

# NEW LIFE

SAVING LIVES / RESTORING HOPE / IMPACTING COMMUNITY

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



*Because of you...*

**“MY STORY HAS A NEW BEGINNING!”**

Your gifts bring **JOY** to people like Jack at Christmas and all through the year!



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Your Gifts Fill  
Hearts With  
**Joy!**

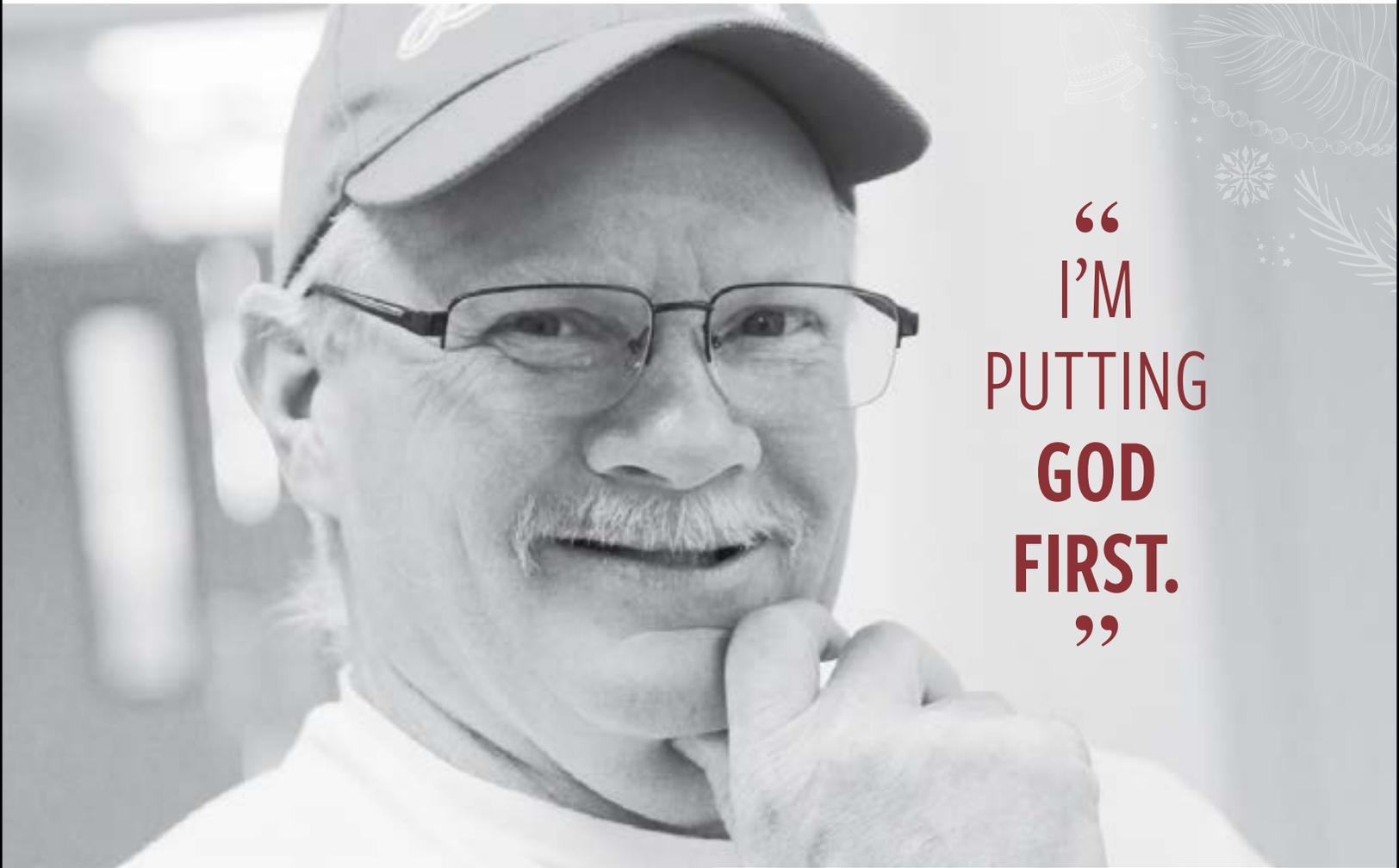
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“My way has never worked,” Jack says, *describing his battle with addiction that left him broken, physically, mentally and spiritually.* “It ruined everything – my relationships... my health... my family.”

