

# NEW LIFE

SAVING LIVES / RESTORING HOPE / IMPACTING COMMUNITY

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

**THANK YOU  
FOR LOVING  
YOUR  
NEIGHBOR,  
GENARO,**

and giving him  
hope for the  
future!



Union Gospel Mission

**DON'T  
MISS...**

**2** Your love will transform  
lives this summer!

**3** "I'm a new and  
better person."

**4** Tour the  
Mission!

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# “I’M A NEW AND BETTER PERSON – MY OLD HABITS ARE BEHIND ME.”

**W**hen Genaro first came to the Mission, it was hard for him to share honestly about his past.

Growing up, Genaro wasn’t taught how to be in healthy relationships. At a young age, he fell in with gangs, drugs and even did things that were detrimental to others.

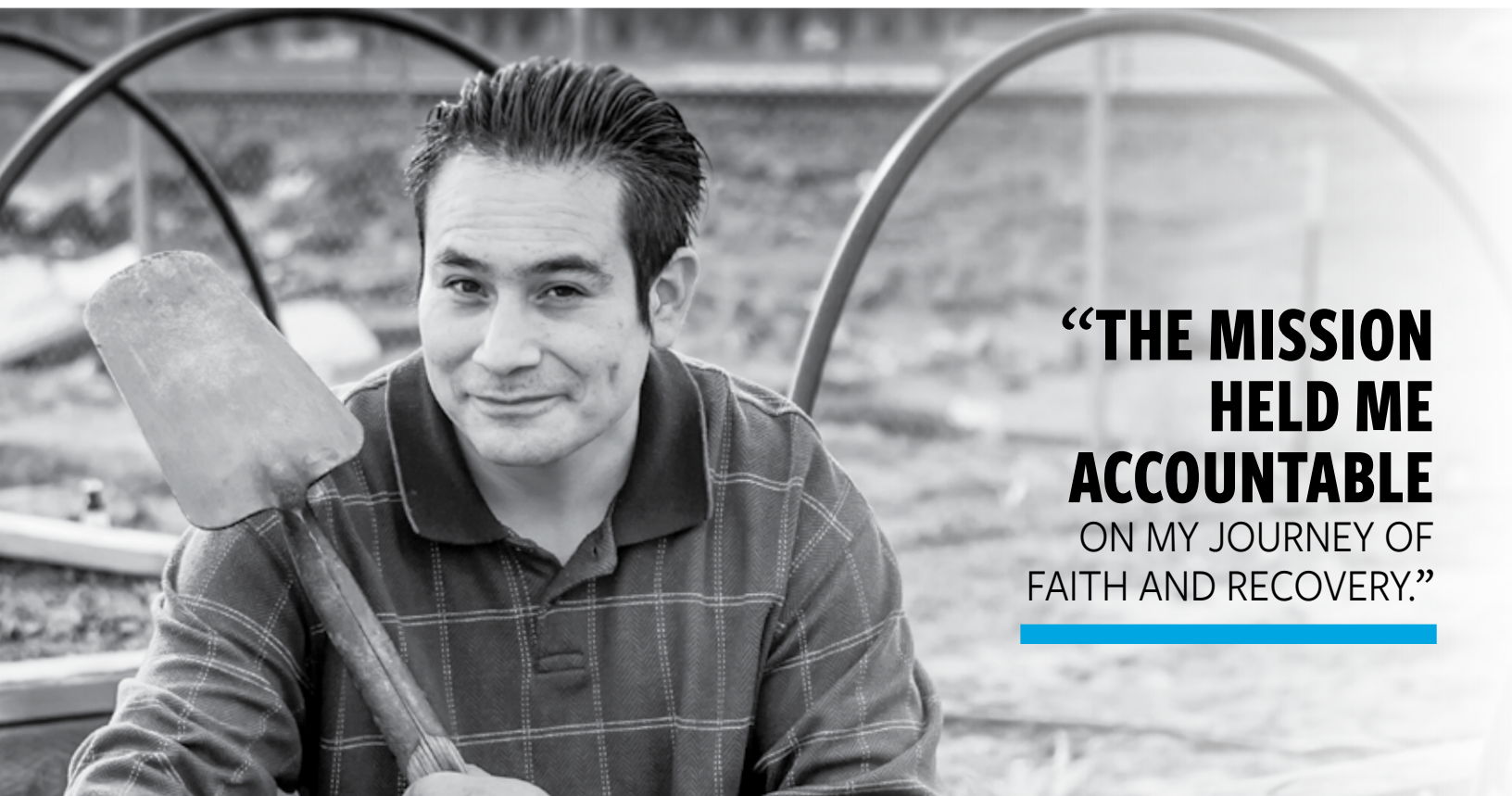
Drinking further clouded his development, and as an adult he wound up homeless – unable to keep a job.

