



Don't miss...



The Joy that Comes from Christ

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"Now, I have faith and hope for the future."

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3 Easy Ways You Can Help

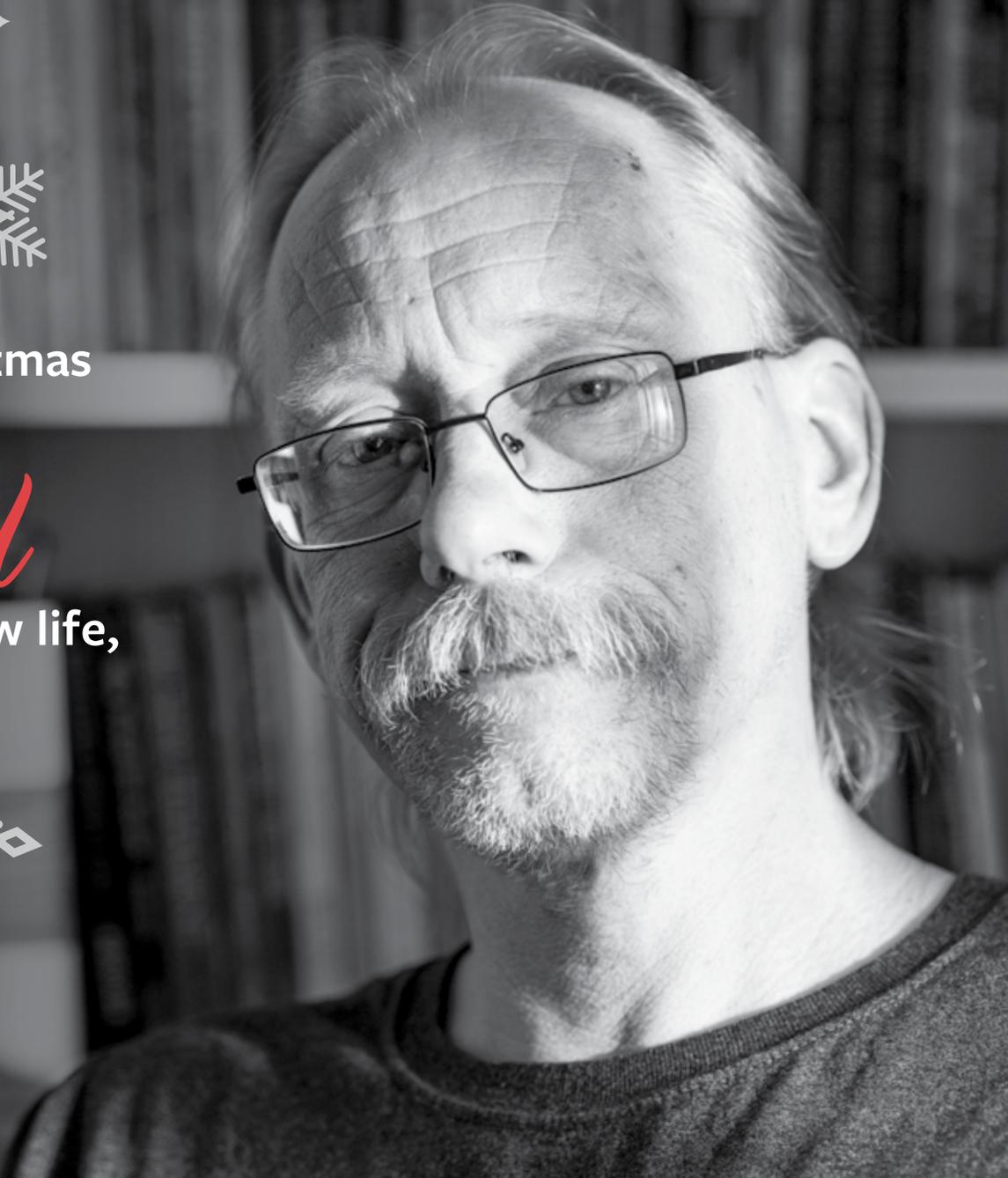
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The best Christmas gift there is...

Daniel

has joy and new life, thanks to you!





“I was lost, but now I have **FAITH and HOPE** for the future.”

Daniel didn't see the harm in drinking. After all, his parents were alcoholics and they were able to hold down jobs and provide for the family. **It never occurred to him that God had much more for his parents than the lives they were living.**

So he began drinking in his teens and things went downhill fast. “I was incarcerated from 17 to 20 as a direct result of alcohol addiction,” he says. “As I got older, my addiction became more and more of a problem.”

Eventually, Daniel wound up homeless and came to believe that he didn't deserve anything good in life. When he wound up back in jail, it was just par for the course. **He never guessed that God would use it for good.** But there, in his cell, he found a glimmer of hope that, perhaps, things could be different, that maybe God had more for him than the life he'd been living.

