



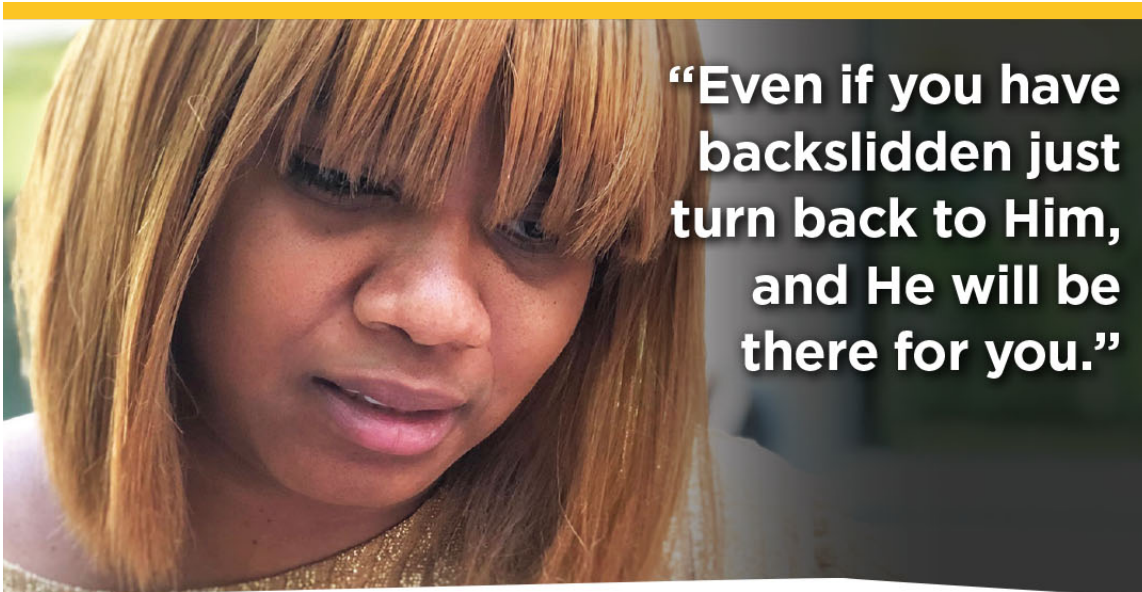
## “PGM: A SPIRITUAL HOSPITAL”

Pacific Garden Mission has been referred to by many as a spiritual hospital. With the countless lives that have been transformed here, **if PGM is the spiritual hospital, then Jesus Christ, most assuredly, is the Doctor behind these transformations.** Because of Jesus Christ, marriages are restored, mothers and fathers have been able to become the parents their kids need, and sons and daughters have become the children their parents can be proud of. Your faithful support provides spiritually essential services at PGM—including spiritual refuge for those that have been saved but may have lost their way.

### KEYONNIE FRANKLIN

“Growing up, I was one of the only girls, so, I did a lot of the stuff boys did. I had a mom and a dad, which I am grateful for, but I felt like I was alone much of the time and even though I was around a lot of people I still felt isolated and misunderstood. I started looking for relationships with guys as a way to fill the emptiness I felt.

“Trying to get relief from the loneliness I started wanting to find someone that I could eventually get married to and live life together. Unfortunately, I seemed to look for love in all the wrong places. I went through a lot of trials because of this,



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and the emptiness was never filled with anything sustaining. I ended up getting tired of the fruitless searching and all the silly stuff, and at the same time there began a desire within me to seek the Lord.

“I started to read a Bible that my cousin had left at my house and soon after I started looking for a church home. I found a church home, and I have been seeking God ever since. I did well for a while, but I lacked an intimate relationship with God. The church I had been

attending before coming to Pacific Garden Mission had not taught me about salvation and Jesus dying on the cross for us. My church hadn’t taught that part of Christianity. I began to drift away again back into sin. My mother knew I loved God and that I wanted a better life for myself and seeing me struggling through certain life events she suggested I come to PGM. I believe the Lord wanted me to come here.

“I have been at PGM now for almost a year, and I enjoy living here.

My relationship with God is more stable now, and especially since I came to Pacific Garden Mission I have been able to focus on Him more. Before I surrendered my life to God I had been entrapped by sexual immorality, and it had gotten horrible. Even though I had a nice job I still felt like a failure. I felt hopeless, and I was



**Keyonnie volunteers in PGMs Women’s Program Services**



**Brethren, if any of you do err from the truth, and one convert him; Let him know, that he which converteth the sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins. —James 5:19-20**

bound in sin.

“When I gave my life to God and received Jesus as my Savior it was like a weight lifted off of my chest. Being here has helped me to grow to know Him and trust Him more. I know it’s about a relationship with Him now. Being at Pacific Garden Mission I have learned what Christ did for me and that I can never lose my salvation. My mother is starting to trust me and our relationship is growing closer with each passing day.

“One of my favorite Bible verses is Romans 8:28: *‘And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.’* I know that even though I have made

some crazy decisions in the past God knows my heart, and He knows I love Him. I am focused on Jesus, and I now know everything works out for the good for those that love Him. If you trust in Him, He will have a path for you that will be great. Even if you have backslidden just turn back to Him, and He will be there for you.”

