The year 2014 is upon us, and the challenges of the new year are greater than ever. As society continues to drift towards a more secular mindset, we remain committed to Biblical solutions to the problems that plague society. We are seeing records numbers of people; last night we had 1,040 people under our roof. Homelessness, drugs, unemployment--these are some of the issues that our residents struggle with. With so many people coming to us at a critical time in their lives, how are we going to minister to them? As we look to the new year and cast a vision for this ministry, we will remain committed to the inerrant, life-changing Word of God. We will not accept government funds,
NOVEMBER FINANCIAL UPDATE

John Brewster
Chief Financial Officer

Our final director is fittingly placed here in the financial section. In 1995, John Brewster came out of retirement to follow God's direction and join the staff of PGM, where he has now worked for nearly nineteen years. He has been married to Joan for fifty-three years and has two children and eight grandchildren. As CFO of PGM, Mr. Brewster oversees accounting, financial and cash flow reporting, banking relationships, payroll, estate planning, gift annuities, budget preparation, property, casualty and employee health insurance plans, and the PGM retirement plan. He is entrusted to seeing that monies are used responsibly and with integrity. Sharing his goals for 2014, he wishes to revamp the PGM retirement plan to make it more transparent and cost effective; strive to balance the budget; restructure and improve communication in our Human Resources Department; and continue to provide our president, board of directors, and donors with timely and accurate financial information. Mr. Brewster says, “Thank you to all our faithful donors. Our cash flow continues to lag, but we trust the Lord will supply us with provisions to meet our needs, as He always does.”

Pictured left to right: David Fuller, Pastor Sampson Green, Kim Berger, President Philip Kwiatkowski, Chaplin Ervin McNeill, Flossie McNeill, Pastor Percy Edmunds, John Brewster.
believing if God wants His work to be done His way, He will use His people. I believe that we at Pacific Garden Mission are on the front line of the battle. As you read the leaders’ visions for the new year, I ask that you would earnestly pray for them, “For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places” (Eph. 6:12).

David Fuller
VP of Operations

David Fuller grew up in a Christian home where Christ’s love was demonstrated by his parents in all aspects of life. That made it easy for him to put his trust in God at an early age and accept Jesus as Lord and Savior. Fast forwarding several decades to 2002, he came to work at PGM in hope of receiving a human ROI (return on investment) instead of only a financial one. Mr. Fuller shares his vision: “Serving as the VP of Operations is a wonderfully challenging position which provides leadership for all services of PGM, everything from the greenhouse to the Clinic. At PGM, ROI has a spiritual and eternal dimension which carries with it a high level of responsibility and has huge implications for how PGM provides services. In 2014, the operation’s team will be focusing on the coordination of procedures across departments in order to improve productivity so that increasing demands for our services are met while insuring that these services are provided in a positive manner which helps point recipients toward Christ.”

Flossie McNeill
Director of “Unshackled!”

Flossie McNeill worked in corporate America for twenty-seven years; however, she realized the void that failures and success bring. During this time, the Lord saved her and filled her heart with His love and compassion for the lost souls of the world. She is now the director of the “Unshackled!” radio broadcast and has been so for eighteen years. Her responsibilities are numerous, as she oversees every detail of the production, including overseeing thirteen foreign teams and seven teams that are seeking to form. Speaking about her 2014 vision, Mrs. McNeill shares that many works are in place for the formulation of a Mandarin production team and that some French programs are already being produced. She prays that these two teams will be airing before the end of 2014 and that some souls will have come to Jesus through
this venue. She shares John 4:35: “Behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white already to harvest.”

Percy Edwards

Evening Director

ONE OF OUR OWN, PASTOR PERCY EDWARDS, graduated the Men’s Bible Program in 2006. From there he entered Dayspring Bible College and earned a B.A. in Pastoral Studies and later an M.A. in Theology. He has served as the evening director for over two years at Pacific Garden Mission. He teaches several Bible classes each week, counsels, oversees the 8:00 pm service, and works with second-year men on the Men’s Bible Program. Pastor Edwards shares his vision for 2014: to lead men and women to Christ and continue to disciple the men and women on PGM’s second-year program in terms of workmanship, church attendance, overcoming temptations, and finances.

Ervin McNeill

PGM Chaplin

Ervin McNeill is the chaplain here at Pacific Garden Mission; in fact, he was saved here at PGM on March 25, 1979. To this, Pastor McNeill says, “To God be the glory!” As chaplain of the mission, Pastor McNeill teaches Bible classes, counsels staff and program personnel, and answers phone calls and emails from those in need. He has an open-door policy for anyone seeking Biblical counseling or spiritual advice, as well as for anyone who just needs a kind heart to speak with. Speaking about his vision for 2014, Pastor McNeill notes that he wishes to “assist our president and vice-president in pointing each staff member in a Christ-centered direction, to be of use to God, to befriend people who will be convicted, to support PGM in the many ways necessary to insure that this ministry continues on course until the return of our precious Lord.”