Eventually, he couldn’t hold a job. Then he could no longer afford the motel room where he was staying. “I got on my knees and prayed for divine intervention,” he shares. And God laid it on his heart to come to the Mission.

Jack learned about Jesus as a child and always believed in God. “But I just kind of walked away and didn’t realize it,” he says. So he was drawn to the faith-based foundation of our New Life Program. In our care, he’s found a Christ-centered community that is providing the encouragement, direction and resources he needs to turn his life around. “I’ve put myself in a circle of people that are really good and trustworthy and that I can talk to,” he says.

Most importantly, for the first time in his life, he’s building a relationship with the Lord. “It all begins with God – nothing works without Him. I’m learning to trust Him.”

“ I have joy in my heart that you won’t believe.  
**That’s Jesus!** ”

Today, *Jack is healing, physically, emotionally and spiritually.* He’s defeating his addiction, taking classes to complete his GED and attending church faithfully. He’s embracing his future day by day, following God’s plan for his life. “I’m going to read the Word and put it in my heart.”

*This Christmas, because of your compassion and God’s love, Jack’s story has a new beginning. Through the gift of Christ’s birth, his future is filled with joy and meaning.* **“The things that I see are better and brighter. With God’s will, I’m in alignment. I’m where I’m supposed to be.”**



## Your Gifts Fill Hearts With *Joy!*

The “Christmas story” isn’t fiction, fable or fairytale. It’s God’s reassuring Truth!

Christ was born to bring hope to a troubled world and healing to broken souls.

That’s the joy-filled message we’re honored to share with our guests at Christmas, and remain faithful to every day of the year.

Jesus’ birth begins a new story for all of humankind. But for a new story to begin, an old one often must end. Through the Christ-centered care your generosity provides, we help individuals close chapters of loneliness, pain and tragedy in their lives and ask the Lord to be the author of their futures. I invite you to partner with us in the coming weeks to provide gifts of food, shelter and life-restoring guidance, as we celebrate the joyous new beginnings the season brings.

The redemptive story of Christmas continues today, each time friends like you reach out with compassion to those who are homeless, addicted and downtrodden.

Thank you for keeping the story of Christ’s birth alive – and filling hearts with the joy of Christmas – every day of the year.

May God bless you and yours this holiday season and into the New Year.

Andrew Porter  
Executive Director

## Make the holidays *happier!*

With the holidays right around the corner, we could really use your help! You can make the season extra special by providing needed items for those in our care:

### **Holiday Needs**

- men’s & women’s coats
- Turkeys
- Napkins
- Toilet paper
- Salad dressings (Ranch, Thousand Island)
- Olives, celery & cheese
- Foil (heavy duty) & large Ziploc freezer bags

### **Holiday Gifts**

- Slippers and pajamas for women & children
- Slippers and pajamas for men of all sizes



- Toys for children of all ages
- Blankets
- Coffee pods for our warming station
- Hot chocolate
- Cups of soup
- Snack foods



December 3 is  
**#GIVING  
TUESDAY**

Now in its eighth year, **Giving Tuesday** unites compassionate friends and partners in caring for their neighbors and communities. On this special day of generosity and kindness, your gift will bring life essentials and life-changing guidance to those in our care at Tri-City Union Gospel Mission!

**No Need to Wait Until December 3...  
Send Your Gift Today!**

# Want to help *change lives?*

You can make a real, lasting difference in the lives of your hurting neighbors when you volunteer at Tri-City Union Gospel Mission. Volunteers are the heart and soul of our ministry, and our work simply would not be possible without the help of these compassionate men and women who generously give their time and talents.

## Would you like to learn more?

Please visit [tcugm.org/volunteer](http://tcugm.org/volunteer) to find out about our current volunteer opportunities.

## Are you ready to volunteer?

Before filling out an application, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Jill Farris at [JillFarris@tcugm.org](mailto:JillFarris@tcugm.org), or call her at (509) 792-1539, ext. 103 to schedule a 30 minute tour of our facilities. Taking a tour is a great way for you to learn more about the Mission and our current volunteer opportunities.



## **Give a Meal...** *Change a Life*

### 7,000 meals by Christmas!

A plate of hot, wholesome food can change someone's story from struggle to strength... from heartbreak to hope... from despair to joy. With each meal you give, you offer so much more:

- Safe shelter and clean clothing
- Life skills classes and practical guidance
- The message of God's life-changing love

It costs only \$2.05 to provide a meal and care for one hungry person...



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