

missionary

You changed his life

Krystian-Nathan couldn't have prepared himself to lose everything. . .

The knock on the car window came on a Sunday morning.

Krystian-Nathan had been living in a privately rented vehicle for two and a half months. At night, he'd look for a place to park, pop back his driver's side seat and curl up. And in the morning, he'd start picking up as many food delivery jobs as he could.

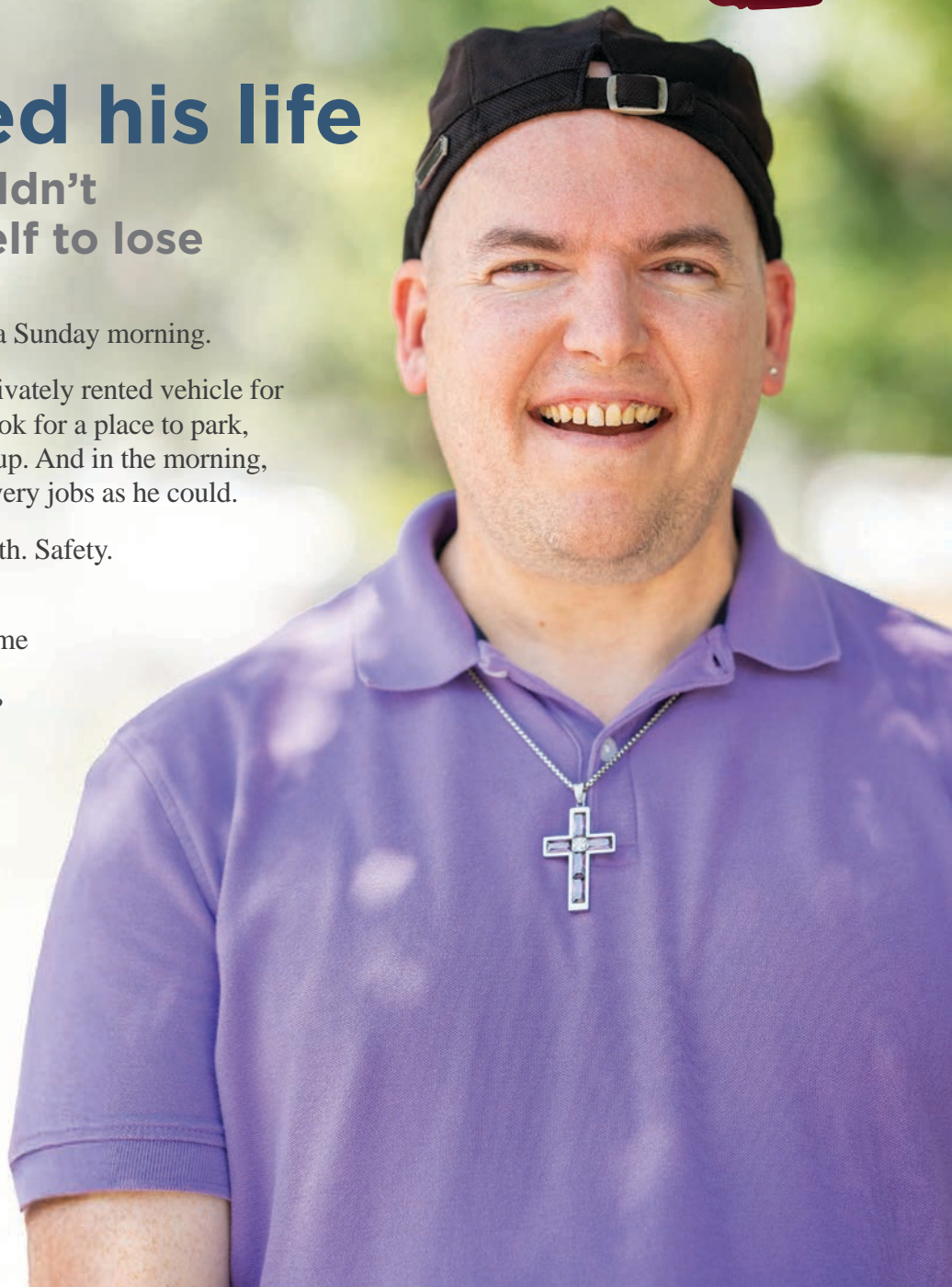
For Krystian-Nathan, a car meant warmth. Safety. Income.

All that was lost when the car owner came tapping on the window, needing to take the vehicle back. *What am I doing now?* Krystian-Nathan thought.

"I was scared. Frightened. I didn't know what was going to happen to me. I probably wouldn't have survived the night."

Krystian-Nathan never *planned* to live in a car. But a sudden job loss turned life on its head. "I lost my way to make ends meet," says Krystian-Nathan. He asked multiple

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Lift someone out of poverty this Easter! Every \$3.21

You changed Krystian-Nathan's life! (Continued from pg. 1)

family members if they could take him in temporarily. Everyone said no.

Krystian-Nathan thought he was out of options. But the car owner gave Krystian-Nathan an address: Central Union Mission. "This person even paid for an Uber. And it brought me here," he says.

What Krystian-Nathan discovered inside the Mission's doors changed everything.

