

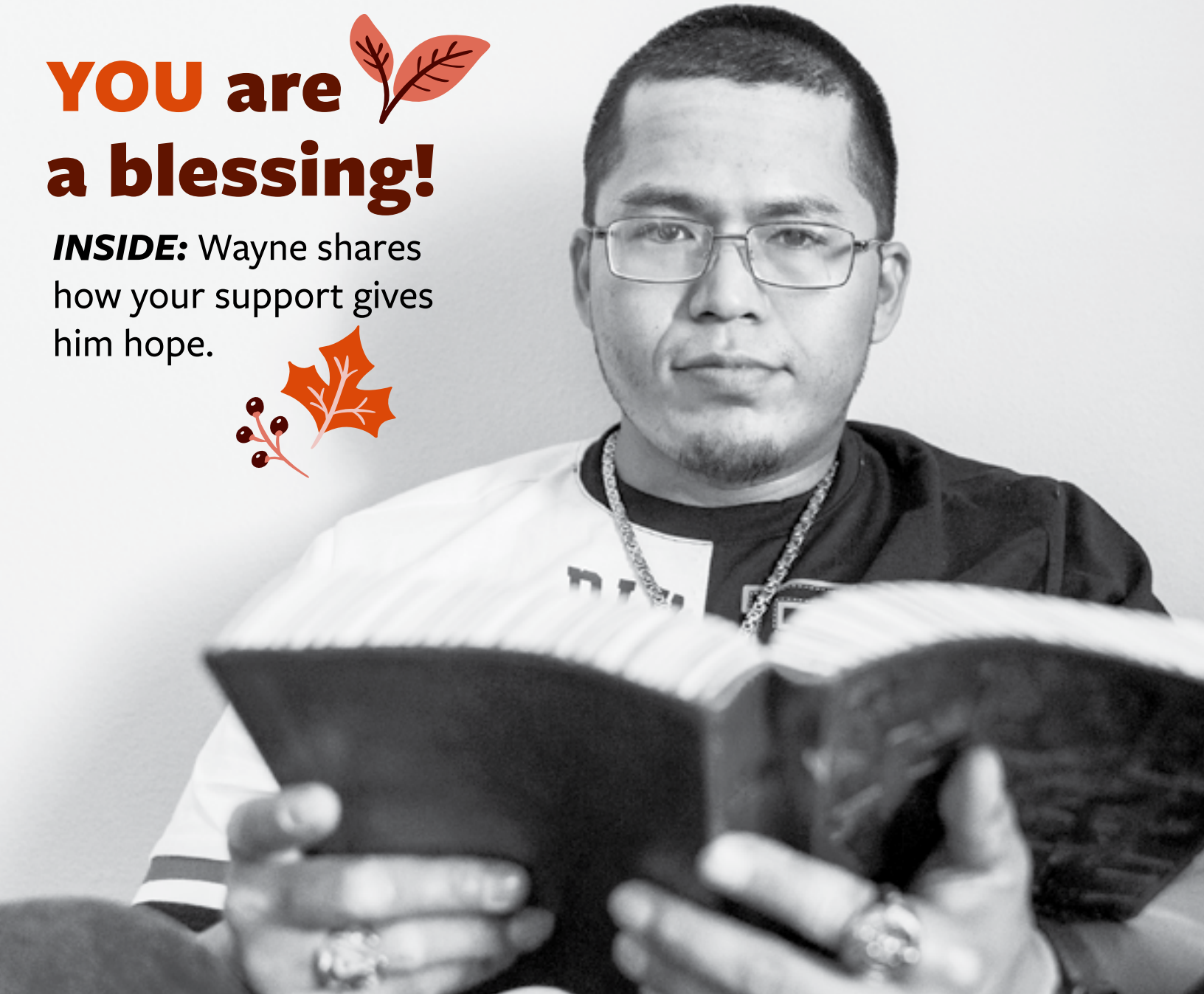
NEW LIFE

SAVING LIVES / RESTORING HOPE / IMPACTING COMMUNITY

A Newsletter of Tri-City Union Gospel Mission – Fall 2025

YOU are a blessing!

INSIDE: Wayne shares how your support gives him hope.



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3 "Praise God, who did not ignore my prayer."

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“Praise God, who did not ignore my prayer.”



**“Come and listen all you who fear God, and I will tell you what he did for me.
For I cried out to him for help... Praise God, who did not ignore my prayer or withdraw
his unfailing love from me.” – Psalm 66:16-20**

When Wayne was 3 months old, his parents abandoned him. “Alcoholism and drug addiction run in my family. My parents were only 19 when they had me. They chose the party life over me.” Thankfully, his grandmother stepped in to care for him and his sister. “So I had a good role model in her growing up.”

