

NEW LIFE

SAVING LIVES / RESTORING HOPE / IMPACTING COMMUNITY

A Newsletter of Tri-City Union Gospel Mission – Easter 2023

THANK YOU FOR GIVING *Thomas* A NEW BEGINNING.



Because of you, he
has joy in his heart
this Easter!



Union Gospel Mission

**DON'T
MISS...**

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Help our hurting
neighbors this
Easter

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"I've accomplished
so much here."

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Help meet our
Easter needs

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**“The Mission helped
make me the man I
want to be.”**



“My childhood was a disaster,” Thomas will tell you, and then quickly add, smiling, “And I’m OK with that.”

Many heartaches later, he finally understands that the early chaos was not his fault. Back then, growing up with chronically unhappy and struggling parents took a huge toll. Even with fond memories of running barefoot with his siblings through their family’s vineyards, Thomas also remembers dark moments of physical and verbal abuse.

The family moved to the city when Thomas was a young teen, and in order to fit in, he succumbed to peer pressure with drugs. “One bad decision after another led me to lose track of myself,” he shares. By the time he turned 18, his drug use had become an addiction. “I was being somebody I wasn’t.”

Years of on-and-off homelessness gave Thomas a distorted view of life – he found himself in trouble with the law and in an unhealthy relationship. It all became too much. “I’d lost all focus on how to live a good, clean life.”

When Thomas arrived at the Mission with nothing but the clothes on his back, his healing journey began.

Through our case management and Genesis classes, Thomas not only learned about God’s love for him, but also about forgiveness. He didn’t take for granted that local courts were giving him another chance and he vowed to put his commitment to honesty into action.

“For the first time in my life, I was doing something for all the right reasons,” he says. “A lot of good people built this place, and I refused to let them down.”

**“I’ve accomplished more here
than I’ve accomplished in my
lifetime.”**

Today, Thomas works at the Front Desk of our Men’s Shelter, where he takes every opportunity to share his newfound faith and hope. “God is my rock. He is my everything, and the best relationship I’ve ever had. I wouldn’t want to ever be without Him again.”

With Jesus’ love in his heart and hope for the future, Thomas is grateful for your support this Easter. “Now, I live without shame. I’m able to look into someone’s eyes and sense compassion and kindness. This is one of God’s many blessings.”



A Message from ANDREW PORTER

THE GIFT OF *Eternal Life*

Easter is such an incredible time of year, isn't it? A day when we're both humbled by the sacrifice Jesus made on the cross and lifted up as children of the King. It still amazes me that God goes to such great lengths to make you and me part of His family!

That's why we're committed to making local men, women and children feel welcome here at Tri-City Union Gospel Mission. We invite them to be part of *our* family... and share with them the eternal hope that Jesus freely offers us *all* when we accept Him as our Father.

This Easter, you are sharing the blessings of love and community with everyone who comes through our doors. Through your prayers and financial gifts, you give them the strength to overcome their current challenges and start on a path toward new life.

Thank you for making this Easter a season of rejoicing. **I hope your own celebrations are especially meaningful, knowing how lives are being transformed through your generosity and God's unending grace.**

Andrew Porter
Executive Director



HELP OUR HURTING NEIGHBORS THIS EASTER



Help make a new beginning possible for more men and women this Easter!

- ♥ A hot meal for \$2.25 – 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
- ✉ Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.
- ✦ Give online anytime at tcugm.org.

There are many ways YOU can help!

Please consider volunteering with us!

Get in touch with our Volunteer Coordinator to see how your unique skills could serve those in need.

Call (509) 547-2112, ext. 0 or email volunteer@tcugm.org.

Learn more on the Volunteer page of our website at tcugm.org by simply scanning this QR code with your smartphone camera:



HELP MEET OUR EASTER NEEDS



Sunday, April 9: Our Easter Celebration from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.!

Easter is a day of joy and celebration. But right now, far too many of our neighbors are struggling with the rising costs of housing and food. They're turning here... and YOU can help welcome them with love and a special meal!

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 7:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> HAM | <input type="checkbox"/> CHEESE | <input type="checkbox"/> CEREAL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> EGGS | <input type="checkbox"/> GROUND BEEF | <input type="checkbox"/> SUGAR |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BUTTER | <input type="checkbox"/> SALAD DRESSINGS | <input type="checkbox"/> NAPKINS |

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*"Just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father,
we too may live a new life." - Romans 6:4, NIV*