



HARBOR of HOPE

A newsletter of Union Gospel Mission of Grays Harbor
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Thanks to you...

Jacob

has been given a
life-changing gift
this Christmas.



Union Gospel Mission
of Grays Harbor

Reaching Hearts & Changing Lives of People in Need


**DON'T
MISS...**

2 Celebrating rebirth
this Christmas.

3 "I just want to do
right by Him."

4 3 ways to help
at the holidays

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**“I just want
to do right
by Him.”**



Jacob was raised by an elderly relative because his parents, who battled addiction, were unable to care for him. Although she provided for his daily essentials, the older woman simply couldn't offer the guidance and direction a young boy needs.


At 17, he struck out on his own... picked up self-destructive habits... and often found himself homeless. “I hitchhiked from place to place and struggled to hold jobs,” he says. After years of an unstable existence, “I thought maybe I was meant to be on the streets my whole life.” But God had another plan in store.

Eventually Jacob was arrested and sent to jail. When released, he felt God calling him to Union Gospel Mission.


In the care of our loving and compassionate counselors, he learned to deal with the issues that had prevented him from developing a purpose-filled life. Most importantly, he began to build a relationship with the Lord.

“I knew God existed, but I was trying to live within my own power,” he says. “Now when I have a problem, I take a step back and try to see it from His eyes.”

After graduation he stayed on to work at the Mission and he now serves as the men's director, helping others learn of God's love and Word and finally realizing and embracing the Lord's plan for his life. “I always knew I wanted to work with the homeless since my time on the streets,” he says. “I came from that life... I understand how it works.”



**“At the Mission, they really want
to see people turn their lives
around.”**



It's going to be a Christmas filled with joy for Jacob – and he's grateful to you for this wonderful gift of a new beginning. “The best part about it is that I'm open to new things... new responsibilities... new focus in my life. I now have a purpose.”

Celebrating Christmas with JOY for All People

In Luke 2:10, the angel says,
“Behold, I bring you good tidings
of great joy, which shall be to all
people.”

During the Christmas season,
we hear a lot about joy. It has me
thinking about how joy is something
all people can have in their hearts.
This time of year, our greatest joy is
celebrating the birth of our Savior
and the eternal life we have been
freely given.

That joy is what fills our hearts
Christmas morning... and, hopefully,
every day of the year. It's the same
joy I see on the faces of the children,
women and men that have come
to Union Gospel Mission of Grays
Harbor and experienced God's life-
changing love up close and personal.
The joy YOU help them experience
through your heartfelt prayers and
support.

This Christmas, as you reflect on
the “reason for the season,” I hope
you will remember our neighbors
who are hurting. As Jacob's story
shows, your generosity offers help.
Healing. And a chance to be held in
the arms of a loving God.

I am continually humbled by the
faithfulness of friends like you who
joyfully bless others. Thank you, and
may God fill your heart with peace
and love.



Gary Rowell

Gary Rowell
Executive Director

A delicious Christmas meal for our homeless neighbors...

... STARTS WITH YOU!

As you prepare to celebrate the joy
of Christmas, please remember our
hurting neighbors. It's been another
really tough year for so many in our
community – and the very best gift
you can give them is the help they
need right now!

Just \$2.35 provides a meal and care for
one person.

That meal is often the first step
toward a new life through God's love.



\$2.35
for 1 hot meal



A night
of safe shelter

**CAN GIVE
SOMEONE**

**Healing
Hope
And a Second
Chance!**



Please Send Your Christmas Gift Today!

SEE HOW YOU HELPED CHANGE JACOB'S LIFE!

*“The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and
be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.”*

-Numbers 6:24-26 (NIV)

*Wishing you and your loved ones a
Merry Christmas!*

During this joyous holiday season, our prayer is that God will richly bless
you just as you have blessed your hurting neighbors. Your incredible
generosity has opened the door for healing and transformation through
God's unending love by providing 53,000 meals and 17,500 nights of safe
shelter this year.

May His face shine upon you and bring you peace, comfort and joy...
today and all throughout the new year. Thank you, and Merry Christmas!



November 30 is GIVING TUESDAY

It's a day for neighbors to help neighbors... and join together as a community on **Giving Tuesday**! On November 30, your compassionate gift to our ministry will provide life-changing essentials like meals, shelter and recovery services to help people right here in Grays Harbor.

Many people are still struggling to overcome hardships and rebuild their lives on solid ground. *Your help is needed now more than ever.* Give our neighbors hope on Giving Tuesday!

Why Wait? Celebrate GIVING TUESDAY Now!

- ✓ Add your special Giving Tuesday gift on the reply card and send it today.
- 📄 Give online at ugmgraysharbor.org.

3 Easy Ways YOU Can Help this Christmas!

FEED HUNGRY FOLKS



Want to nourish your neighbors? Donate these foods to help prepare hundreds of meals this holiday season. Please deliver them to

405 E Heron St in Aberdeen, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.

turkeys & hams * bags of potatoes
canned fruits and vegetables
coffee, creamer & sugar



MEET BASIC NEEDS



Looking to cover the basics? These essential items keep Mission guests safe and comfortable during their time in our care.

Please drop off donations at **405 E Heron St in Aberdeen, 8 a.m. - 6 p.m.**

garbage bags * paper towels & toilet paper * laundry detergent
shampoo * conditioner * deodorant

GIVE GIFT CARDS



No time to shop? Donating gift cards for these merchants helps purchase holiday gifts as well as year-round necessities.

Please mail or deliver them to **405 E Heron St in Aberdeen.**

Walmart * Safeway * Swanson's

THANK YOU FOR MAKING THIS CHRISTMAS A TIME OF JOY!