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"If any man be in Christ he is a new creation..." 2 Cor. 5:17

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## Interstate Batteries Charges Up Mission's Discipleship Program



**H**ere at UGM we are very aware that we couldn't do what we do without volunteers. In the case of Interstate Batteries' Second Chance program that is especially true. One of the most critical aspects of rehabilitation is finding our disciples the right kind of work environment for them to step into during the latter stages of the program. For five years, Interstate Batteries has been an oasis for some of the men fighting hard to regain their independence.

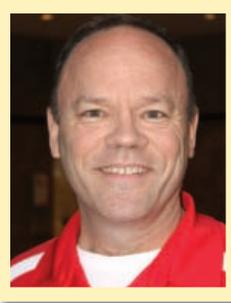
"Taking guys directly from prison or guys who, in their very recent past, had drug problems wasn't working," according to Interstate's Corporate **Chaplain Henry Rogers**. "Taking guys from the UGM Discipleship program while they are still under the umbrella of the Mission has been great for us, and life-changing for some of the guys."

Interstate makes a 12-month commitment to the Disciple the Mission selects. At the end of one year, the Disciple has either earned a permanent position or, at the least, has a recent work history of a year with a very reputable company.

**Billy Bullard** graduated from the Mission's program in 2008; he has been with Interstate for 4 years. "God has blessed me with this job, the support staff here has kept me obedient to God. The UGM Discipleship program built the foundation, teaching me the word of God and surrounding me with people who believed in me."

**James Washington** is another Discipleship graduate employed at Interstate. "I came to UGM from Los Angeles. I had a bad attitude. The Mission broke that. Then they taught me discipleship. I am so thankful for Interstate Batteries. They finished the process of rebuilding me. I have a great job here."

The Mission is hoping to develop second chance relationships with other area businesses. However, the debt we owe Interstate Batteries for pioneering this program is one we can never repay. ■



Chaplain Henry Rogers



Billy Bullard



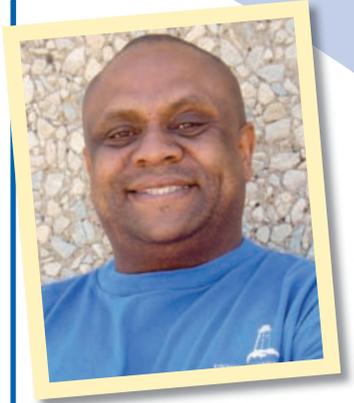
James Washington

## Daren Mitchell

### UGM's Discipleship Program

**D**aren Mitchell is local, raised in Oak Cliff, he spent a year in the UGM Discipleship Program in 2001 before leaving, in his words, "because I had become arrogant." He stayed in Dallas, spent time in East Dallas off Gaston and Fitzhugh detailing cars. Yes, there were drugs and alcohol, there was

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## Heather Sacco

### UGM's Discipleship Program

**I**t seems some of us get more life thrown at us than others. **Heather Sacco** is one of those. To look at her you would never know. This lady has survived a liver transplant when she was 31 years old. That was brought about by Tylenol toxicity. One year later, another surgery involving her liver, and complications from that surgery led to a deeper addiction to pain medicine.

Heather's from Texas, moved to Boston when she



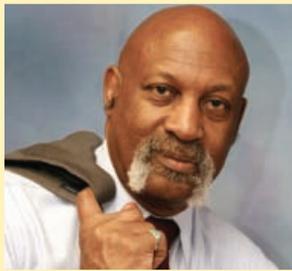
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**Mark Your Calendar!**

**June 30:**  
Games Day  
Reverchon Park in Dallas

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Executive Director,  
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If any man be in Christ, he is a new creation. Old things are passed away and behold all things become new (2 Corinthians 5:17). For the new creation, all things are of God! The Bible tells us these remarkable truths, which raise some interesting questions and intriguing thoughts for me. I'd like to share a couple of them with you.

