A man wearing a black graduation cap and gown is smiling. He is standing in front of a building with large windows and a tree. The text is overlaid on the bottom left of the image.

Rob graduated from PGM's New Life Program and is now leading a purposeful life. His desire to serve others characterizes those whose hearts have been transformed by the Gospel.

## YOU ARE MINISTERING TO MANY IN NEED!

Thanks to supporters like you, Pacific Garden Mission has kept its doors open through every unforeseen hardship our country has faced since 1877. Those that count on us for refuge usually have nowhere else to go—and as we share the Gospel message of Jesus Christ with all those who count on us to survive physically, we keep our spiritual eyes focused on things above. Sharing two testimonies from people who now work on our frontline ministry, we invite you to see the full transformation of the broken, who after being disciplined, became whole and now disciple others.

### ROB

"I had a really bad stuttering problem when I was younger, and I wasn't able to communicate with other kids because I was too scared. Being unable to express my feelings and thoughts to others caused me to act out with anger and frustration. By the age of 13, I started to hang out on the streets with drug dealers and gang members. I began selling drugs and committing crimes.

"Later in life, I got married and started driving a truck. This lasted until several years ago when I started withdrawing from everyone I loved. The isolation from driving and

being alone—the disconnection from my family, friends, and church members—caused me to fall back into my old mindset of negative thoughts and feelings. I was having anxiety attacks, and depression started settling in.

“During this time, I was driving my truck in New York and listening to the PGM TV YouTube videos of people’s testimonies and Pastor Phil’s preaching. I listened to these for over a year as I struggled in my isolation and worsening depression. I thought about coming to Pacific Garden Mission, but I wasn’t ready to give up my job and life until last year when I sacrificed everything to join the Bible program.

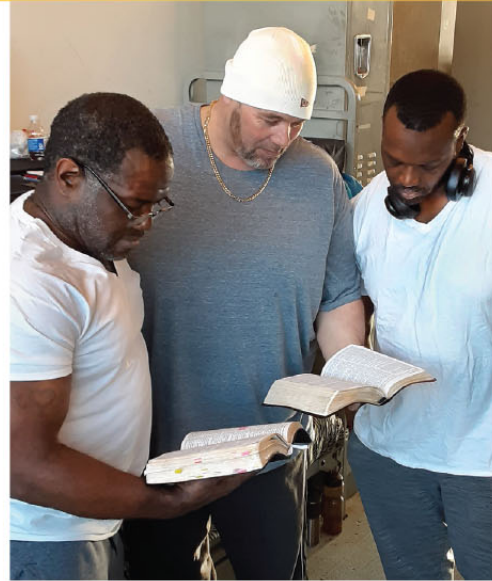
“No matter what situations I faced in my life, I learned that there was nothing I couldn’t release and

**“He that findeth his life shall lose it: and he that loseth his life for my sake shall find it.”  
—Matthew 10:39**

surrender to Him. I learned how to have a strong relationship with Jesus Christ—He has really blessed me.



Rob was an important member of PGM’s security team



Rob sharing Scripture with men at PGM

Being at PGM, I have been able to study the Word and have discernment to what it means. I now feed off His Word every day. I was hired onto the security team, and was able to minister to the men around me.

“Having served in this ministry, I was able to look at the homeless with the same love and respect that Christ looks at me. I can now talk with them, pray with them—and simply being around others, and how they see me act and talk, is a testimony of the power of God. He is really doing great works and wonders in my life, and it is thanks to PGM.

“Studying the Word of God has refreshed my mind. Graduating the year-long Bible program here and being able to share and minister to others has made me whole. *It truly has transformed my life.*”



## KAY

"I had a rough life. My dad molested me when I was younger, so I had a lot of anger. I had a gambling addiction and have three children. I used to go to the floating casino every week and spend money like crazy. I didn't know how to quit. Unfortunately, my kids got adopted by my mother because I wasn't there for them as a mother should be. I didn't know how to be a mother.

"Losing my kids . . . I spiraled down. I lived in my car for a year and went back and forth. I would get back on my feet only to fall again. It was a rough life for me.

"Eventually, my car completely broke down, and I had nowhere to go. People kept telling me about Pacific Garden Mission, and that's

how I ended up here. Arriving here wasn't an ideal place to be, but it was someplace for me to rest my head so I didn't have to live in my car.

"I joined the program and graduated a year later. That was God's blessing because not only did I graduate, I also got a job at PGM. I was obedient to God. Now my relationship with my girls is healing, and they know me as mom. I have learned how to forgive now and was able to forgive my father before he died. The Lord has

really softened me up.

