

# NEW LIFE

SAVING LIVES / RESTORING HOPE / IMPACTING COMMUNITY

A Newsletter of Tri-City Union Gospel Mission – Easter 2024

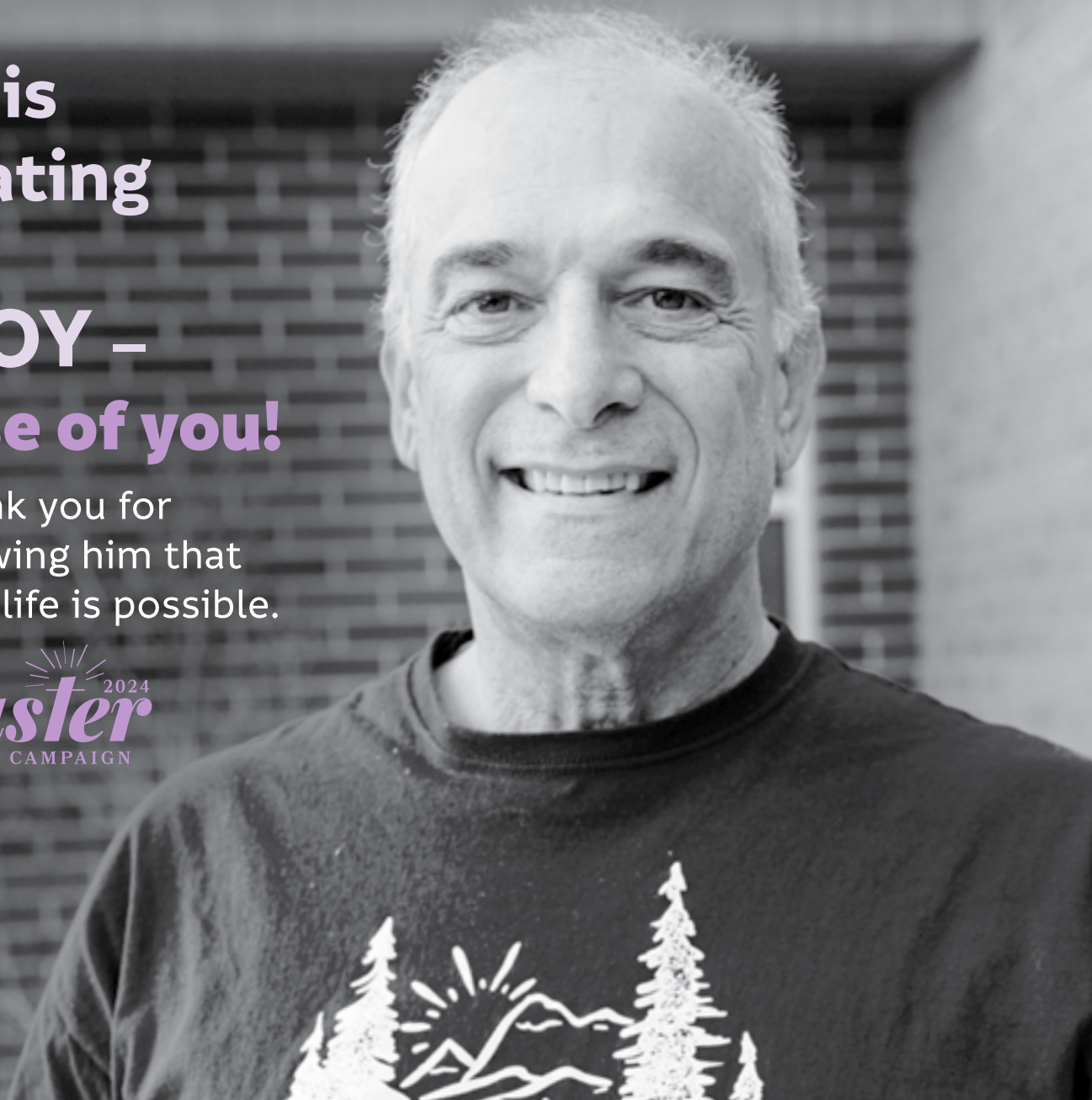
**Morris is  
celebrating  
Easter  
with JOY –  
because of you!**



Thank you for  
showing him that  
new life is possible.



**Easter**<sup>2024</sup>  
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A Message from ANDREW PORTER

## THE PROMISES OF EASTER

Have you ever seen the realization cross someone's face the first time they understand the gravity of Christ's death and resurrection? It's one of my favorite things about Easter at Tri-City Union Gospel Mission. It's a privilege to be a small part of their story, as our guests celebrate the promises of joy and hope this season brings.

**You too are a part of our guests' stories, as you share God's love with them by providing nutritious meals, safe shelter and other services to change their lives.**

Your faithful prayers and generosity help hurting men, women and children in our community find a home through our doors. They also find HOPE – hope for their future, and hope in the promises we celebrate at Easter.

Thank you for showing our hurting neighbors in need that you care about them – in their present circumstances, for their future and for eternity. You show them they are loved. You help restore their dignity, and ignite in them a desire to change their circumstances.

**Together with God's faithfulness, you help turn stories of pain into promises of new life in Christ.**

Thank you... happy Easter... and God bless!