First, there is an all-important condition that governs how we are related to the truth of this statement. God's "new creation" consists only of those who are in Christ! This is the work of God. Ephesians 2:10 informs us that a Christian is God's workmanship created in

Christ Jesus unto good works, which He has before ordained that we should walk or live in Him. It excites me to know that we are new creatures, brought into a new relationship. That relationship is this. We become *children of the living God!* We become citizens of a new kingdom, *the kingdom of God!*

Perhaps the most

intriguing thought comes from the concept of being "new." What does it involve? Right off the top I can imagine that since newness has happened to us, and not by us, our thought processes need to change. I need, like a little child, to grow and discover *the me that I have never known!* Immediately, there is an issue for all of us in Christ. For me, it is this: *The old me, which I have always known, seems radically opposed to the new me that God, by His gifts and grace, have made me.* I find that we must keep appealing to God, the source of all that is new, to make us all that He has purposed us to become. Let's keep growing!

Recently, **David Millet**, a brother in the Lord and a strong encourager of UGM, went home to be with the Lord Jesus. David entered into an aspect of our newness, which the Lord

told us about shortly before He went to the cross to die for our sins. Jesus said, "Let not your hearts be troubled, you believe in God, believe also in me. In my father's house are many mansions, if it were not so, I would have

told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself, that where I am there you may be also."

David is missed by all of us that knew and loved him here, but a part of our newness in Christ is a new body in a new place where good-byes are not an option. ■



## Devin Donohue

### UGM's Discipleship Program

He's down at The Bridge Homeless Assistance Center every day involved in the process of getting 222 homeless men checked in for transfer to the Calvert Place Men's Shelter for the night. He enjoys being able to help others out, and to encourage them while he's doing it. He remembers the day a year ago, after spending the night at the Salvation Army, he wandered over to Parkland Hospital. He had just been released from prison, after serving eight months. A guy, whom he didn't know, suggested he might want to seek assistance from UGM.

**Devin Donohue** had never been a churchgoer. He was introduced to the concept of Bible study while in jail. Devin found the spiritual aspect of what we do to be a challenge. Those Bible studies in prison had planted a seed, however, and Devin is coming up on his one year anniversary in the Mission's Discipleship program.

Baptized by Executive Director Bill Thompson, Devin is learning to trust the Holy Spirit. "It's teaching me discernment, patience, and the consequences of our decisions. The Holy Spirit



has opened my eyes to the presence of God in my life. I'm learning to have faith and trust in the Lord and not myself."

Devin's chaplain at UGM, Tim Edwards, says, "He is so into the Word. He makes detailed prayer requests. Because he wasn't involved in church as a kid, he has a new excitement from discovering God's word."

Devin is determined to make his time spent at UGM count. He had a major problem with authority when he arrived and has worked extremely hard to get it under control. He's on a very intense exercise

regimen, coupled with a diet that is very light on meat (not an easy thing to work around at the Mission).

It's an important time in the 30-year-old's life. Devin Donohue seems determined not to waste it. ■



Checking men in for the night.



## Lawn Care is Just a Call Away

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## Calvert Place/COH 2012 Update

### JANUARY

Professions of faith in Christ.....	25
Recommitments .....	40
Meals served.....	31,563
Nights lodging provided .....	10,990
Individual Men, Women & Children Served .....	683

### FEBRUARY

Professions of faith in Christ.....	21
Recommitments .....	41
Meals served.....	29,097
Nights lodging provided .....	10,302
Individual Men, Women & Children Served .....	635

### MARCH

Professions of faith in Christ.....	24
Recommitments .....	29
Meals served.....	30,473
Nights lodging provided .....	10,049
Individual Men, Women & Children Served .....	632

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### Daren Mitchell: *Leaving Arrogance Behind*

depression after separating from his wife and not being able to spend as much time with his grandkids. Sometimes the things our Disciples have gone through before leaving the streets will astound you. Daren was on his way from a convenience store one night, heading around the corner to purchase drugs when he was held up by two men, who shot him in the head and stabbed him in the face multiple times. If you've experienced that, you're not supposed to be around talking about it.

