

NEW LIFE

SAVING LIVES / RESTORING HOPE / IMPACTING COMMUNITY

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

JERRY'S LIFE IS CHANGED FOREVER

AND HE WANTS
TO THANK YOU!

YOUR SUPPORT TOUCHES
LIVES WITH NEW HOPE.



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“This has given me **A PLACE TO BE** while I’m in recovery.”

Jerry regrets the foolish decisions he made as a teenager.

“I had a very happy childhood,” he says, “but drugs were available and cheap. It was fun.”

At first, Jerry was just a recreational user. But the fun ended and his addiction began in his late 20s. Without his noticing it at first, his drinking escalated until he had a serious addiction.

“The longer I drank, the higher my alcohol tolerance got. Then I just drank more, until I had a drinking problem.”

Jerry tried, but was unable to break free from addiction on his own. His drinking got so bad, he lost his job and home, and for a while he slept on friends’ couches. When his welcome wore out, he was forced to live alone in his car. Then one day, his car was impounded and sold, and he was left homeless and terrified.

The day he came to Tri-City Union Gospel Mission, everything changed for Jerry.

“I came to the Mission because I could no longer sleep in my car,” he said.

“It’s given me someplace to be while I’m in recovery.”

In our care, Jerry recommitted his heart and his life to God. He entered our long-term New Life Program, and the Christ-centered classes and counseling have helped him remain sober and discover a better path for his life.

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In the Recovery Program, I’m learning better ways to deal with problems.”

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“In the program, I recommitted my life. That was easy, because I follow the Bible and knew what it all meant already.”

Along with discovering a relationship with Christ, Jerry began working in the laundry room at the Mission. He plans to go back to school after he finishes the program.

“I’d like to go into agricultural management, because I have years of food processing experience, the work isn’t bad and I’m qualified to do most of it,” he says.

Because you gave from your heart to help Jerry, his life has been changed by your goodness and God’s love forever!

“Through the courses I’m taking, you get to the root of your problems and find ways to deal with your problems. I’m grateful.”



A Message from
ANDREW PORTER

**Give Where You Live...
to Meet Our Summer
Challenge**

These past few months have been unsettling for everyone – and most especially for our neighbors in need. Hunger... homelessness... poverty. These hardships can seem even more daunting in the current environment. In times like these, caring for hundreds of hurting individuals presents a challenge that's greater than ever.

Summer is always hard, but this year we're being stretched to the limit. The meals we serve during June, July and August cost \$43,050 alone. On top of that are expenses for crisis-related assistance such as cleansing showers, personal hygiene items, access to medical care, and sanitizing products. And there's no decline in the need for faith-based recovery and practical guidance that empowers our guests to change their lives.

We need your help to meet our summer challenge!

During this critical time, I pray you'll continue to remember our homeless and struggling neighbors. They need your encouragement, prayers and compassion now more than ever.

Please *give where you live* to ensure we can care for every individual who turns to Tri-City Union Gospel Mission for hope and a new beginning, now and in the months ahead. Your partnership brings comfort to so many, especially in times like these.



Andrew Porter

Andrew Porter
Executive Director

**Through the 3 MONTHS of Summer
your gift today helps provide...**



21,000
meals



thousands
of clothing
items



9,500
beds



life-transforming
decisions for
Christ



countless hours
of counseling &
education

Give Where You Live!
*Our 92-Day Summer
Campaign is underway now.*

✉ Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.

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

*This time of year, gifts
typically drop off, so
we need your help now
more than ever!*

GIVE  LIVE
92-DAY SUMMER CAMPAIGN

PLEASE HELP WITH OUR
SUMMER



Our "Summer Six" are essential items in high demand for our Mission guests all season long. Please deliver your donations to 221 S. 4th Avenue, 7 days a week. Those in our care will be deeply grateful for whatever you can share this summer!



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

MISSION SEARCH AND RESCUE LEADS TO HOPE AND RESTORATION



Early this year, Tri-City Union Gospel Mission launched a new search and rescue program, designed to move those in need off the streets and into a safe place.

Rescue Service Manager Jose Navarro says his team drives through alleyways and walks under bridges, offering food, water, blankets, socks and other necessities to the homeless they meet.

“Then we talk to them about coming here to the Mission,” he says. Even if they aren’t yet ready to accept his invitation, Navarro leaves them with the supplies they need and encouraging words he hopes will plant a seed and steer them to get help. “It’s all about building trust and relationships,” he says. “We are about hope and restoration.”



Come celebrate *Independence Day!*

What:

4th of July BBQ

Who:

Our entire community is invited – that’s YOU!

When:

July 4, 12:00 p.m. to 2 p.m.

Where:

The Mission at 221 S. 4th Ave. in Pasco

You’re invited to join us as we celebrate our nation’s freedom with a delicious barbecue. No donations are requested, just bring your friends and family – and your appetite! We’d love your company, and it would be a huge encouragement for our guests to see our community come out to celebrate together.

For more information, contact us at **(509) 547-2112, ext. 0.**

Hope to see you there!