

# NEW LIFE

SAVING LIVES / RESTORING HOPE / IMPACTING COMMUNITY

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

MICHAEL WANTS TO

*Thank  
You*

Michael's heart is full of  
thanksgiving because  
of God's love & your  
generosity!



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My Heart of  
Thanksgiving  
for You!

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Ready for School...  
Thanks to You!

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"I've got to heal  
my heart and  
soul."

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# “I’VE GOT *to heal* MY HEART AND SOUL.”

**M**ichael wasn’t ready to be a father at age 16. He dropped out of school, got married and spent the next 20 years raising three children, but turned to drinking to cope with his insecurities.

“I had a lot of emotional problems that I masked and couldn’t handle. I felt I had to be the man for my family so I couldn’t express my feelings. I had the whole dream – house, cars, wife – but I chose to give that up for alcohol.”

Michael was a functioning alcoholic for years until his feelings of loss and regret plunged him into despair. **After a failed suicide attempt sent him to the hospital, Michael came to Tri-City Union Gospel Mission, and that’s when his life changed completely.**

“I felt completely lost and I had nowhere to go. I wasn’t welcome anywhere. But at the Mission, I feel safe and supported.”

Michael entered our New Life long-term residential program, and also put his culinary training to work helping in our kitchen. He credits the daily classes and Bible study with helping him reconnect with God and experience true healing.

“This is the first time in my life where I can honestly say I really want to be better. I don’t want to go back to that bottle.”

He isn’t sure what he will do after he graduates, but Michael knows now he can be the father and man that God wants him to be.

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**“I’m starting to feel more and more  
at ease and more at peace inside.  
*I’ve learned I am forgiven.*”**

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“I have a bad habit of deciding, ‘This is what I’m going to do,’ and I’m very stubborn. So now I’m waiting to see God’s path, not my own.”

**Because of your generosity, Michael’s heart has been filled with thanksgiving... and God’s love!**


“The Mission has given me hope that there is a chance for me out there. This is a place where people genuinely care about not just my well-being, but my future.”


## 2019 THANKSGIVING CAMPAIGN MEALS NEEDED!



YOU can make a difference in the lives of homeless and hungry neighbors. By giving today, **you'll help us prepare for some of the 20,500 meals we'll serve** from now until Thanksgiving Day.

Please share your heart of thanksgiving by giving your **2019 Thanksgiving Campaign gift now**. Our hurting neighbors will find the help and hope they need for a new beginning in their lives!

 Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.

 Give online anytime at [tcugm.org](http://tcugm.org).



**THANK YOU** AGAIN FOR YOUR FAITHFUL SUPPORT, ESPECIALLY DURING THE THANKSGIVING SEASON.

## LOOK AT WHAT YOUR GIFT WILL PROVIDE!



**\$2.05**  
for 1 hot meal



**\$20.95**  
for 1 night of safe shelter

**and often leads to**



A chance to share  
**GOD'S  
LIFE-CHANGING  
LOVE**

## A MESSAGE FROM ANDREW PORTER

*My heart of  
Thanksgiving for you!*

Each time I think of you, my heart overflows with thanksgiving. Your generosity to our homeless neighbors reminds me of the story of the Good Samaritan. During his journey, he stopped to help a man beaten and left for dead by robbers on the road – a victim others had walked right by.

Jesus then asks a simple question:

*“Which... was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?” The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.” Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.” (Luke 10:36 & 37, NIV)*

**Many who come to the Mission have been beaten down by life... they long for a Good Samaritan to reach out and help them.** This Thanksgiving season, I encourage you to take Jesus' challenge! The nourishing meals and safe shelter that your gifts provide are simple ways to give them a hand up.

I want to thank you for showing mercy to our neighbors who others often pass by. Your compassion helps our hurting guests recover and heal, and often opens their hearts to God's love today... and a transformed life forever!



*Andrew J. Porter*

Andrew Porter  
Executive Director

## READY FOR SCHOOL... THANKS TO YOU!



Thank you to everyone who donated to our annual Back to School Event on August 16th and 17th. Your kindness and compassion helped us serve more than 250 boys and girls in our community to help them be better prepared for academic success.

We all know the importance of education in eliminating poverty and homelessness in our community. Your heartfelt donation played a critical role in helping local students walk back through the doors of their schools with the supplies they need.

Many children in the Tri-Cities lack basic items such as school supplies, coats and shoes. Being able to provide these critically-needed items helped these boys and girls start off the school year on the right foot. And it was **ONLY** possible thanks to donations from the community and friends like you!

We may never know or see the true impact that your gifts had on the families that came to the event. However, we did see the smiling faces and the joy in these children's eyes when they were able to walk away with a brand new backpack they can call their own. **Thank you again for your support and generosity to make this year's Back to School Event a success!**

## Your HEART OF THANKSGIVING today, tomorrow & beyond



Do you want to minister to those in need far beyond your lifetime? If so, we have many wonderful giving options that allow you to make a positive impact in hurting and homeless lives today, tomorrow and beyond!



To learn more, please contact us at [info@tcugm.org](mailto:info@tcugm.org) or (509) 547-2112 about remembering the Mission in your will or estate plan.

## Thanksgiving Season Needs

Please bless our homeless and hungry neighbors with a special Thanksgiving by donating any of these food items.



Turkeys or frozen turkeys  
Stuffing mix  
Cream of mushroom soup  
Milk  
Dinner rolls  
Recyclable cups and napkins  
Fresh vegetables: carrots, celery, onions, potatoes

Drop off your donations at  
221 S. 4th Ave., Pasco.

## BE A VOLUNTEER.

With thousands of people to serve this fall, we really need YOUR help!

Call: Jill at (509) 547-2112, ext. 103  
Email: [Jillfarris@tcugm.org](mailto:Jillfarris@tcugm.org)

Or visit [tcugm.org](http://tcugm.org) to find out more or sign up now!

