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*Changing the Future of the Homeless... One Life at a Time*

N E W S L E T T E R F R O M T H E U N I O N R E S C U E M I S S I O N

## Meet *Rocky* He can't thank YOU enough!

Because of you, Rocky's heart is filled with new hope this Easter.



Don't miss... 2

Jeff came in for a meal...

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"I'm following the path God has for me."

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Easter Needs



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Now I’m following  
the path God has  
for me.  
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Rocky was running from God’s call on his life. “The Lord had delivered me from addiction at the Mission and I felt He wanted me to be a youth pastor,” he says. “But I didn’t believe I was prepared, so I ran for seven years, getting distracted by work and everyday life.”

Then Rocky lost his job and his apartment and he stopped running. **“I realized that God was breaking me down because He had something else for me. That’s when He led me back to the Mission,”** he says.

Rocky entered our New Beginnings life-change program, and through our Self-Confrontation course, he discovered the issues that had kept him on the run. “I had bitterness toward a lot of people and myself,” he says. “And I’d been afraid to ask for forgiveness from the people I’d hurt in the past.”

Bible studies, chapel services and Christian counseling helped Rocky release his bitterness and gave him the courage to seek forgiveness. Now his relationships with his son, his parents and others closest to him have been

restored. “It was exactly what I needed,” he says.

Rocky completed the program and is now living in the dorms at Barclay College in Haviland, where he’s earning a degree in Youth Ministry. He’s engaged to be married and looking forward to spending his life in ministry. “Now I’m following the path God has laid out for me. I’m working to please Him and the joy I have is amazing,” he says.

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I see **God working in everything** I do.  
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**You may never meet Rocky, but he’s eternally grateful to YOU for your support – today, his heart is filled with new hope for the future.** “The Mission has shown me a different path. They’ve given me the tools that I need to go out and live the life God intends.”

### *Samaritan Center: Back to Where It All Began*

Union Rescue Mission is excited to announce we’re expanding our services with our new Samaritan Center. We’re returning to our roots, providing hope for our hungry and homeless neighbors in the heart of Wichita.

We’ve acquired a building at 334 N. Topeka, which will open as a downtown shelter for homeless men currently on the streets. At capacity, the facility will sleep 200+ guests each night, providing them with wholesome meals and other life essentials. While in our care, men will have access to vital community resources and the opportunity to move into the long-term programs at our Hillside location. For many, the new shelter will offer entry into the process of recovery, regeneration, restoration and re-engagement for those ready to start a new life.

Please watch our website for more information on our progress, current needs and funding opportunities for this important project!







Here's how YOUR gifts care for our homeless neighbors this Easter season!



just \$2.15  
for a meal!

**11,430** meals to serve



**5,117** nights of shelter to provide



**More than 20 men**  
in the New Beginnings program



**581** hours of education & counseling to provide

**Thank you for touching so many lives with your compassion & support!**

"For He has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness & transferred us into the Kingdom of His dear Son, who purchased our freedom & forgave our sins." Colossians 1:13-14, NLT



## A Message from DOUG NOLTE



## YOUR GIFTS ARE TRANSFORMING LIVES THIS EASTER SEASON

My friends, Easter will be here soon – and with it, the joy of being able to celebrate and shout, “He is risen indeed!”

I can't think of a truth that's more important to those staying at the Mission right now... men who are facing devastating struggles with homelessness, poverty and addiction.

That Jesus overcame death and rose again to offer a hurting world hope resonates with our guests.

**In Jesus, they see that they too can overcome!** As they begin to trust Him, their past guilt and shame transforms into hope for a brighter future. They walk in freedom, knowing that they're forgiven.

Forgiveness is a doorway to new life. It opens up our guests to

accepting love – not just God's, but love from our staff, their families and even themselves. From there, they blossom into the people they were always meant to be.

This Easter, I pray you'll experience the glorious hope of the cross in your life... and remember that YOU are making it possible for hurting people to find forgiveness and freedom through the cross too. I'm so grateful that each time you reach out to help, more hearts are touched by the love of a risen Savior.

Doug Nolte  
Chief Executive Officer



## JEFF CAME FOR A MEAL...



**... AND IT WAS THE START OF A NEW LIFE!**

Jeff didn't have much hope left when he came to our door. Thanks to you, he was warmly welcomed and provided with the basic necessities that restored his hope:

- A hot meal for \$2.15
- An overnight stay in our shelter (just \$10.13!)
- Clothing, showers & Christ-centered care

← Each meal you give makes a big difference!

This Easter, as Jeff celebrates the hope in his life, **YOU can give even more people the gift of meals and care** that's often the first step to healing and a new life in Christ!

✉ Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.

✴ Give online anytime at [urmwichita.org/donate](http://urmwichita.org/donate).

Thank you again for your support of our Mission guests! Happy Easter!

# YOU can help meet our **EASTER NEEDS!**

**Sunday, April 12: 9 a.m. Worship • Shelter and Program Guests Easter Celebration**

We need your help to prepare all the meals and care we'll provide this Easter season.



Between now and Easter Sunday, we're preparing to serve **11,430+ hot meals...** and provide hundreds of men with **basic necessities like safe shelter, clean clothing and Christ-centered care.**

Our homeless neighbors are counting on us... and we're counting on YOU!

Get a closer look at how YOUR support is changing lives.

## **TAKE OUR MISSION TOUR!**

- It's easy to sign up!
- It's fun to visit!
- Best of all, you'll see your gifts at work!

To join our next Mission tour, contact us!

☎ **(316) 687-4673**

*Hope to see you at the Mission soon!*



## **FOOD ITEMS NEEDED!**

Consider hosting a food drive OR dropping off any of these urgently needed food items **by Friday, April 10:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> HAMS               | <input type="checkbox"/> HOMEMADE DESSERTS (cookies, brownies, pies, etc.) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BAGGED POTATOES    | <input type="checkbox"/> SALAD   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CANNED GREEN BEANS | <input type="checkbox"/> ASSORTED CANDY                                    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DINNER ROLLS       | <input type="checkbox"/> SNACKS  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FRUIT              |  |

*Drop off donations at the Mission, 2800 N. Hillside in Wichita, weekdays, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.*

***Thank you so much!***

No time to shop? Donate now!

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**Lend a hand this Easter season... VOLUNTEER!**

Contact Vici ☎ **(316) 687-4673** ✦ **[volunteer@urmwichita.org](mailto:volunteer@urmwichita.org)**

