



## A Message from Duke

### But, Jesus . . .

Time and again, individuals and families have come through the Mission with stories of true transformation in Jesus Christ.

There have been men and women in deep isolation and depression who found life-giving hope in Jesus.

I've met individuals who were trapped in addiction for decades, but, because of Christ, they overcame. Their lives were restored.

To me, that's what Easter is all about.

Because of Jesus everything is new. Everything can change and everyone can experience new life — including Jake.

Apart from Jesus, lasting transformation isn't possible. Apart from Him, life can feel hopeless.

But, because Jesus died and rose again on that very first Easter, new life is offered to us all. That's not only worth celebrating but also worth sharing with as many people as possible!

I pray you'll join us in sharing the good news this Easter with our neighbors in dire need.

In Christ,

Duke Paulson  
Executive Director



Your Easter gift today will help a neighbor who's hurting escape the streets and step into a new life!

## It's Called "New Life" for a Reason

**The New Life Recovery Program is named very intentionally.** It's more than helping our neighbors escape the streets and overcome addiction.

**It's about helping men and women change completely, from the inside out. A lasting difference. A new life.**

True, lasting change only comes from Jesus Christ. That's why the New Life Recovery Program is unashamedly Christ-centered. And that's why it works!

*Help someone in need step into a new life, give online at [trm.org](http://trm.org)*

Your support helps make this life-changing program possible.

**Each \$32.73 you give provides a day of crucial care and resources for one person in the Mission's recovery program.**

Your support will help empower men and women to step into new life through faith-based classes, job training and more.

**Will you bless a neighbor in dire need with a life-changing gift this Easter?**

**HELP. HOPE. HEALING.**  
THE NEWSLETTER OF THE TACOMA RESCUE MISSION

### OUR COMMITMENT TO YOU

The entire staff of The Tacoma Rescue Mission pledges to do everything possible to help the hurting and homeless. It was our commitment when our work began in 1912, and it continues to drive us. We pledge to bring help, hope, and healing to as many people as possible by providing food, shelter, clothing, education, job training, work opportunities, transitional housing, and other programs.

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## A New Life in Every Way

**Jake was battling on-going hurt and pain from a childhood trauma.** Alcohol seemed to be the only way he could escape.

*"My drinking didn't start out like a mudslide," Jake explains. "It gradually built up and then the floor started to fall away."*

And after Jake lost his job due to drinking, it only got worse.

**He began drinking every day from the moment he woke up. It didn't matter what time it was.**

One morning, Jake woke up in the middle of an empty field, rain pouring down on him.

He couldn't remember how he got there. But, he knew this was it. **He had hit rock bottom.**

*"I just looked at myself and thought, 'What am I doing?' That day I decided I needed to get help," he remembers.*

**Jake realized, then and there, that things needed to change. He needed a new start . . .**

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*"In that moment, sitting in that field, I realized 'I don't want my life to be like this. God has so much more for me than this.'" — Jake*

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## A New Life in Every Way

... Jake came to the Tacoma Rescue Mission broken, hoping for a chance at a new life.

He found it in our New Life Recovery Program.

Thanks to God's grace and the support of friends like you, Jake got the help he needed to overcome his battle with addiction.

"Everyone is very supportive. Instead of just learning how to stay sober, we're also taught how to move on in life," Jake shares.

With God leading the way and thanks to crucial resources at the Mission, Jake has rebuilt his life. And he has a deeper relationship with Jesus than ever before.

"This program doesn't just help separate you from drugs and alcohol. It introduces you to God," Jake explains. "I can feel God's presence and spirit. I definitely know He is working here."

Every area of Jake's life has been made new.

He is completely sober, has moved into housing, has a renewed faith in Christ, is healing broken relationships, and is working on producing a worship album.

On top of all that, he has a new job with a local painting company owned by a former New Life Recovery Program graduate!

And it is all possible because of the generosity of community members like you and the life-changing power of Jesus Christ.



As Jake looks to the future, there's one thing he's determined to do: help others experience new life too.

"There's nothing I can do to change the past, but there's everything I can do to help the next person in line who is still struggling. I went through this for a reason. I'm going to help others."

You can join him in helping individuals and families who are still in desperate need.

Will you help a neighbor who is hurting step into a new life by sending an Easter gift today? Every \$32.73 you give provides a day of care and resources to one person in the Mission's recovery program.

"Thank you for supporting the Mission. You're changing lives and my life is one that's being changed."  
— Jake

## Help Open the Door to New Life this Easter!

Every man, woman and child who comes to the Mission has a unique story and challenges that they are desperate to overcome. Your support helps meet each person right where they are at — in their darkest hour of need.

Thanks to friends like you, our neighbors who are hurting are beginning to rebuild their lives. Many times they take their first step into a new life through ...



### Meals

Many of our neighbors in need come to the Mission for the first time for a meal. From there they're connected to crucial resources.



### Shelter

Even one night in a safe, warm bed can be the first step toward a changed life for individuals and families who need our help.



### Search & Rescue

Our neighbors still living on the street find out about life-changing services through our Search & Rescue team.

## - Easter at the Mission



On top of crucial resources and care, your support helps share God's love and grace to hundreds of men, women and children. Easter is a special time when we celebrate the new life Christ offers us all.

At Easter, community members come alongside families in need to host Easter egg hunts, make Easter baskets for the kids and help provide a delicious home-cooked meal. All while sharing and celebrating the hope and healing we can find in Christ.

## Please Join Your Neighbors in Prayer

"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." — Romans 12:12 (NIV)

Several of our guests have asked if we will join them in prayer this Easter season.

Please pray for ...



... "healing for my granddaughter who just had a seizure. And comfort for the whole family during this time." — Cleo\*

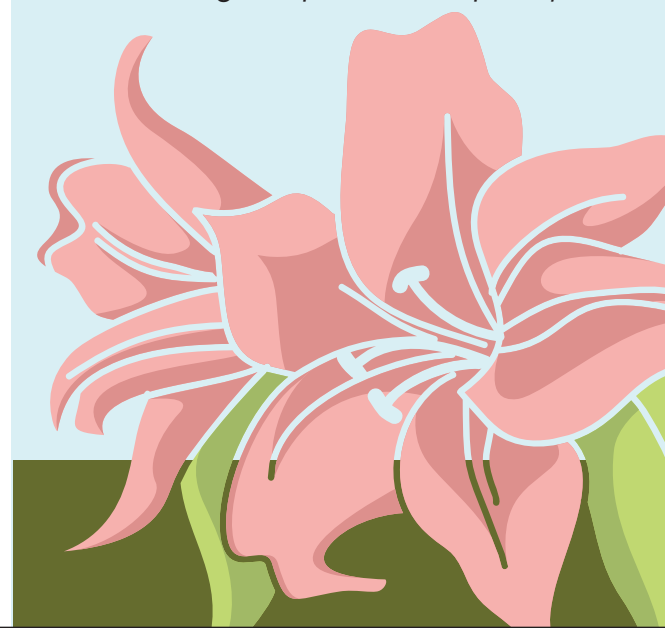


... "my wife and kids. Pray that they have God's covering and that they are able to find real healing. Also pray for my sponsor at Celebrate Recovery. Pray that God is with him as he goes back to school and for success." — C.J.



... "my daughter to be reunited with me as soon as possible. And that we will find a permanent place to live." — Rebecca\*

\*Names changed to protect client privacy.



### Verse of the month:

"Anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!" - 2nd Corinthians 5:17 (NIV)