

# NEW LIFE

SAVING LIVES / RESTORING HOPE / IMPACTING COMMUNITY

A Newsletter of Tri-City Union Gospel Mission – Easter 2019

## OVERCOMING *The Darkness*

Marcus found healing for his broken spirit and hope for the future.

*On Page 3: Read how your support is giving Marcus a reason to celebrate this Easter!*

  
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Here's how your gift provides comfort & care over the next month!



**6,250** meals to serve



**3,300-3,500** nights of shelter



**60-70** men & women to care for in our recovery programs (including Case Management)



**500** hours of Pastoral & Crisis Counseling



**80** hours of educational work experience

## A Message from Andrew Porter

# YOU RESTORE *Hope*



When we pass a homeless person on the street, it's often easier to avert our eyes to our phones rather than engage with that person's very real pain. That way, we don't have to hear their cries... or see how broken their lives are... or feel how much they suffer.

But their pain is real, even if we look away.

On the cross, Jesus didn't look away from suffering, but endured it, fixing His eyes on "the joy set before Him." The glory of the cross is that Jesus boldly engaged with our pain. He experienced our struggles and our cries, and suffered with all of humanity. Jesus took our pain upon Himself and redeemed it.

### **Easter is our celebration of that new hope!**

Your generous gifts demonstrate that you **turn toward** those who are hurting – and want to offer them

healing and restoration through Christ's love.

Because of you, people like Marcus are celebrating HUGE changes in their lives. Marcus's story is on page 3, and I hope as you read, you're inspired by how your gifts can turn a life filled with pain into a beautiful new beginning.

By God's grace, and your support, many like Marcus are experiencing hope restored. On behalf of each person in our care, thank you for reaching out to them with the love and kindness that helps restore lives this Easter.

Andrew Porter  
Executive Director

## *Celebrate Christ's resurrection with us!*

You are invited to join Tri-City Union Gospel Mission for a special celebration on Easter Sunday.

- A delicious dinner will be served on Easter Sunday, April 21, at 2:00 p.m.
- A Chapel Service on the miracle of Jesus' death and resurrection will follow at 7:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.
- Both events will take place at the Mission's new Men's Facility, located at 221 S. 4th Ave., Pasco, WA 99301.

After you've celebrated Easter with friends and family, we hope you will join us in the evening for this incredible time of fellowship and worship. If you have any questions about the event, please contact Admin at **(509) 547-2112, ext. 0.**





“ I was able to let my mind heal... get my emotions back to a healthy state. ”



Life was going well for Marcus. He was in college and working – then he had a psychotic episode. Marcus was diagnosed with bipolar disorder, had to quit school and left his parents’ house because he couldn’t live under their strict rules.

“I was depressed,” he says. “I didn’t have much self-awareness. I couldn’t think ahead or plan into the future. I was just surviving day by day.” Though Marcus was taking his medication regularly, the instability of his living situation caused added anxiety.

Marcus stayed in various transitional programs, unsure of what the future held, until he heard about Tri-City Union Gospel Mission. “There was nowhere else to go. I didn’t want to live in the street, so I walked to the Mission.”

At the Mission, Marcus found the structure and support he needed to overcome darkness and despair. “Staying at the Mission, I was able to let my mind heal and get my emotions back to a healthy state. Being Mormon, I didn’t know what Christianity was or what it meant. I didn’t know what the Bible said at all until I came here.”

Today, Marcus lives at the Mission as part of our volunteer program, he has reconciled with his parents

and his mental health has greatly improved in our care. Marcus came in without faith, and during his time here, his heart has been opened to receiving the

“ The Mission gives grace to people who need help and support. They really care about the men who live here and want us to succeed. ”

Word and learning more about Jesus. “The Mission has shown me such grace. I started reading the Bible to understand Christianity.”

**This Easter, Marcus and his family will be celebrating the beautiful new beginning in their life – made possible by your generous support.**

“One of the limitations of being bipolar is that I can only work the day shift. I want to go to school – take some classes and become an economist. I’m going to aim as high as I can and do the best I can.”

# Preparing for Easter...

## AND WE NEED YOUR HELP!

**Sunday, April 21: Easter Celebration at 2 p.m.**

Will you help set more places at our tables for hungry people this Easter?

**Just look at our needs this Easter season:  
6,000+ meals for men,  
women & children.**

And there's no way we can serve them without you!

**Donate food:** Please consider hosting a food drive or donating these needed items by **Friday, April 19:**

- ☐ HAMS
- ☐ BAGGED POTATOES
- ☐ CANNED GREEN BEANS
- ☐ DINNER ROLLS
- ☐ FRUIT
- ☐ HOMEMADE DESSERTS  
(cookies, brownies, pies, etc.)
- ☐ SALAD
- ☐ ASSORTED CANDY
- ☐ SNACKS



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

Don't have time to shop?  
Donate now!  
**(509) 547-2112**  
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### MARIA HAS A REASON TO CELEBRATE!

Meet Maria! She came to the Mission believing all hope for her life was gone. Your support provided the hot, nourishing meal that changed everything – and gave her hope for a new life in Christ.

Today, you can help more people like Maria with your gift to feed, shelter and share God's love during our Annual Easter Campaign.

**A meal is just \$2.05... and the hope it provides in the lives of homeless and hungry people is truly a reason to celebrate!**

☒ **GIVE NOW** using the enclosed reply card & envelope.

☐ **GIVE ONLINE** anytime at **tcugm.org**.

Thank you for the new hope you make possible in hurting lives! Happy Easter!



**Volunteer:** You can help from now until Easter Sunday! Contact our Volunteer Coordinator at **(509) 547-2112, ext. 106** or email **Yvonne@tcugm.org**.

**Andrew, I want to help my homeless neighbors find hope & new life. Here's my Easter gift to provide meals, shelter & care:**

- ☐ \$26.65 to feed and care for 13 people
- ☐ \$53.30 to feed and care for 26 people
- ☐ \$75.85 to feed and care for 37 people
- ☐ \$88.15 to feed and care for 43 people
- ☐ \$\_\_\_\_\_ to help as much as possible

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