



Hello, I'm Don Evans, the Executive Director of UGM Missoula. It is my personal belief that in this day and age, the culture of America is crying out for something, I call "authentic community." And what does that look like?

It's a place where our love for one another is genuine and we outdo each other in showing honor and respect. It's a culture of service to others, done with zeal and enthusiasm; a choice to always return to the joy of hope, patient while being tested, and remaining constant in prayer, while giving to the needs of others and showing hospitality. It is a constant lifestyle of blessing those who persecute you (blessing and not cursing), rejoicing with those who rejoice, and weeping with those who weep. It's the choice to live in harmony with one another, not being prideful or conceited, but associating with those who find themselves in low circumstance. And to never repay evil for evil, but to do what is honorable in the sight of all and overcome evil with good.

I've heard it said, "It's where the real you shows up and meets real needs for the right reason in the right way. It's when the love of Christ is shared with vulnerability, sacrifice, and devotion. A place where you can be just as you are, and be loved despite your struggles, hang-ups, and idiosyncrasies."

I believe the Union Gospel Mission of Missoula is a place of "Authentic Community." We will continue to grow and stay focused on that... because that is exactly what we all need!

I have been led by the Lord to work in many different fields throughout my life. Whether in the marketplace as a leader or in fulltime ministry as a pastor, God has given me a wealth of life experiences so that I might see this organization grow as the organism He has ordained. We will REACH people with His love, CONNECT them with the person and power of the Holy Spirit, DISCIPLE them in His Word and truth, and SEND them out to expand the kingdom through His love.

We have a great group of people here and we hope to see you become a part of what we have been called to do. Our Mission is to be God's hands, feet, and heart to the hurting, poor and homeless of the Missoula area. We do this by sharing, caring for, educating, and equipping them with the healing and victory that is available through a personal relationship with Jesus.

*"Yes, furthermore, I count everything as loss compared to the possession of the priceless privilege (the overwhelming preciousness, the surpassing worth, and supreme advantage) of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord and of progressively becoming more deeply and intimately acquainted with Him." ~ Philippians 3:8 Amplified*