Kim Berger

Director of the Women’s Division

KIM BERGER, Director of the Women’s Division, shares that she was saved thirty-two years ago, at which time the Lord put a burning desire in her heart to study His Word. She attributes both church attendance and the Bible for changes she has made in her life. Her responsibilities at PGM include helping the ladies spiritually, a mission she feels the Lord gave her, along with a love for them and PGM. She finds joy as those whom she works with grow spiritually. Her vision for this year is to see more ladies saved, more ladies join the Women’s Program and graduate, and more ladies stay at PGM for their second year.
so that they will become better prepared to attain jobs outside PGM.

**Sampson Green**  
*Director of the Men’s Division*

Pastor Sampson Green identifies himself as a product of the harvest here at PGM, as he himself graduated the Men’s Bible Program back in 1996. He has served as the Director of the Men’s Division at PGM for fifteen years; he also operates a jail and prison ministry. His belief, as director, is to harvest sowers and reapers. Alluding to John 4:35, Pastor Green notes that “God has already prepared a harvest and now challenges us to see the field.” His vision for 2014 is for the staff to “stand ready to help men grow spiritually, produce character, and find God’s will in their lives.” It is his vision and hope that those who join the Men’s Bible Program are able, via daily study of His Word, to identify who they will become in the work of the ministry in their homes, churches, and communities.

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**NOVEMBER 2013 NUMBERS**

- **943** Daily average of homeless sleeping overnight.
- **118** Number of men and women enrolled in Bible Study Program and provided room and board.
- **78,750** Approximate number of plates of food served.
- **64,688** Estimated number of items of clothing distributed at PGM or given to other missions.
- **336** Number of patients treated in free Medical/Dental Clinic.
- **179** Number of persons who professed faith in Christ!
- **3,024** Stations broadcasting in 14 languages (Albanian, Arabic, English, Farsi, Greek, Japanese, Korean, Macedonian, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Russian, Spanish, and Turkish)

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A Word from Philip Kwiatkowskii
President, Pacific Garden Mission

Losing Someone Special

I phoned Dr. McCarrell’s daughter to find out about his condition and was told he went to be with the Lord a few hours ago. I thought I was prepared because I knew his condition had worsened, but as I heard the news, tears ran down my cheeks. Like most Christians, I am conflicted about the death of a loved one. The Apostle Paul felt the same regarding his own life. Philippians 1:21-24 reads, “For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. But if I live in the flesh, this is the fruit of my labour: yet what I shall choose I wot not. For I am in a strait betwixt two, having a desire to depart, and to be with Christ; which is far better: Nevertheless to abide in the flesh is more needful for you.” Paul wanted to be with the Lord but also knew he had work yet to do here on earth.

One of the greatest doctrines unique to the Christian faith is the assurance of the believer. 1 John 5:13 reads, “These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God.” To say we can know we have eternal life would sound presumptuous to some that may be trusting in their own merit; but when we realize our merit has nothing to do with it, that the blood of Christ gives us eternal life when we believe, then we understand the Gospel message—namely, that Christ’s death and resurrection fully fulfilled the Old Testament’s requirement for sin to be forgiven. 2 Cor. 5:8 states “We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.” If someone is present with the Lord, why do we feel conflicted? Is it acceptable to feel sad? After Stephen was killed, the early church mourned over him. Acts 8:2 reads, “And devout men carried Stephen to his burial, and made great lamentation over him.” We know that Stephen went to be with the Lord, but the people of God mourned over him. Why did they mourn? I believe they missed him, they missed his leadership, his friendship, they missed what he meant to them personally. When I think of Dr. McCarrell going to be with the Lord, I miss him, his friendship, his leadership, what he has meant to this organization. To sit with someone each day for sixteen years, to learn of his life and family, to see his faith and commitment—these leave a lasting impression. I rejoice that he is with the Lord he so loves, but I will miss his sense of humor, his timely advice, and his kind word of encouragement. David McCarrell set a foundation for this administration to build on, and for that we are thankful. As I hung up the phone, I sadly realized that I would never hear his voice again, but as I think of the memories and the fact that he gets to hear “Well done thou good and faithful servant,” I rejoice.

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For ninety-eight years, the Chicago Community Trust has connected the generosity of donors with community needs by making grants to organizations working to improve metropolitan Chicago. We are thankful for the continuing support from the Chicago Community Trust. A grant from the Trust allowed for the creation of a Men’s (2012) and Women’s (2009) Transient Ministry. PGM distinguishes program participants—those who make faith commitments and join the Bible Program—from those who choose not to join (overnight guests) but still need help moving forward. These programs provide computer training and assistance in job searches and/or housing.