

# NEW LIFE

SAVING LIVES / RESTORING HOPE / IMPACTING COMMUNITY

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

## Meet *Jerami* He can't thank YOU enough!

Because of you, Jerami's heart is filled with new hope this Easter.



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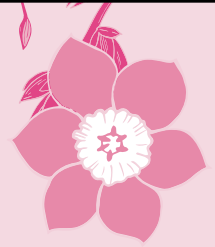
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## “I WAS HEADING IN THE WRONG DIRECTION AND NEEDED HELP.”

Jerami was proud of being clean and sober for nearly 20 years. He had a good job and lived with several roommates. But then he was let go and he lost his place to live, leaving him adrift.

“I was without a job or a house, working temporary jobs. My faith got weak, and I just couldn’t make the smart decision not to relapse. I went backwards,” he says.

Jerami had been to Tri-City Union Gospel Mission before, and knew he was powerless to break his addiction without help. So he humbled himself and asked to come back to the program.

“The Mission had given me everything I needed to succeed, and I was the one that messed up. My desires were taking over my thinking.”

**The day he walked back into Tri-City Union Gospel Mission, Jerami was ready to change for good this time.**

“They gave me the tools to overcome my current struggles,” he says, smiling. “To read the Word of God again, to meditate on it and repeat scriptures.”

**“I’m a lot more focused on God... what He wants me to do and His plan for my future.”**

Through our New Life Program of daily classes and counseling, Jerami is coming to terms with the root of his addiction. **“We’re getting to the bottom of my issues and why I’m here, and how to not come back here,”** he says.

He volunteers on our grocery rescue crew, going to local stores to pick up unused food and bring it back to use in our kitchen to cook meals.

He is also working to reconcile with loved ones. “Because of my past drug use, my children rarely talk to me. But those relationships are starting to mend.”

**You may never meet Jerami, but he’s eternally grateful to YOU for your support – today, his heart is filled with new hope for the future.** “The Mission is preparing me for life. I have a lot of hope looking back at me.”



## ★ Come join our Easter Celebration!

• Tri-City Union Gospel Mission is hosting a special celebration on Easter Sunday, April 12 – **and you’re invited!**

- A delicious Easter meal will be served to Mission guests and anyone from the community who wishes to attend at 1:00 p.m.
- An evening Chapel Service on the miracle of Jesus’ death and resurrection will follow at 7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Both events will take place at the Mission’s Men’s Facility, located at 221 S. 4th Avenue, Pasco, WA. If you have any questions about the event, please contact our Admin at **(509) 547-2112**.

We hope you will join us in the evening for this time of fellowship and worship as we celebrate our risen Savior!

Here's how YOUR gifts care for our homeless neighbors this Easter season!



just \$2.05  
for a meal!

**8,650** meals to serve



**4,154** nights of shelter to provide



**40** men & women to care for in our recovery programs (including Case Management)



**500** hours of Pastoral & Crisis Counseling



**80** hours of educational work experience

Thank you for touching so many lives with your compassion & support!

"For He has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness & transferred us into the Kingdom of His dear Son, who purchased our freedom & forgave our sins." Colossians 1:13-14, NLT



## A Message from ANDREW PORTER

### YOUR GIFTS ARE TRANSFORMING LIVES THIS EASTER SEASON

My friends, Easter will be here soon – and with it, the joy of being able to celebrate and shout, "He is risen indeed!"

I can't think of a truth that's more important to those staying at the Mission right now... men and women who are facing devastating struggles with homelessness, poverty and addiction.

That Jesus overcame death and rose again to offer hope to a hurting world resonates with our guests.

**In Jesus, they see that they too can overcome!** As they begin to trust Him, their past guilt and shame transforms into hope for a brighter future. They walk in freedom, knowing that they're forgiven.

Forgiveness is a doorway to new life. It opens up our guests to

accepting love – not just God's, but love from our staff, their families and even themselves. From there, they blossom into the people they were always meant to be.

This Easter, I pray you'll experience the glorious hope of the cross in your life... and remember that YOU are making it possible for hurting people to find forgiveness and freedom through the cross too. I'm so grateful that each time you reach out to help, more hearts are touched by the love of a risen Savior.

*Andrew J. Porter*

Andrew Porter  
Executive Director



### BALTAZAR CAME FOR A MEAL...



... AND IT WAS THE START OF A NEW LIFE!

Baltazar didn't have much hope left when he came to our door. Thanks to you, he was warmly welcomed and provided with the basic necessities that restored his hope:

- A hot meal for \$2.05
- An overnight stay in our shelter (just \$20.50!)
- Clothing, showers & Christ-centered care

*Each meal you give makes a big difference!*

This Easter, as Baltazar celebrates the hope in his life, **YOU can give even more people the gift of meals and care** that's often the first step to healing and a new life in Christ!

✉ Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.

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

Thank you again for your support of our Mission guests! Happy Easter!



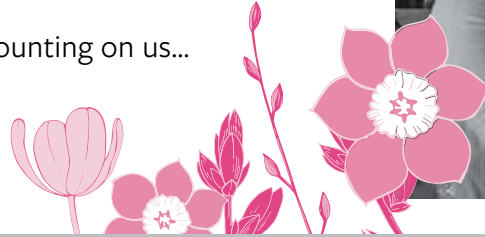
# YOU can help meet our **EASTER NEEDS!**

**Sunday, April 12:** Our Easter Celebration is at 1 p.m.!

We need your help to prepare all the meals and care we'll provide this Easter season.

Between now and Easter Sunday, we're preparing to serve **8,650+ hot meals...** and provide hundreds of men, women and children with **basic necessities like safe shelter, clean clothing and Christ-centered care.**

Our homeless neighbors are counting on us... and we're counting on YOU!



## **FOOD ITEMS NEEDED!**

Consider hosting a food drive OR dropping off any of these urgently needed food items **by Friday, April 10:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> HAMS                       | <input type="checkbox"/> BUTTER          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> POTATOES OR RICE           | <input type="checkbox"/> SALAD DRESSINGS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CANNED FRUITS & VEGETABLES | <input type="checkbox"/> SUGAR           |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DINNER ROLLS               | <input type="checkbox"/> FRESH PRODUCE   |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> SALAD                      | <input type="checkbox"/> PANCAKE MIX     |

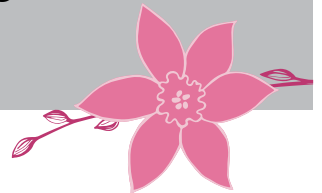
Drop off donations at the Mission, 221 S. 4th Avenue, 7 days a week.

**Thank you so much!**

No time to shop? Donate now!

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Lend a hand this Easter season... **VOLUNTEER!**

Contact our Volunteer Coordinator at **(509) 547-2112, ext. 103**, or email [volunteer@tcugm.org](mailto:volunteer@tcugm.org).