

NEW LIFE

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

Giving thanks for YOU

INSIDE: Josh shares how your support changed his life!



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A Message from ANDREW PORTER

Sometimes I wonder, what would become of the struggling neighbors Tri-City Union Gospel Mission cares for if it wasn't for your compassion and generosity?

I think of people like Josh, whose story you can read on Page 3 – his testimony is a powerful reminder of how God works through the gifts and prayers of friends like you to transform lives, now and for eternity!

I thank God for how YOU are providing hope, help and healing to people who are hurting in our community.

From the essentials of food, warm clothing and safe shelter... to long-term healing and stability through our

recovery program – with you beside us and Christ as our foundation – our ministry can provide all this and even more life-changing services this fall.

As we prepare to serve an estimated 37,000 meals to our hungry neighbors, I pray you'll continue to share your time, talent and gifts with our ministry, knowing God will use your blessings to restore hope in many lives.

Thank you for giving me – and countless guests at Tri-City Union Gospel Mission – a reason to give thanks this fall!

Andrew Porter
Executive Director

YOU'RE MAKING GOALS AND DREAMS POSSIBLE...

At the Mission, hopes and dreams come to life – thanks to friends like you! Because of your prayers and support, men and women in our recovery program look forward to brighter futures.



"The Mission has given me strength and wisdom on how to live and believe in myself again."

"I had lost sight of what I wanted to do in my life. The Mission helped me realize that I have a purpose."



Thank you for believing that everyone deserves the opportunity to build a better, more fulfilling life!

To find out more about how you're helping transform lives, visit tcugm.org.

Join Our

2024 THANKSGIVING CAMPAIGN

37,000

Meals Needed this Thanksgiving Season

This Thanksgiving, countless guests will gather at our tables. Many are alone... longing to overcome homelessness and poverty... wishing they could reunite with their families.

For just \$2.75, YOU can provide a meal to nourish their bodies and lift their spirits. Your gift welcomes someone who is hurting to our table and surrounds them with life-changing care:

Safe, welcoming shelter

Warm clothing, coats & shoes

Classes & personalized case management

God's unconditional love

Please help our neighbors in need this holiday season! Send your 2024 Thanksgiving Campaign gift today using the enclosed reply card and envelope OR online at tcugm.org.

Meet Josh – who is thankful for your support!

“I don’t have any fears
ABOUT WHAT
God wants for me.”



Josh grew up in the church with his parents, traveling to various countries on mission trips. His life trajectory changed when he was 15 years old. “Growing up with ADHD medications kind of set me on a pathway to addiction,” Josh says. Later, he had an accident at work and was prescribed heavy medications for it, resulting in a 10-year struggle with addiction.

To break free, Josh had to remove himself from an unhealthy environment. When his wife started using drugs again, he made the hard decision to walk away from her, his home – everything. **“It was more of God’s plan than mine,”** he says.

When his friend overdosed and ended up in the ER, that’s where Josh learned about Tri-City Union Gospel Mission. After 90 days in the Men’s Emergency Shelter, Josh joined the New Life Program, which he says taught him that **“things don’t happen according to my plan or timing – it’s God’s timing.”**

Josh is enjoying the process and learning how to move forward. “The spiritual-based program is more effective than just going to a doctor and taking pills.” He’s opening up more and the peaceful environment allows him to reflect and write down his thoughts.

“Before I came to the Mission, I was in a dark place,” Josh says. **“If I hadn’t come here, I think I would be in the ER... or worse.** I’m grateful for this place.” He has peace knowing that everything is in God’s hands. “I believe wholeheartedly that He is going to bless those that give tenfold in the end.”

“I’ve learned to focus on where I am
and what God is doing in my life.”

Josh ultimately plans to get back into the restaurant and music industries. He also sees himself serving others more, saying, “Just treat your fellow man like you want to be treated. That’s really what it boils down to.”

This fall, Josh gives thanks for YOU and your incredible generosity. Your prayers and support have helped change his life. “I learned to focus on where I am and what God’s doing in my life, to just let go of the steering wheel.”



Chapel Changes Lives

“So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.” - Romans 10:17

Attending chapel at the Mission can be a major turning point in the life of someone who has lost all hope. After struggling with homelessness, addiction, abuse or other heartbreak, many find it difficult to trust anyone, including God.

Chapel helps build faith!

Through regular prayer, worship, Bible study and fellowship, men and women feel inspired to make positive changes in their lives... and many even experience God's love for the first time!

Are you or your church interested in getting involved with chapel?

For more info, contact us at (509) 547-2112 or

tcugm.org/ways-to-give/volunteer.

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HOW WILL YOU GET INVOLVED THIS FALL?



Witness God's love!

See firsthand how sharing the unconditional love of God impacts troubled lives. Learn about the essential services and life-changing programs made possible because of YOUR generous support! Give us a call to schedule a time to meet with staff and take a tour of our shelters! Your heart will truly be touched by what you see and experience.



Volunteer with us!

Sign up to serve a meal, lead a class or share an encouraging message at a chapel service. There are many ways you, your family, friends or church can volunteer with us this fall!

To learn more, visit tcugm.org/ways-to-give/volunteer



Start giving monthly!

Join other faithful friends who give monthly through our “Recurring Rescuers”! Start giving monthly this fall to provide a steady stream of support for our neighbors during our busiest season.

To get started or learn more, call our administrative office at (509) 547-2112, ext. 0



CURRENT NEEDS *Donate essential items this fall!*

During the busy fall season, the number of guests we welcome at Tri-City Union Gospel Mission steadily increases! And with more people to care for, our needs also increase.

Imagine trying to get by even a single day without these essential items! Sadly, the struggling neighbors we serve often arrive

at our doors with little but the clothes on their backs.

This fall, you're invited to give thanks by giving back! Help us meet these and other immediate needs of our neighbors. Visit tcugm.org/ways-to-give/urgent-needs to see our current needs list.

There are 3 key items that consistently appear on our list of needs:

- Toilet Paper
- Socks/Underwear
- Shampoo/Body Soap