*Andrew J. Porter*

Andrew Porter  
Executive Director



## GIVE MONTHLY. SAVE LIVES ALL YEAR!

You can make a lasting difference in our community when you become a monthly partner!

These days, it costs more than ever to provide the life-changing care our hurting neighbors at Tri-City Union Gospel Mission need... By becoming a monthly giving partner, you can help save lives with your monthly gift to provide:



MEALS



COUNSELING



SHELTER



JOB TRAINING

Start giving monthly now to help provide the building blocks our residents need for a better life!

*Start giving  
monthly now!*



## SHARE JOY THIS EASTER

Help meet the needs of our hurting neighbors!

With Easter coming early this year, we need your help to welcome every man, woman and child who comes to our doors! YOU can help meet their needs and fill hearts with joy...



17,300 meals –  
just \$2.75 each!



4,150 nights  
of shelter



Christ-centered care  
& healing in our life-  
change programs!

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✉ Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.

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*“I now see myself as a man of God.”*

**W**hen Morris was a child, both his parents were alcoholics. He was introduced to drugs at age 12. “With the lack of parental guidance, I grew into a functioning addict,” he admits. “It had been a way of life.”

Although Morris became successful in his career, addiction to drugs and alcohol followed him, contributing to job terminations and legal trouble.

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Soon after, Morris was led to the Mission. Although sober, he struggled mentally. “There was built-up depression, guilt and anxiety that I’d been masking,” he shares. Morris was assigned a case manager, and together they began to address his challenges.

Through chapel twice a day and with Christ-centered support, Morris healed and recovered.



“  
The Mission  
helped me solidify  
a connection with  
the Lord.  
”



When his marriage fell apart, his addictive behaviors worsened until he lost everything. “Nobody wanted to be in my life,” he recalls.

Barely scraping by, Morris found himself sharing a hotel room. One day – his birthday – he came across photos of his grandchildren. Filled with sadness and regret, he broke down.

That same day, his roommate invited him to church. The congregation sang the birthday song to him... a stranger! Overwhelmed by love and acceptance, he answered the call to accept Christ. “In that moment of spiritual awakening, I

Helping around the Mission provided strength and confidence as he began to trust once again.

Today, Morris is focused on giving back by working with those who are less fortunate. “I’ve gained humility, gratitude and above all, I’ve learned a lot about God,” he says with a smile.

**Thank you for sharing God’s love with Morris this Easter. His life has been renewed through the joy and hope of the Gospel!** “I now have patience with myself and with others, and I’m so grateful to the Mission for showing me the way.”



# Help Meet Our Most URGENT NEEDS



With the rising costs of housing and food, many of our neighbors are struggling... and they turn to us for help. YOU can play an important part in making this Easter season special for all through your donations to meet our current needs.

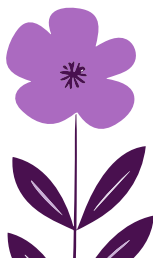
## URGENT NEEDS!

Please drop off **by Friday, March 29:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> HAM               | <input type="checkbox"/> SUGAR     | <input type="checkbox"/> PAPER TOWELS |
| <input type="checkbox"/> EGGS              | <input type="checkbox"/> SALAD     | <input type="checkbox"/> TOILET PAPER |
| <input type="checkbox"/> COFFEE &<br>SYRUP | <input type="checkbox"/> DRESSINGS | <input type="checkbox"/> NAPKINS      |
|                                            | <input type="checkbox"/> KETCHUP   |                                       |

Drop off food items at the Mission:  
**221 S. 4th Avenue, Pasco, WA 99301.**

No time to shop? Donate now!  
☎ (509) 547-2112 ✨ [tcugm.org](http://tcugm.org)



## God's Promise of Joy

*"If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love... These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full." - John 15:10-11*

## Updates: *Continuing Success!*

At Tri-City Union Gospel Mission, our goal is to help heal and mend, leading clients to rebuild new and healthy lives. **It takes a lot of hard work by program participants and staff, but the transformation in spirit and physical health is amazing and authentic!**

After our clients transition back into our community, we look forward to hearing about how the Lord continues to guide and bless them.



### The Latest on JAMES

**James** was featured in our Summer 2021 newsletter, where he spoke of yearning for a second chance and attributed his newfound healthy spiritual life to his time at the Mission. Committed to staying on a straight path, James is living up to his promises with the help of God's grace. He is currently thriving in a group sober home, where he's made lasting friendships. He's also gainfully employed in a job he loves. We're so proud of you, James!



### An Update from MORRIS

More news comes from **Morris** – this month's cover story. In his testimony, he mentions the desire to share what he's been given with those who are still struggling. When a specialized volunteer opportunity opened up at the Mission, Morris was eager to return and fill the role. Now, several days per week, Morris can be found in the computer room, doing everything from teaching men how to use the systems to helping them build effective resumes. We're blessed to have Morris giving back at the Mission through his gifts and talents!

The Mission is grateful to our past clients who act as living examples of the Mission's work by continuing to seek out God's plan for their lives. **Thank YOU for making this cycle of rescue and renewal possible through your generosity.** To read more inspiring stories of transformation that you've helped make possible, please visit [tcugm.org/lives-changed](http://tcugm.org/lives-changed).