About eight months ago, Daren took a personal inventory. Depressed from not seeing his grandkids, not going to church, into self. He remembered his time in UGM's Discipleship program as a time of spiritual and emotional healthiness. He also realized that, "I left the Mission, the Mission didn't leave me." Friends he had made at UGM stayed in touch. Still, after realizing he needed

to come back, it took Daren almost a full week to return. "Again it was my pride and arrogance."

Now that he's back, Daren Mitchell has realized his true

vocational love is being around food. He worked hard as a kitchen assistant at UGM's men's shelter, and has now accepted a job at the Center of Hope as the kitchen assistant under Food Service Manager Ray Visor. He now wants very much to return to El Centro and finish a culinary program he had once started. He's also taken the first steps toward healing relationships with his ex-wife, "we're now friends," his sister, his niece and, of course, his grandchildren.

Daren is entering the Discipleship program's third phase. This time he's been here eight months, enough time for him to see and understand that in Christ we become new creations. ■



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The purpose of the Union Gospel Mission is to meet the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of homeless men, women and children in the Dallas, Texas area. The physical needs are met by providing meals, clothing, shelter, emergency medical referral, and daycare for children. The emotional needs are met through evaluation and referral to professional counselors. The spiritual needs are met through Chapel services and Bible studies.

Our goal is to restore the lost, least, lost and lonely to a productive life by giving them needed life and job skills, as well as teaching them to build a new life on the solid foundation of the Christian faith.

The Union Gospel Mission is non-denominational and is supported by donations from individuals, churches and businesses.

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- Bicycle Rack
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- Lawn Equipment: Mowers, Edgers & Weed Eaters
- Donations for Publishing Book on UGM's History
- Laser Printers
- Mailing Equipment
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- Household Furnishings

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- Professional Cuisinart
- Kitchen Knives

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- Shop at The UGM Thrift Store located at the corner of Story Road and Hwy. 183 in Irving, TX.

#### HELP WANTED!

We're looking to partner with companies in employing the homeless. Contact Bill Thompson at 214-637-6117 ext. 114.

#### Something New from UGM and Stream Energy!

While most of us are looking for ways to tighten up the family budget, the summer heat will soon be causing our energy costs to soar. But we have a solution. In fact, it's a win-win proposition. UGM is now part of a program that will help you manage your energy costs while allowing you to help UGM, without making any new or extra donations.

We're partnering with **Stream Energy** in a program that pays us \$5 every month you get your electricity from Stream. How does that help you? Well, Stream Energy offers rates that are at least 10% less than you're paying right now. Stream pays us monthly for every customer that signs up. You pay nothing extra, in fact, you'll save on your electric bill while the Mission benefits.

All you have to do is go to: [www.ugm.stream-powerup.biz](http://www.ugm.stream-powerup.biz). Check it out.



#### Continued Testimony from page 1. **Heather Sacco: A Healed Life**

married her husband. They had three kids. Heather had physical problems that led to a dependence on pain medications that ruined her liver. She's been told she wouldn't survive the after-effects of the transplant. There have been times Heather has thought death was a better alternative than living.

Following the transplant, Heather returned to Texas to be near family. As recently as January of this year, Heather attempted suicide, ended up in a local hospital. It's while she was hospitalized that Heather learned about Center of Hope/RiverPointe. The day she moved in, God started talking to her, telling her this isn't what He had planned.

Heather's a UGM Disciple. She studies God's Word. She believes God cares for her. "My husband divorced me and recently returned to Boston. My children are here. One is grown, the youngest is still in school. They're happy about what I'm doing. God is the healer. Heather got lost somewhere, but I see the opportunity to rebuild my relationship with my children and my grandchild."

Someday, Heather dreams, she would like to be a volunteer on a transplant ward, "reading the Word to people as they go through the long months of rehab and recovery." In the meantime, feel free to pray for Heather Sacco's rehab and recovery. ■



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