MORE THAN SHELTER

Growing up, he'd built walls around his heart to protect himself from an abusive father. "I didn't feel like I was a person," he says. "But here, I was loved. I was a person. I felt worthy."

After just a weekend at the men's shelter, Krystian-Nathan started volunteering in the kitchen.

"You're giving me a bed, good food, somewhere to be

all day. I want to give back," he says. That simple act opened doors: introductions to mentors, discipleship and the Fresh Start Program.

Now, ten months later, Krystian-Nathan meets weekly with a counselor. He participates in workforce development, building his resume and participating in mock interviews. He dives into the Bible daily with other men. And he's working toward independent housing, ensuring he never returns to sleeping in a car.

"The Mission is food. It's shelter," Krystian-Nathan reflects. "But it's also much more. Without Central Union Mission, I wouldn't be alive. I found belonging. I found a home. I found peace. I found love. I found Jesus."

To the partners who make this work possible, Krystian-Nathan gives his gratitude. "Thank you. Without you, the Mission wouldn't be here. God bless you, because you're blessing me."



Want more restoration stories like Krystian-Nathan's?

Krystian-Nathan is just one of many people who found freedom from homelessness because of your generosity. To discover more stories of change like his, scan the QR code with your mobile device or go to missiondc.org/stories



Every story is a testimony to your generosity!

provides a meal and vital care!

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Resurrection in our community



JOE METTIMANO
President & CEO

When Christ rose from the tomb, He didn't just defeat death. He opened the door for every person to experience resurrection in their own life.

That's exactly what I see happening every day here at the Mission, thanks to you.

The meals, beds and programs you provide are creating space for resurrection. As you flip through the pages of this newsletter, I hope you're encouraged. Because these aren't just testimonies.

They're evidence of what happens when God's grace and your generosity meet our community's needs.

This Easter season, I invite you to reflect on what resurrection means in your own life. Where has God given you a fresh start? And how might He be calling you to extend that same hope to someone else?

Consider sharing this newsletter with a friend or family member. And if you feel moved to give, whether financially or by volunteering this Easter season, know you're making new beginnings possible.

Thank you for walking alongside us this Easter season.

A stylized, handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Joe'.

The *more* behind every Easter meal you give

More than 72,000 Easter season meals in just 40 days.

That's more than empty stomachs filled. It's more than people invited to step out of surviving and into thriving.

In someone's "How will I make it through?" moment, your gift of a meal opens the door to. . .

Stability for men through our Restoration & Transformation Program (RTP). Every Easter meal you provide opens the door to deeper support, including our RTP, where men find a path toward physical, mental, and spiritual renewal. RTP equips participants with tools for long-term stability and lasting transformation.

Help for families at the Comprehensive Family Resource Center (CFRC). Many DC area households have no safety net to fall back on when poverty hits. At the CFRC, you make job training, social workers, parenting classes, health care and so much more available under one roof.

Transformational resources at Mission: NOVA. Thanks to you, the Mission's Northern Virginia expansion is meeting the specific needs of local families at a one-stop location. You open the door to community, addiction recovery resources, clinics, legal aid, ESL classes and everything else a family might need to regain stability.





Every \$3.21 you give breaks the cycle of hunger *for good*

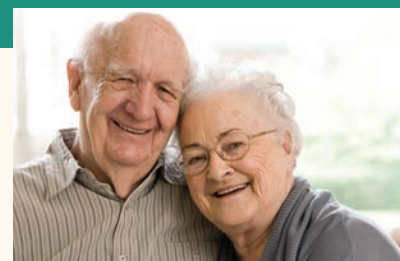
This Easter, when you're gathering with family for Sunday service and brunch, someone in crisis will sit down at the Mission.

They'll come to fill their empty stomach. But because of the meal you provide, they'll experience real resurrection.

Between now and Easter Sunday, April 5, every \$3.21 you give will provide an Easter meal and care that breaks cycles of poverty.

If your heart breaks at the thought of a man, woman or child struggling to survive another day in hunger or homelessness, please send your best gift now. An Easter meal you provide is all it takes to open the door to stability, purpose and a chance to know the love of Jesus!

**Make a local impact
for years to come**



What's your legacy game plan?

You might not know this. . . the Green Bay Packers football team is a publicly owned nonprofit corporation. More than 500,000 people who love the team are shareholders. Shares can't be traded, only passed down. *The result?* A football franchise that's a legacy of tradition.

As you draw up your own legacy game plan, there are some helpful takeaways from Packers fans.

Your legacy is as unique as you are. You also have a distinctive legacy for those who come after you. What are the principles and purposes that guide your life?

Invest in what's important to you. Consider your relationships, your faith and the causes close to your heart, like the work of Central Union Mission.

Legacy keeps on giving. Create a lasting legacy by including the Mission in your will, a gift that will impact lives for generations.

For the full version of this article, request a FREE copy of "Lessons for Building Your Legacy Game Plan" by contacting Megan Schmoll at (202) 745-7118 ext. 219 or mschmoll@missiondc.org.

Give now to share meals and restorative care with people in need this Easter!

3 EASY WAYS TO CHANGE A LIFE WITH A MEAL

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