"Now I work with the mothers and children. We have had a lot of young ladies come in here angry—a lot! I have prayed with them and



Receiving God's love and forgiveness taught Kay to forgive and minister to others



Kay works with children in the Mothers and Children ministry of PGM

talked with them. Their issues range from abuse to just being totally rebellious, and I can relate because I was both abused and rebellious myself. I'm learning to love people. And it is a blessing to work with the mothers and children—I love the kids.”

**Both Rob and Kay now minister to other broken men and women at PGM. Their hearts have been transformed, and they reflect Christ's love into the lives of those**

**they interact with on a daily basis. Without the funding you help provide, stories like theirs would not be possible. Pacific Garden Mission is a spiritual hospital—a place for restoration and transformation. Jesus Christ does both, but without a safe, nurturing environment, the Gospel of Jesus Christ could not be as freely and effectively shared as it is now within these walls. We wholeheartedly thank you and rely on you.**

## On the Frontline of Care

Please pray for our staff as they continue to welcome, mend, and minister to those coming to PGM for help, especially during this season of health issues. Our nursing staff, counselors, security, and food service staff are all on the frontlines here every single day. Pray for protection, patience, and peace for these men and women as they selflessly serve those most in need of help. Your prayers and support are greatly appreciated.



**GIVE NOW at [pgm.org](https://pgm.org)**





## A Word from Philip Kwiatkowski

President, Pacific Garden Mission

### CRISIS: A True Test of Character

**This has been a difficult season at Pacific Garden Mission.** As the virus has spread around the world, the Mission has not been left untouched. In the midst of fear and concern, a few things have stood out.

**1. Our priorities.** When faced with the realities of a worldwide pandemic, what really matters becomes all the more important—our faith, our families, and the souls of those around us.

**2. Perspective.** In our country, celebrities and sports stars get paid millions to entertain many. But during this time of crisis, there is nothing they can do to help. I have seen first responders risk their health to help the poor. I have seen staff and other homeless men and women bring meals to those who were positive with COVID-19. I have seen pastors counsel and bring hope to some who were on the edge. In short, what they did mattered in a time of crisis.

**3. Appreciation.** Imagine being homeless when the state calls for a stay-at-home order, and you have nowhere to go. Praise God for PGM. As I was serving the Resurrection meal so many of you provided for, a number of individuals looked up at me and said, “thank you.” Here, they were welcomed when they had nowhere to go during this worldwide

pandemic. Many of their friends were sick, and yet, they were still so full of appreciation. It gave me pause.

**4. Testing.** Some say crisis is a true test of character. I have seen certain staff leave their families just to stay at PGM around the clock to care for the sick. I have seen a spirit of cooperation as people are united in a common cause. We have been blessed by medical volunteers who provided literal testing for COVID-19! Their sacrifice in this time of crisis helped us keep guests safe.

**5. Prayer.** In the 1950s and 1960s, prayer meetings were a must in most churches. Now that most churches have canceled their prayer meetings, I think of Rev. 3:17: “Because thou sayest, I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked.” Maybe some don’t pray because they feel like they don’t need God. This pandemic has brought us down to our knees, right where we need to be. Let’s just stay there . . . because we need our Savior.

**Continue to pray for the sick and hurting.** I want to thank so many of you for your support, because times like this show how dependent on our God we really are. On behalf of all those who have sought refuge under the shadow of the cross, thank you.

Learn more by visiting [pgm.org](http://pgm.org), where lost souls find hope, compassion, and purpose.



## GODLY STEWARDSHIP

Stephen Welch,  
Director of Development

As we bring this fiscal year to a close June 30th, we want to say “thank you” to those of you who pray and send cards, notes, and gifts to let us know you are serving the lost right alongside us here at Pacific Garden Mission. It is because of your love in Christ and much evident support that we are reaching the lost with the Gospel of Jesus Christ—locally and around the world.

As we look across the country and the world, we see on the news, and in the people around us, a general focus on problems and fears that are vast and sometimes unsolvable. People are sensing their fragile nature and looking for good news. We have

that Good News, and we know the One True God who is not taken by surprise by any of the calamities in the world. God has a plan, and we are in it. “For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them” (Ephesians 2:10).

Yes, many problems will plague us in this life, but there is one solution, waiting for all to receive. That is the gift of eternal life in Jesus Christ, our Lord. We know that our time is limited on this earth and that the most important thing we can do is offer the only solution that can make the things of earth grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace.

**Together in Christ, we are a light in the darkness. Without Jesus and you, there is no Mission.**

## THE IMPACT WE MAKE TOGETHER

### Pacific Garden Mission's budget is completely donor-funded.

We are eternally grateful for the individuals, businesses, churches, and foundations that make it possible for PGM to serve thousands of homeless men, women, and children each year, and most importantly, reach the lost with the Gospel of Christ.

When you support us financially, you're not only giving *to* the Mission, but *through* the Mission to people who need your help the most.



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