



UGM of Grays Harbor

# Harbor of Hope

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## “I Give Thanks Every Day”

***“Maybe I have more to offer than I thought.”***

That statement from Jesse, a resident in our New Foundations Program, is a far cry from the way he felt about himself a few short months ago.

When Jesse stepped off the bus in Aberdeen, he saw Union Gospel Mission and decided to check it out. As he came through the door, he told the greeter at the desk, “I am looking for someone I can trust.”

Jesse had spent five years struggling with drug addiction. After managing to stay clean for a year while homeless, he fell back into addiction. That’s when he decided to try our program at UGM.

Since coming to the Mission, Jesse is ***“getting back to God.”*** He has found comfort because he knows he can trust the people here to help him in his journey. Most importantly, he is growing in his relationship with the Lord and finding the healing and hope he needs in Jesus.

Jesse finds himself looking forward to each new day. “Before coming to UGM, waking up every morning was terrifying,” he recalls. “I was fearful of everything. Now it is exciting.”

Jesse joined our New Foundation Program, and he is moving forward with his life. He is growing in his faith and getting the help and healing he needs to overcome the difficulties in his life. ***“I’m not the same man I used to be,”*** he says.

Jesse is grateful for the donors who made it possible for him to find help at Union Gospel Mission. “I’m really, really thankful,” Jesse says. “I give thanks every day in my prayers for them.”

***We are thankful for you, too!***



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# FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

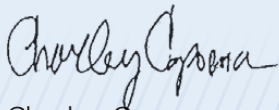
My thanks to all who have supported and continue to support the Union Gospel Mission and Friendship House here in Aberdeen, helping us make a difference in people's lives every day. It is truly rewarding to help families and individuals with the help of your partnership and prayers.

I am happy to report that our upstairs bathroom remodeling project is moving forward. Demolition work started on May 27 and is moving quickly! When this project is completed, the men staying here will be able to start their days without the long wait for the bathroom! I'm so grateful to those of you who have supported this project. There is still time to give, and your help would be greatly appreciated.

I pray your summer and family gatherings have been blessed and safe so far. Thank you for your support.

***"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you." Philippians 1:3***

In His service,



Charley Capoman  
Executive Director



## What Is the New Foundation Program?

UGM's *New Foundation Program* provides the education and spiritual training individuals need to overcome the challenges and addictions that hold them in bondage. Participants build a lasting relationship with Jesus Christ, with the goal of eventually returning to their homes, families and communities. Over a years' time, men and women receive the kind of specialized attention and training they need to get back on their feet. Thank you for praying for the individuals who are determined to change their lives through this program.

***Through the New Foundation Program, men and women are:***

**Reconciled to God:** developing a relationship with the One who made and loves them.

**Reconciled to Themselves:** overcoming issues in their own lives.

**Reconciled to Society:** becoming fully functioning members of society who have a chance to prosper.



# My Life is Changing!

We asked several clients how God is helping them make positive changes in their time here at Union Gospel Mission. Here's what they said:

*"I want to keep getting stronger in God and in my recovery. I want to find out what God has for me."* Marcy



*"I can do more than I thought I could. I wake up every day excited because I have something to do."* Calvin

*"I don't see myself as nothing anymore. I'm something. I'm somebody and they changed that for me."* Sheri

*"I'm learning the gospel, and how to accept people, and how to have people close to me. I was ready to go to the grave [but] we're putting that aside ... I'm gonna make it."* Jason



*"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."* Brenda

*"I was lost. The Mission has helped me grow spiritually, mentally and more mature."* Josh

## "I'm glad I'm here"

For Marshall, living on the streets was no longer an option. The loneliness, weariness and danger drove him to come to UGM. "I had struggled with the relationships in my life," he says, "but the idea of coming to the Mission made me nervous because I didn't know what to expect."

Today, Marshall says coming to UGM has been a positive change in his life. He is learning a lot through our daily Bible studies. "UGM has helped me a lot," he says. ***"This beats living on the streets. I'm glad I came here."***



# Doing What Needs to Be Done



Eddie had two reasons for coming to Union Gospel Mission of Grays Harbor. He didn't like living without a roof over his head, and he knew he needed structure in his life. Being homeless made him feel unstable and uncertain each day.

Communicating with people was tough for Eddie. In fact, his struggle with communicating made it difficult just to get through each day. At UGM, Eddie has found stability, structure and people who listen when he tries to communicate.

***"The things that this place is doing need to be done,"*** he says.  
***"Thank you."***

## Our Volunteers Make the Difference!

We are grateful to our wonderful volunteers who generously give their time and support to the Mission. We are thankful for all of you!



Thanks to the Grays Harbor College Baseball Team for a freezer full of turkey! "This donation will help us all year long," says Charley Capoeman. "What an awesome act of kindness!"

Patrick generously spends each Monday at UGM washing dishes. Thanks, Patrick, for helping us stay sanitary and healthy!



## Pearls of Great Price

***"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking beautiful pearls, who when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had and bought it." Matthew 13:45-46***

At Union Gospel Mission, we are blessed to minister to men, women and children who are dealing with homelessness, addiction, financial struggles and trauma. They are some of the people Jesus left everything to rescue ... to seek and to save. They are His pearls of great price. We are so grateful that God has given us the opportunity to provide shelter, care, and hope to people He treasures so much. Thank you for partnering with us to share the Gospel with these precious pearls of great price.