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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.

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

“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.”



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.”

Navarro is expanding the program by training volunteers. If you would like to take part or learn more about the program, email josenavarro@tcugm.org.



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!