Christ-centered care.**

With YOUR support we can help hurting neighbors that come through our doors this Easter and all year long.

*Drop off donations at the Mission,
221 S. 4th Avenue, Pasco, WA 99301.*

No time to shop? Donate now!

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URGENTLY NEEDED ITEMS!

Drop off any of these items
by Friday, April 15:

- ☐ HAMS
- ☐ BUTTER
- ☐ CANNED VEGETABLES
- ☐ CHEESE
- ☐ SALAD DRESSINGS
- ☐ NAPKINS
- ☐ COFFEE
- ☐ CREAMER



A praise... and a prayer request from our Executive Director, Andrew Porter:

Great news! We recently purchased 3.46 acres of land in Kennewick where we will build a new Women and Children's Facility in the future. We ask that you pray for God to guide us as we plan and prepare for this exciting and much-needed new home for struggling women and their families, and that it will help break the cycle of poverty and homelessness here in our community.