



UGM of Grays Harbor

Harbor of Hope

NEWSLETTER

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Finding my place at the table...

For most of Mike's life, things started... and then fell apart. Jobs, relationships, opportunities—for 44 years, addiction controlled his life. It dictated his choices, clouded his thinking, and built barrier after barrier—especially the one that seemed impossible to overcome for 44 years: passing a drug test. Because of that, doors stayed closed, and hope felt out of reach.

He spent many nights couch surfing, and finding temporary places where he knew he never quite belonged.

It wasn't until Mike came to Union Gospel Mission that something deeper began to shift. Mike had always been searching, always reaching for something more, in his words- **"chasing God"**. At the Mission, that search came to an end. He didn't just hear about God—he encountered Him. **"The Lord was silent in words, but His love was ten feet tall."**

For the first time in his life, Mike began to feel something unfamiliar a sense that he was no longer alone. Before coming to the mission he was depressed, alone and without hope, now he knows he is a child of

God, and that God had given him his life back.

And for the first time, Mike believes something else just as powerful: **"I am worth saving."**

At the Mission, he found more than shelter—he found acceptance. Love, not based on what he's done or where he's been, but simply because of who he is. That truth has changed him. Mike shared this statement with the director, **"I no longer feel the need to hide myself from Jesus...no shyness in His Presence."**

He now understands that God was never absent. Even in the darkest moments—on couches, and through years of addiction—God was there every minute, loving him, saving him. **"I feel the love (of God), I want more."**

We would like to share one more quote from Mike, **"It feels good to be G rated."**



New Foundation Program

Our **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 and eventually return to their homes, families and communities.

We recently had four graduate from the New Foundation Program, and currently have four other participants, they are all experiencing God's restorative power in their lives. We are seeing miracles as they overcome obstacles that have kept them from moving forward with their lives.

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends,

We are so grateful for your faithful support of Union Gospel Mission. Because of your generosity, men, women and children in our care are experiencing not only meals, and shelter, but the love of Christ in many ways.

In this newsletter I would like to share with you our vision for the Friendship House—our women and children's shelter. Our heart is to create a warm and welcoming place where every woman and child feels safe, valued, and known. We see God working—renewing hearts and restoring lives.

Friendship House is more than a shelter; it is a refuge where hearts can heal and lives can be restored. We are trusting the Lord to continue transforming lives, breaking destructive cycles, and restoring families for generations to come. Thank you for being part of what God is doing through this mission.

In His Service,



Charley Capoman



Building Hope Together

We are so grateful for the incredible generosity of our community. Because of your kindness, Friendship House continues to become a safer, warmer, and more welcoming place for the women and children we serve.

Thank you to the Jerry and Mindy Sperline who made it possible to purchase a new front door and beautiful window coverings for the entire house!

We also want to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Grays Harbor Community Foundations for their generous grant to replace the flooring on the main living quarters. This has made a lasting impact for every woman and child who walk through our doors.

And to the amazing local business Barons Construction LLC that donated their time and talent to paint the interior—thank you for helping create a space that feels fresh, peaceful and full of hope.

We also want to express a big thank you to all the churches who support us. We are so blessed.

Each gift, each act of service, is a reflection of God's love in action. Thank you for helping us to continue to make the Friendship House a place of restoration and new beginnings.



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