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**Like Keyonnie, many of those that have joined our Bible Programs are looking to renew their relationship with Jesus Christ. Through sound biblical teachings students can understand what it means to have a personal relationship with their living Savior while living in a safe, nurturing environment. For any weary follower**

**Studying scripture with fellow program women in the sanctuary of the courtyard**





Highly gifted pastors work with Bible students who have committed to one year of intensive study and personal growth. As in the case of Keyonnie, the results have been truly amazing.

of Christ, PGM has stood stable and firm, as a Gospel-sharing, Bible-teaching refuge of hope and we want to thank you for coming alongside us and participating in this work of God at this “Spiritual Hospital.”



**Our New Life Women’s Program gives the opportunity to build character and glorify Jesus Christ by living a victorious and Godly life.**

**Genesis Phase** – The first level of our program designed to orientate you to the Mission and provide you with the tools to build a lasting Christian foundation.

**Mary Phase** – Designed to help you implement what you have learned in the first level. You will continue to focus on your relationship with the Lord.

**Martha Phase** – You will continue to build on what you have learned. The focus will be on maturity and responsibility.

**Esther Phase** – This level will continue to equip an individual with the necessary tools in preparation for career development.

**Miriam Phase** – Career development begins. The focus is on preparation for graduation and post-graduation plans.



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Pastor Phil with Keyonnie and her mother





## A Word from Philip Kwiatkowski

President, Pacific Garden Mission

### **“PLEASE, REACH OUT TO THE POOR.”**

**Only they would that we should remember the poor; the same which I also was forward to do. — Galatians 2:10 KJV**

When I think of remembering the poor, I think of what you make possible every day at Pacific Garden Mission. Recently a 65-year-old man came and inquired about a visit to the hospital. I noticed that the skin on the top of his head was stapled together. I asked what happened and he stated that he was standing on a bus stop and someone randomly came by and started shooting. A bullet grazed his scalp, and another one hit him under the ear.

We helped transport him for his appointment, but I thought if that were me, I would be surrounded by family, inundated with well-wishers, and cared for by my wife. As I observe this man there are no well-wishers or cards. He is forced to deal with this horrific situation all alone. I have made it a point to go out of my way and see him and ask about his well being, and just last week he came up and thanked me for being so nice to him. I thought my gestures were small but that is all he had, and it meant something.

Another man that I have known was gone for a period of time. When I saw him I asked where

he has been. Since he has been confined to a motorized wheelchair, his absence from the Mission was noticeable. He said that some young kids took him to an ally, threw him out of his wheelchair, and stomped him, breaking some ribs, all in an attempt to rob him. He was in the hospital and now he is back. PGM is the only family he has.

My heart breaks for the pain, but praise God, the poor have a place full of the love of Jesus where they can find comfort and hope. I was thrilled when recently one of our overnight guests approached me in the hallway to say goodbye. Ms. Buchanan came here two years ago out of a desperate situation with nowhere to go. While here, she grew in the Lord, found employment, and put the pieces of her life back together. She told me she was getting the keys to her apartment that day and was thanking PGM for all that they did in seeing her return to society as a fully functioning follower of Christ.

This kind of life transformation is what we pray for all the men and women God brings to us.

**Thank you for helping to make this ministry possible. And remember the words of Paul, in Galatians 2:10: “Only they would that we should remember the poor; the same which I also was forward to do.”**

Learn more by visiting Pacific Garden Mission, where lost souls find hope, compassion, and purpose.



## GODLY STEWARDSHIP

Stephen Welch,  
Director of Development

**And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. —Mark 16:15 KJV**

In a culture of shifting morals and beliefs, it is comforting to know that Pacific Garden Mission has not experienced Mission drift. We hold fast to God's Word using the same Book the Mission was founded upon in 1877.

In the 1800s we were incorporated as a church. Together we are the members and the missionaries that reach the lost with the Gospel of Christ.

With your support over the years, we have used technology, like

radio and television, to reach the lost with the Gospel, near and far. Most importantly all of this is directed through His Son by the power of the Holy Spirit to all that will read, hear, and watch in order for God to reach those who need Jesus Christ and those who support His Great Commission.

We are praying that many a prodigal son and daughter will return home during a time when they will be missed at the family gatherings this Thanksgiving and Christmas. We have seen God restore many families here at PGM, and it starts with prayer.

Food and shelter bathed in the compassion of Christ earn us the right to be heard with the most important message in history.

**We are grateful for your faithful support as we carry out Mark 16:15 together.**

## THE IMPACT WE MAKE TOGETHER

**Pacific Garden Mission's budget is completely donor-funded.** We receive no government funding. 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.

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. In August your support made a true difference:

On average, **426** homeless people received aid and Gospel services each day

**97** men and women were enrolled in Bible study programs and provided room and board

About **49,635** plates of food were served

**44,181** items of clothing were distributed

**222** patients received free medical/dental treatment

**319** people professed faith in Christ

**3,103** media outlets around the world broadcasted *Unshackled!*

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