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

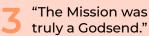
# MARK IS SO GRATEFUL

you have given him new life!









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# "THE MISSION WAS TRULY A GODSEND."

Living on the street was the worst thing Mark could have imagined. Every day was a challenge. Before, he'd held a job for 27 years, but when the business was sold, he'd lost everything. Now he was struggling with anxiety and depression; he even considered taking his own life. But Mark managed to take life one day at a time.

"I always had a little voice in the back of my mind saying, 'God never gives you more than you can handle," he says.

Mark had been to Tri-City Union Gospel Mission once before. He needed our help again, but he was ashamed of how far he'd fallen. He didn't think we would want him back. He was wrong; Mark was welcomed with open arms.

At the Mission, Mark received the support he needed. Medical care and mentoring helped him cope with his anxiety and depression. His relationship with God also started maturing. Mark had heard about the love of Jesus before, but here, he took it to heart and began a real relationship with the Lord.

"My eyes, heart and mind are open to God," he says. "It's like night and day to what it was before I came to the Mission. I pray. I read my Bible. I have one-on-one chats with Him. All I can think about is our Lord."

For the first time since he lost his job and became homeless, Mark is excited about his future. He's now working for the Mission and is considering going back to school to become a Christian counselor.

I felt honored and privileged that they would allow me to come back.

"I'm a completely different person than I was when I came," he says. "If the Mission hadn't been here, I don't think I would be here. It's gratifying to know there are people out there who care."

Mark is thankful for the kindness and compassion of loving neighbors like you – and how you have given him peace and hope for the future. "I couldn't have done it without the help of the Mission."



# **LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR!** It starts with a meal for \$2.25!



"Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another." – 1 John 4:11, NIV

#### A Message from ANDREW PORTER

### Will You Love Your Neighbor This Summer?

Did you know the Bible tells us to love our neighbor in *eight* different verses? So clearly the Lord calls each of us to not just love, but to love generously. At the Mission, our staff's hearts are filled with love for those who are hurting and lost... and YOU put that love into action with your faithful support.

The summer months can be especially challenging for our neighbors in our community. Those living on the streets face added stress and health risks due to the heat. Parents already struggling to pay the bills have the added burden of childcare costs and more meals to serve.

What's more, the summer months are when we typically see a decline in donations as people are busy with vacations and other activities... and often forget about our struggling neighbors.

#### That's why I hope we can count on you during the Love Your Neighbor campaign!

I know you won't let these precious men, women and children be forgotten during the summer season. That you'll show them someone cares and there is hope for the future.

Thank you for loving our neighbors with your financial support and for keeping us in your prayers this summer as we minister to the hurting - we need it!

Andrew D. Porter

Andrew Porter Executive Director

# THESE Summer **CAN CHANGE LIVES!**

What is the "Summer 6"? These essentials are in high demand for our Mission guests this summer... and YOU can help by donating any - or all - of these items!

- 1. Bottled water
- 2. Powdered drink mixes
- 3. Protein bars/single serve snack items
- 4. (anned fruits/vegetables
- 5. Single ride bus tickets
- 6. Summer clothing/shoes

You can deliver your Summer 6 donations to 221 S. 4th Avenue, seven days a week. Thank you for caring for Mission guests during the summer season!

## SHOW THEM YOU CARE Help meet our community's needs!



#### Your gift today provides:









33,000 meals

8,600 beds



hundreds/ thousands of clothing items



hundreds of hours of job training



DONATIONS SLOW DOWN IN SUMMER ... PLEASE HELP TODAY!

Support our Summer Campaign by donating online at tcugm.org!

## Make This the Summer YOU Make a Difference!

The ministry of Tri-City Union Gospel Mission simply wouldn't be possible without the hard work of our faithful volunteers. This summer, we are looking for caring, compassionate friends to lend a hand in the following areas:

- Serve an evening meal
- Organize a collection drive for food or other supplies
- Work in the office
- Preach or sing at a chapel service
- Help tutor men, women and children
- Plus other opportunities to serve!

For more information about how your family, church group, coworkers or organization can help, please call

(509) 547-2112 or check out upcoming volunteer opportunities online at tcugm.org.

Thank you for choosing to love your neighbor by volunteering!

## There's So Much More Online!

Want to learn more about how your support is transforming lives through the Mission? Visit our website **tcugm.org,** where you can read stories from those touched by your gifts and prayers.

You can also find out about volunteer opportunities, news and events and donate securely – all online at **tcugm.org!** 