As he got older, Wayne struggled to deal with the impact of his parents’ choices. “I was so angry and I really didn’t understand why.” To cope with his emotional pain, he started drinking. Despite his attempts at recovery, Wayne says, “I always ran back to my addictions even though all it’s ever gotten me is pain, misery, heartache, self-doubt, hopelessness and destruction.”

After relapsing in what was supposed to be another fresh start, he woke up from a blackout in jail. “I was a wreck. I had lost control of my life,” he says. “I prayed to God and admitted that I couldn’t do this on my own anymore.”

When Wayne was released from jail, he discovered he was not allowed to return to where he had been living – but he was told about the Mission. He arrived the next day and joined our faith-based New Life recovery program shortly thereafter.

“The program not only saved my life, but it also changed me from the inside out by developing a deeper relationship with God.”

Thanks to New Life, Wayne has developed the tools he needs to face

the future with hope and confidence. He’s found a supportive community through Bible study and educational classes on addiction, finances, anxiety and relapse prevention.

Wayne graduated the New Life program in April, he attends a local church and participates in support groups like Celebrate Recovery and AA. “It’s giving me more tools to cope with my addictions and has established me on a better spiritual path.” He is working part-time as support staff at our Men’s Facility where he can help, encourage and inspire other men who come to us looking for a fresh start.

“There are no words to express how grateful I am for what God has done in my life. All honor and glory goes to God.”

**“I press on to possess that perfection for which Christ Jesus first possessed me...
I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead,
I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God,
through Christ Jesus, is calling us.” – Philippians 3:12-14**

Hearts and lives are new... thanks to YOU!



A Message from ANDREW PORTER

As the seasons change, I'm reminded of Jesus' words to His disciples: **"The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few."** As one of our most devoted "workers," your love and care for our homeless, hungry neighbors is a powerful source of hope. For the people who come to us for help. For our staff... and for me personally!

This month, you have a special opportunity to make a difference for our struggling neighbors. September is Hunger Action Month – and we're inviting you to provide 30 meals over 30 days for our hungry guests. It's a meaningful way you can be a force for change here in our community.

In September alone, we're preparing to serve 10,000 meals – and more in the weeks leading up to Thanksgiving. Your support will help provide these life-changing meals that fill bellies with nourishment... and fill lives with hope.

Read how your involvement is bearing fruit in Wayne's life. He is looking forward to a more hope-filled future – because of the dedication of "workers" like you!

Thank you for investing in the lives of more people like Wayne – the harvest is truly plentiful!

Andrew Porter
Executive Director

LIVES RESTORED...



through Christ and your
compassionate generosity

Your FAITH IN ACTION is Changing Lives

At Tri-City Union Gospel Mission, faith in Christ is put into action through our Rescue, Recovery and Restoration programs that meet the real needs of our residents and neighbors.

Your generous hospitality and tangible acts of compassion, mercy and grace are at the heart of everything we do:



Three meals a day,
every day



Safe shelter,
every night



Community
clothing
bank



Health, hygiene &
grief support



Addiction Recovery
Program



Bible-based
character &
life-skills classes



Case management
services



Financial education &
job training



Digital technology education,
free Wi-Fi & computer lab
access



Building relationships &
community



After-care program,
and so much more!

Thank you for bringing faith to life through your good works.

"What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,' but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead."

– James 2:14-17

SEPTEMBER SPOTLIGHT:
HUNGER ACTION MONTH

10,000

Meals Needed this September!

September is Hunger Action Month! Join our community in this month-long movement to fight hunger... and TAKE ACTION to help even more hungry neighbors we'll welcome this fall.



**Sign up to
serve a meal**



**Donate
canned goods**



**Provide
groceries**



**Invite others
to join you**

**For just \$2.75, YOU can
provide a nourishing meal
to end someone's hunger.**

Send your gift today OR
online at **tcugm.org**.

*Scan to take
action now!*



Did you know?!
**HELP IS JUST A
CALL AWAY**

Tri-City Union Gospel Mission works directly with our local schools to help kids and their families when they need it most.

If a student shows up to school without a coat, needs shoes that fit, or is short on school supplies or hygiene items – school counselors and teachers know they can reach out to us for help. And because of you, we're able to answer the call!



Your support ensures that these needs are met quickly, with care and dignity.
Thank you for being a lifeline to families right here in our community through your faithfulness to Tri-City Union Gospel Mission.