Because of you...

“My Story Has a New Beginning!”

Your gifts bring JOY to people like Raymond at Christmas and all through the year!

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Dear Friend,

“Joy” has always been connected with the celebration of Jesus’ birth. At the climax of the Magi’s search for the location of His birth, God’s Word in Matthew 2:10 records that they “rejoiced with exceeding great joy!”

I’m afraid many of us miss the impact that Matthew was sharing. These men were ecstatic! They weren’t just happy to have located the natal star, they were overwhelmed with joy that was indescribable and culminated in adoration and worship – and the giving of gifts. Luke records that both Zacharias and Elizabeth would experience joy and that ultimately the world would rejoice.

We live in a rapidly changing world where many don’t see the joy of Christmas, but City Union Mission is dedicated to sharing the joy of Jesus’ birth with the many men, women, families and youth who need that sure and certain hope. That’s why I’m pleased to announce that Terry Megli, our Family Ministry Director, has been chosen to succeed me as Executive Director. I believe Terry is the right and perfect person to carry on the Mission’s legacy of compassion and life-restoration.

This Christmas, as we have done for 94 years, the Mission will again bless hundreds of families and individuals with the message of joy and gifts that bring comfort and encouragement. You, our prayer and financial supporters, are the reason we can do this, and we are ever grateful for your partnership. May you experience the joy of Christmas that God planned for each of us.

Giving thanks to God,

Rev. Dan Doty
Executive Director

A plate of hot, wholesome food can change someone’s story from struggle to strength… from homeless to hope… from despair to joy. With each meal you give, you offer so much more:

- Safe shelter and clean clothing
- Life skills classes and practical guidance
- The message of God’s life-changing love

It costs only $1.90 to provide a meal and care for one hungry person... Please Feed KC Now – Send Your Gift Today!

Give now using the enclosed reply card and envelope.

Give online anytime at cityunionmission.org.

Guests in our Family Shelter, residents of our long-term programs and income-qualified families will “shop” for presents for loved ones at our Christmas store.

Children in our Vanderberg Youth Center, men in our emergency shelter, residents of nursing homes and inmates of Jackson County jails will be given gifts as well.

We’ll hold a Christmas dinner for our residents and the homeless and we’ll deliver food bags to hundreds of struggling families.

Here’s how to partner with us!

1 SHOP FOR GIFTS – Visit MissionChristmas.org for a list of our most needed gift items for men, women and children, along with Mission drop-off locations.

OR:

2 DONATE ONLINE at MissionChristmas.org – We’ll purchase gifts on your behalf. $50 provides presents for one person in our Christmas store.

Your generosity will bring joy to 1,000 families or nearly 5,000 men, women and children in all!
Raymond was introduced to the Lord years ago. “I always believed in God,” he says, “but I didn’t want to attach my name to Christianity because I wasn’t walking the walk... I didn’t live in that manner.”

Adrift in the world, his often destructive behaviors prevented him from holding steady jobs or forming meaningful relationships. Finally, in his late 50s, his loneliness and despair drove him to our doors, where he found the anchor he needed in our Christian Life Program.

Like all residents, he was required to refresh basic skills, including reading and math, in our Learning Center. Concerned about his ability to succeed, his fears were relieved by a dedicated team of Mission volunteers. “They provided plenty of encouragement and support to get me through,” he says.

He was also paired with a Christian mentor who helped him rekindle his relationship with the Lord. “It’s like a brand new door was opened as I learned more about who God is,” Raymond says.

Today, Raymond believes his experience in our Learning Center has prepared him to re-enter society. “It provided tools which help me keep my mind active and get back into the environment of learning,” he explains. He also plans to follow in the footsteps of his mentor as he begins his own walk with God.

“The Mission has become part of me,” Raymond says. “It’s not just a program, but a place to belong. It’s given me an extended family, and I plan to stay connected.”

This Christmas, because of your compassion and God’s love, Raymond’s story has a new beginning. Through the gift of Christ’s birth, his future is filled with joy and meaning. “I no longer feel like a stranger in God’s house!”

City Union Mission Names New Executive Director

Having served as a faithful and valuable Mission employee for more than 20 years, Family Ministry Director Terry Megli has been chosen to succeed Rev. Dan Doty as Executive Director. Throughout the coming months, Rev. Doty will continue to play an active role at the Mission, including mentoring Megli as he embraces his new position, and they ask for your prayers for a God-guided transition.
Make an Impact Through Year-End Giving

City Union Mission offers a variety of giving opportunities that allow you to demonstrate your compassion for Kansas City’s poor and homeless…

- **Donations of cash** can purchase items needed most and are of greatest benefit to the Mission.
- Your company may *[match your gifts]* to the Mission and double the impact of your giving. To learn more, visit [cityunionmission.org/what-you-can-give/](http://cityunionmission.org/what-you-can-give/).
- **Gifts of stock and other securities** allow you to give without depleting current cash reserves.
- Contributions of *[products or services]* your company provides can be used to meet needs and offset our budget.
- Used *[cars, trucks and vans]* can be used in Mission programs or sold for funding.
- **401(k) retirement** giving/mandatory disbursements at 70 1/2.

For more information on these and other year-end giving options, contact Dennis Chapman at give@cityunionmission.org or (816) 474-9380, ext. 1476.

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**Feed My Now**

Dan, please use my Christmas gift to bring joy and restoration to those who are homeless and hurting:

- $19.00 to feed & care for 10 people
- $49.40 to feed & care for 26 people
- $76.00 to feed & care for 40 people
- $91.20 to feed & care for 48 people
- $________ to help as much as possible

Plus, $________ to provide a special Christmas gift

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**Help Us Reach Our Campaign Goal!**

$6.5 MILLION

Because the Mission accepts no funding that would require us to compromise our biblical outreach, we rely on the financial support of caring individuals, churches, businesses and foundations who support the faith-based tenets of our programs and services. By supporting our annual campaign, you help ensure we have the resources to share God’s Word with hurting families and individuals and to offer immediate relief and permanent transformation 365 days a year:

- Food, shelter, clothing and medical services
- Long-term Christian recovery
- Case management, counseling and spiritual guidance
- Adult education, career development and job placement assistance
- Structure, year-round activities for children
- The ability to keep pace with changing needs

For more information on ways to give, see “Make an Impact” at right, or contact Dennis Chapman at give@cityunionmission.org or (816) 474-9380, ext. 1476.

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