OVERCOMING The Darkness

Marcus found healing for his broken spirit and hope for the future.

On Page 3: Read how your support is giving Marcus a reason to celebrate this Easter!
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A Message from Andrew Porter

YOU RESTORE Hope

When we pass a homeless person on the street, it’s often easier to avert our eyes to our phones rather than engage with that person’s very real pain. That way, we don’t have to hear their cries... or see how broken their lives are... or feel how much they suffer.

But their pain is real, even if we look away.

On the cross, Jesus didn’t look away from suffering, but endured it, fixing His eyes on “the joy set before Him.” The glory of the cross is that Jesus boldly engaged with our pain. He experienced our struggles and our cries, and suffered with all of humanity. Jesus took our pain upon Himself and redeemed it.

Easter is our celebration of that new hope!

Your generous gifts demonstrate that you turn toward those who are hurting – and want to offer them healing and restoration through Christ’s love.

Because of you, people like Marcus are celebrating HUGE changes in their lives. Marcus’s story is on page 3, and I hope as you read, you’re inspired by how your gifts can turn a life filled with pain into a beautiful new beginning.

By God’s grace, and your support, many like Marcus are experiencing hope restored. On behalf of each person in our care, thank you for reaching out to them with the love and kindness that helps restore lives this Easter.

Andrew Porter
Executive Director

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Life was going well for Marcus. He was in college and working – then he had a psychotic episode. Marcus was diagnosed with bipolar disorder, had to quit school and left his parents’ house because he couldn’t live under their strict rules.

“I was depressed,” he says. “I didn’t have much self-awareness. I couldn’t think ahead or plan into the future. I was just surviving day by day.” Though Marcus was taking his medication regularly, the instability of his living situation caused added anxiety.

Marcus stayed in various transitional programs, unsure of what the future held, until he heard about Tri-City Union Gospel Mission. “There was nowhere else to go. I didn’t want to live in the street, so I walked to the Mission.”

At the Mission, Marcus found the structure and support he needed to overcome darkness and despair. “Staying at the Mission, I was able to let my mind heal and get my emotions back to a healthy state. Being Mormon, I didn’t know what Christianity was or what it meant. I didn’t know what the Bible said at all until I came here.”

Today, Marcus lives at the Mission as part of our volunteer program, he has reconciled with his parents and his mental health has greatly improved in our care. Marcus came in without faith, and during his time here, his heart has been opened to receiving the Word and learning more about Jesus. “The Mission has shown me such grace. I started reading the Bible to understand Christianity.”

This Easter, Marcus and his family will be celebrating the beautiful new beginning in their life – made possible by your generous support. “One of the limitations of being bipolar is that I can only work the day shift. I want to go to school – take some classes and become an economist. I’m going to aim as high as I can and do the best I can.”

Let’s be friends!  

VISIT tcugm.org to read stories of hope, learn more about our ministry & securely donate anytime.
Will you help set more places at our tables for hungry people this Easter?

Just look at our needs this Easter season:
6,000+ meals for men, women & children.

And there’s no way we can serve them without you!

Donate food: Please consider hosting a food drive or donating these needed items by **Friday, April 19**:

- HAMS
- BAGGED POTATOES
- CANNED GREEN BEANS
- DINNER ROLLS
- FRUIT
- HOMEMADE DESSERTS (cookies, brownies, pies, etc.)
- SALAD
- ASSORTED CANDY
- SNACKS

Drop off donations at the Mission, 221 S. 4th Avenue, 7 days a week. Thank you!

Don’t have time to shop? Donate now! **(509) 547-2112 tcugm.org**

Andrew, I want to help my homeless neighbors find hope & new life. Here’s my Easter gift to provide meals, shelter & care:

- $26.65 to feed and care for 13 people
- $53.30 to feed and care for 26 people
- $75.85 to feed and care for 37 people
- $88.15 to feed and care for 43 people
- $_____ to help as much as possible

Thank you for the new hope you make possible in hurting lives! Happy Easter!