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NW Focus (Public Affairs)



Union Gospel Mission was founded in 1927, when 40 area churches came together seeking to minister to the homeless and hurting on the streets of Portland.



Today, Union Gospel Mission continues to offer help to the homeless, but it also has a Life Change program for those suffering with substance abuse issues.



Bill Russell, Executive Director of Union Gospel Mission, discussed the issue of substance abuse and its devastating impact on society. Many things in our lives can become habit forming and Bill related his own struggle with alcohol abuse when he was a young attorney.

Bart Hansen is a Council Member with the City of Vancouver Washington. He talked about the growth Vancouver is experiencing and both the positive and negative impacts growth has on a city



Stefanie Kouremetis, Crime Prevention Coordinator with the City of Portland, Office of Neighborhood Involvement, talked about keeping safe during the holiday season.



Jodi Wicks, Hospice Manager & Hope Bereavement Counselor with Peace Health SW Medical Center, discussed the issue of grief and how our health can be impacted after suffering loss.

NW PRAISE THE LORD:

We aired church taped services with:

Mt. Olivet Baptist Church/**Dr. James Martin**



Faith Center/**Pastor Glen Johnson**



Crossroads Community Church/

Pastor Daniel Fusco



OTHER:

Erinn Hartwell, Manager of TBN's station in Galesburg/Quad Cities, Illinois and Maniesha Harper, station manager in Denver and myself were blessed with the opportunity to meet the many TBN department heads in California. While the training provided valuable information, meeting all the wonderful people was the greatest blessing. It is astounding what Paul and Jan have accomplished over the years. God's favor truly rests upon TBN. We are blessed to be part of something beyond our scope of understanding. *(Thank you, Jan, Matt & Laurie)*

It was good to get up to Seattle to meet everyone at KTBW and watch a taping of their local *Praise the Lord*. They are a great team and I look forward to our next visit. *(Thank you, George, Gene & Greg!)*

