



Don't Miss...

2 Our Thanksgiving Campaign has begun!

3 "I have a new outlook on life."

4 Volunteers Needed

JAY IS GRATEFUL & BLESSED THIS THANKSGIVING

because of your support

You've given him hope and
new life this holiday!



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Partnering with Central California to reach the poor and those in need with the love and power of the gospel of Christ, so they may become God-dependent and contributing members of their community.



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When Jay was just a boy, his mother used to beat him without mercy. “She was sadistic. There were times I was beaten for hours. But what hurt more was when I ran away and she didn’t come looking for me.”

Jay wound up living on the streets, feeling unworthy of love, and began numbing his pain with drugs. Over the years, his addiction damaged his relationships with his children, landed him in trouble with the law and, finally, left him homeless. Then, one day, he awakened in a park and had a moment of clarity. “I said, ‘I can’t do this for one more day.’ And I got up and came straight to the Mission.”

He entered our Life Change Academy, where Bible studies, chapel services and Gospel-centered discipleship

introduced him to the healing love of the Lord. “Now, I have more understanding of who God is and what it means to have a really close relationship with Him.”

Meanwhile, the counsel,

I’m fully there for them,” he says.

He’s gaining work skills and experience on our maintenance crew and joined our staff so he can share with others the healing love he found here at the Mission.

“Now, I feel like I have worth.”

compassion and fellowship of our staff and other Academy students has been a balm for Jay’s wounded heart. “For the first time in my life, people check in just to see how I’m doing and want to see me succeed. That’s such a healing thing for me.”

Jay’s relationship with his children has now been restored and his kids are thrilled about their father’s new life in Christ. “They’re loving and supportive of me and

Jay’s heart is overflowing with gratitude this Thanksgiving because YOUR loving support gave him the confidence and support to rebuild his life. “I was broken, but through the love of Christ and the support of the Mission, I was able to get in touch with myself and find a fulfilling relationship with Jesus. I now have a whole new outlook on life.”

Celebrating Thanksgiving Every Day of the Year



A Message from AL OLIVER

Here's a wonderful Bible verse for this season of Thanksgiving: *"This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."* (Psalm 118:24) During

Thanksgiving, we gather to thank the Lord for blessings of family, food and health.

But what if we kept that same, abundant spirit of the holiday in giving thanks every day of the year?

Each day at the Mission, I see people who are thankful for the gift of new life that YOU helped make possible! You wrap them in God's loving embrace. Teach them skills to build brighter futures. Lift up our ministry and guests in prayer. And rejoice over every heart restored and life rebuilt!

Life is challenging right now. With continuing inflation, costs for necessities like housing, gas and groceries are

higher than ever. It's even harder for our struggling neighbors to make ends meet... and for our ministry to meet our community's pressing needs.

Through it all, I remain faithful to God's calling and grateful that I can rely on friends like you. My prayer this Thanksgiving is that you will do the same.

I hope you will take comfort in the love of friends and family, and the joy of knowing hearts are changed thanks to you. God bless you!

With a grateful heart,

Al Oliver
Executive Director

2022 THANKSGIVING CAMPAIGN

YOU can give our hurting neighbors reason to celebrate!

24,000

Meals Needed this Thanksgiving Season

Thanksgiving can be another difficult day for our neighbors struggling to overcome homelessness... poverty... addiction. But you can change that!

Just \$2.05 provides a hot, nourishing meal. Your gift welcomes someone to our table and leads to a better life through:



Safe, welcoming shelter



Warm clothing, coats & shoes



Classes & job training



Christ's life-changing love



We need your help to serve thousands of meals this holiday season! **Please rush your 2022 Thanksgiving Campaign gift today using the enclosed reply card and envelope OR online at vrmhope.org/donate.**

Read Jay's story – a life you helped change!



Volunteers Needed

Do you have a heart to serve men, women and children here at the Mission? **We would love for you to join us as a volunteer!**



Contact us today to see how you can help...

Call: **Jessica Gravitt at (559) 740-4178**

Email: **volunteer@vrhope.org**

Or visit **vrhope.org** to find out more or sign up now!

There's So Much More Online!



When you visit us online, you'll get to know us even better:

- Learn how your support is making a difference in the lives of needy and homeless individuals and families here in Central California
- Read about the latest news and events
- Learn about volunteer opportunities at the Mission
- Donate safely and securely

For all of this and more, please visit our website today at **vrhope.org**.



Are you connected yet? Be the first to know what's going on!

Want the inside scoop on what's happening at the Mission? It's easy...

Follow us on social media! Every post shows you how your partnership is transforming lives and healing our community.

Sign up for our emails! You'll hear about urgent needs, special events and more.

And when you tell your friends about us, they can join the celebration this Thanksgiving, too!

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Al, I want to bless our neighbors in need with my Thanksgiving season gift of:

- \$20.50 to feed & care for 10 people
- \$51.25 to feed & care for 25 people
- \$75.85 to feed & care for 37 people
- \$92.25 to feed & care for 45 people
- \$_____ to help as much as possible

Helps the most!

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