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A Message from CHARLEY CAPOEMAN

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

I think of people like Shannon, 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

New Foundations 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 15,500 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 Union Gospel Mission of Grays Harbor – a reason to give thanks this fall!

Charley Capoeman, 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 New Foundation program look forward to brighter futures.



“I was very lost. The Mission has helped me grow spiritually, mentally and more mature.”

“If it weren't for the Mission, I wouldn't have my life back. I have learned that I am special and 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 ugmgraysharbor.org.

Join Our

2024 THANKSGIVING CAMPAIGN

15,500 Meals Needed this Holiday 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 \$2.45, 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

Care and support

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 ugmgraysharbor.org.

Meet Shannon – who is thankful for your support!

“I am writing a new chapter in my life.”

“I was sick of living in sin,” says Shannon. That lifestyle started because of a series of losses. First his mom, the only parent who showed him love, died. Shortly after, he injured his back at work and was unable to return to his job as an automotive machinist.

The pain medication he was given for his injuries led to addiction to methamphetamines. “I ended up in jail and I was mad at God for letting bad things happen to good people,” Shannon shares.

His life changed when he read the Bible in jail. “I found out I was mad at God for all the wrong reasons. That’s when I gave my life to Christ,” says Shannon.

“I was sick of sin at that point. I knew I would never go back.”

When Shannon got out of jail, it was his first time being on the streets. He was relieved when Union Gospel Mission of Grays Harbor welcomed him. “I was so thankful for that,” Shannon says. “I joined the New Foundation Program then. **I was ready for the change, and I knew what I wanted.**”

Having to reprogram himself has been a challenge, but Shannon says, **“I’ve learned that the Bible is an instructional book on how to navigate through life.”**

He is grateful for the opportunities, tools and resources that the Mission provided. He now works as our Men’s Director. “I found my calling in life. It’s amazing. I love everybody and I love to help people,” he says. By helping others, Shannon has also learned a lot about himself, healing and forgiveness.

“The Mission is giving people a new way of life. I have so much hope and I can give it to other people,” he says.

This fall, Shannon gives thanks for YOU and your incredible generosity. Your prayers and support have helped change his life. “Before I came to the Mission, I was lost. Now, I’m a child of God. I know who I am now. I found myself.”

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Bible Study Transforms Lives

“The teachings of the Lord are perfect; they give new strength.” Psalm 19:7a

After struggling with homelessness, addiction, abuse or other heartbreak, many find it difficult to trust God. Bible Study at the Mission can be a major turning point for the men and women who come through our doors – **instilling strength, self-worth and hope as they come to know God’s love.**

Through regular prayer, worship, the teaching of the Word and fellowship, men and women feel inspired to make positive changes in their lives.

Bible Study becomes a refuge for our guests, where they can seek God in prayer, study His Word and discover the good plans He has for their future.

Are you or your church interested in donating Bibles for our guests and those who access other services? Contact **(360) 533-1064** to find out more.

“But the people who trust the Lord will become strong again. They will rise up as an eagle in the sky; they will run and not need rest; they will walk and not become tired.” Isaiah 40:31



CURRENT NEEDS *Donate essential items this fall!*

During the busy fall season, the number of guests we welcome at Union Gospel Mission of Grays Harbor 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 **ugmgraysharbor.org** to see our current needs list.

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

- Toilet paper
- New, warm socks
- Body wash, shampoo & conditioner