“I thought I just didn’t care, **but somewhere deep inside, I wanted to do the right thing**,” he recalls.

Genaro would stay periodically in our Men’s Emergency

Shelter – where he’d receive a nutritious meal, shower and a good night’s sleep – but he wasn’t yet ready to give himself over to God. Things got so bad, it was going to either be jail or worse for Genaro, and that’s when a caring friend encouraged him to revisit the Mission.

**The day he committed to our New Life Program, Genaro’s outlook began to brighten.** Once he spoke with a Chaplain and experienced the calm that washed over him, he knew he’d taken an important first step in learning to navigate difficulties.



**“THE MISSION  
HELD ME  
ACCOUNTABLE  
ON MY JOURNEY OF  
FAITH AND RECOVERY.”**

“I needed change, and I was ready to be someone different,” he shares.

Through our Bible-based approach, Genaro is finally experiencing freedom from his addictive behaviors. “I’ve learned to apply Scripture to my everyday life – like how to set healthy boundaries, handle temptation and be loving toward others.”

Now a graduate of the New Life Program, he’s enrolled in a college GED program and is working part time.

After he receives his high school diploma, he’ll earn his Business Management degree. With big plans to own and operate his own business, he’s also looking forward to reconnecting to family and helping those in need.

**Genaro is thankful for the way you have answered God’s calling to love your neighbor as yourself – and have helped him learn how to love himself.** “With the Lord’s guidance through the Mission, I’m ready to share my new self with the world.”

**“Serve one another humbly in love. For the entire law is fulfilled in keeping this one command: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’” - Galatians 5:13b-14**



# A meal for \$2.25 is an easy way to **LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR!**



## A Message from ANDREW PORTER

### Thank you for loving your neighbors as yourself

We all need a helping hand from time to time. No one makes it through life without a little care and compassion along the way. That's what loving your neighbors is all about, right?

And yet, you and I know that God's Word has a way of challenging us to go further... of stretching our faithfulness beyond what we thought possible. The Lord makes the impossible POSSIBLE at the Mission, thanks to the generosity of friends like YOU.

**Now, as the summer months approach, I hope we can count on you during our 3-month Love Your Neighbor campaign.**

Time and time again in Scripture, we're told not just to "love your neighbor" but to "love your neighbor as yourself." That's a big difference! It's making the needs of others a priority equal with your own from the beginning.

I'm so grateful for friends like you who give in this way to help men, women and children in our community who are hurting and homeless. And I ask for your continued support through the summer, when the weather can be dangerous for people who live outside.

Thank you for offering a helping hand to your neighbors most in need – and for continuing to love them **as yourself.**



*Andrew Porter*

Andrew Porter  
Executive Director

## **YOUR LOVE** will transform lives this summer!

Your gift today provides:



33,000 meals



8,600 beds



hundreds of  
hygiene items



countless hours of  
counseling & education



life-transforming decisions  
for Christ

**DON'T FORGET OUR NEIGHBORS  
THIS SUMMER... SHOW YOU CARE  
WITH YOUR GIFT TODAY!**

**LOVE YOUR  
NEIGHBOR**  
98-DAY SUMMER CAMPAIGN

**Give now!**  
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*Support our Summer Campaign to restore hearts & rebuild lives!*

## **Visit us online...**



...and get to know us better! Click to learn about volunteer opportunities, read the latest news, make a secure donation, and even connect to our YouTube channel where you can hear personal stories by the men and women we serve. Connect with us anytime, anywhere – at [tcugm.org!](http://tcugm.org)

# JOIN US FOR A TOUR

## Learn More by Visiting Our Campus

**Have you ever wondered how the Mission operates, behind the scenes?** To truly understand the vast array of needs those struggling in the Tri-Cities have on a daily basis, seeing is understanding.

Our tour times generally range from 30 minutes to an hour and a half and are available Monday through Friday from 10:00 am. until 1:30 p.m. If you have different scheduling needs, we are happy to accommodate you. Just give us a call at **(509) 547-2112 ext. 0**, or send an email to **info@tcugm.org**.

*Looking forward to  
seeing you soon!*



## You're helping care for bodies and minds

Men and women come to the Mission with a variety of challenges, and we're committed to addressing their unique needs. For some, that means a warm meal and safe place to rest. Others struggle with addiction. Some are desperate for medical care.

But many arrive with mental illness and trauma from their past.

That's why – in addition to helping clients heal physically – we also help them heal psychologically. **We offer Christ-centered counseling, referrals to community partners and other resources for long-term recovery.**

It's just another way your gifts and prayers help address the complex issues of poverty and homelessness in our community. Thank you for your support!

*Want to learn about other life-changing services you help provide? Read about our programs at **tcugm.org** today!*