When he was released, Daniel entered our Parker House Aftercare Program, carrying that hope in his heart.

Through Bible studies, daily devotions and faith-based counseling, his faith has grown strong and he's addressed the root causes of his addiction. Now, he sees himself and his life in a new way. “I've learned that I have worth. I do deserve good things, and if I just put my faith in the Lord, they'll come to me.”

After Daniel completes the program, he hopes to join our staff so he can help others find new life in Christ. “If I can bring hope to just one other person, it will be more than I could ever have asked for.”

Daniel is excited to celebrate the restored hope he has been given this Christmas – and wants YOU to know just how grateful he is. “I was lost, but now I know God loves me, and I have faith and hope for the future.”



“NOW I KNOW GOD HAS
A PURPOSE FOR ME.”



Give 2X the help on GIVING TUESDAY

Tuesday, November 29

A Message from WENDY GOETZ

The JOY that Comes from Christ

Don't you just love the words of John 1:14? *"The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth."*

As we rejoice over the birth of our Savior, it's such a blessing to know God fills our hearts with joy everlasting – today and every day. His faithfulness sustains us through every circumstance and His grace offers renewal in our lives... as well as in the lives of those we serve.

While we do provide Christmas gifts to the guests in our care, what's most important is that they know about Jesus' sacrifice and the gift of salvation that is freely given to us all.

Thanks to your friendship, we're able to share the "good tidings of great joy for all people" during the holidays and throughout the year. Your fervent prayers and ongoing support help restore lives – and wrap local men, women and children in God's loving embrace.

Just like Daniel, whose story we've shared on page 3, God still works miracles in the lives of people all around us.

This Christmas, I hope your heart overflows with peace, joy and love as your blessings abound.

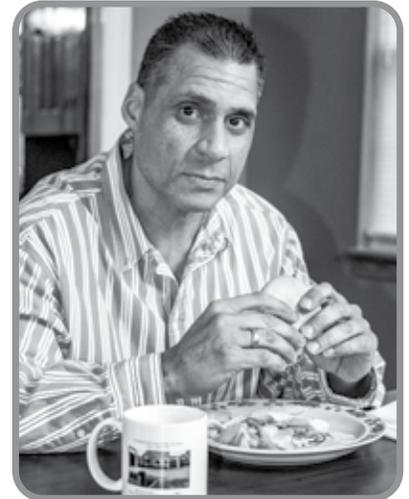


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Executive Director

SHARE A CHRISTMAS MEAL...

You can help make this Christmas a time of celebration for our neighbors who are hungry and homeless. With so many obstacles to overcome during this season of hardship, they need a helping hand and to experience God's love!



\$2.19
for 1 hot meal



\$37.00
for 1 night of safe shelter

CAN GIVE SOMEONE



Please Send Your Christmas Gift Today!

Give Before the Year Ends! \$50,000 GOAL

Many of our struggling neighbors are dealing with inflation, soaring gas prices and other hardships that make daily life more difficult. They need a helping hand before they lose their hope completely.

Your year-end gift will give them a chance to transform their lives through Christ.

Your tax-deductible donation before December 31 will help meet our \$50,000 goal so even more people can get *help* now... and find *hope* for the new year!



- Add your special year-end gift to the reply card and send it today.
- Give online at uticamission.org.

You transformed
hearts & lives this
year...



“Before I came to the Mission, I was broken and lost, but now I’m found and filled with joy.”



“I’m thankful to the Mission for their loving support that restored my trust in other people and helped me realize my worth.”

To read more stories of hope that YOU helped make possible, visit us at uticamission.org/stories. Thank you for caring about those in need, and may God bless you this Christmas!

3 Easy Ways YOU Can Help this Christmas!

SERVE NOURISHING MEALS



You can feed our hungry neighbors by donating these foods to help prepare thousands of meals this holiday season. Please deliver them to **201 Rutger Street, 7:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.**, by Friday, November 18.

turkeys & hams * boxes of stuffing * bags of potatoes * canned fruits and vegetables * coffee, creamer & sugar * pre-packaged pies



PROVIDE THE ESSENTIALS



You can offer our guests these essential items to keep them safe and comfortable during their time at the Mission. Please drop off donations at **293 Genesee Street, Utica, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.**

NEW men’s and women’s socks * gloves * hats * undergarments * sweatpants * sweatshirts sizes M to XXXL

DONATE GIFT CARDS



Donating gift cards from these merchants helps purchase holiday gifts and year-round necessities. Please mail or deliver them to **293 Genesee Street, Utica, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.**

Walmart * Target * Big Lots * Old Navy * Boscov’s

Thank you for making this our best Christmas celebration yet!