

# Farewell to a Good and Faithful Servant



## PRESIDENT DAVID MCCARRELL ANNOUNCES HIS RETIREMENT

As a youth, do you remember dreaming about what you would be when you grew up? A doctor, fireman, nurse, etc. I do, a race car driver. My childhood racing aspirations now seem silly and are evidence that I had no idea of what God's plan was for me.

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**Board members welcome Dr. McCarrell as he takes on the leadership of PGM at the State Street facilities.**



**A highlight from the beginning as they team up.**

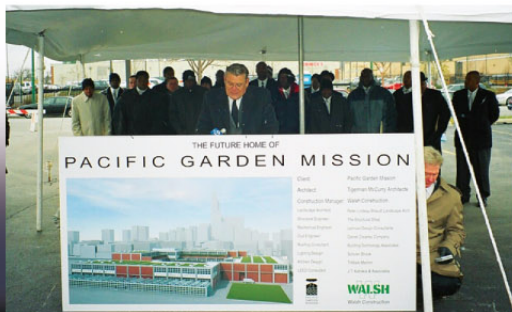
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This is often the case, and I believe the same was true of Dr. McCarrell, who came to Pacific Garden Mission as a twelve-year-old with his Cicero Church youth group to volunteer. He was instructed to hand out tracts on the sidewalk in front of the mission. He had no inclination of God's future plan for him to one day lead PGM. This was the first of many times of service for Dr. McCarrell at PGM. As a young adult, he often would drive his dad, a PGM board member, to PGM for meetings. After the death of his father in August of 1979, the PGM board requested he continue driving down to the board meetings but now as a board member. He still had no idea that God planned for him to one day lead PGM. A few years later he was elected chairman of the board. Still, God hadn't provided him any clue as to what was in store. After his retirement following thirty-five years of teaching and coaching high school, a need

developed at PGM which the board asked him to temporarily fill. This was the beginning of the new career God had in store, although Dr. McCarrell didn't yet realize it. PGM was in a state of leadership transition and needed someone to provide daily oversight while a search was being conducted for a new president. However, the search took much longer than expected. During this time it became more and more apparent to the board that they already had an excellent person for the open position and he was already serving, Dr. McCarrell. However, there was concern that he'd not stay long, so the board felt led to ask Dr. McCarrell to be PGM's president with the stipulation that he commit to five years. Dr. McCarrell responded that he accept the position but would not commit to five years. This wasn't a role he pursued, but rather one that God called him to and he would only commit to serve for as long as he felt God's calling to do so. He filled the

**The New Building on Canal Street was one of Dr. McCarrell's major achievements. Shown here addressing the media at the groundbreaking.**

**On a brisk November 18, 2005, shovels in hand, Dr. McCarrell, a joyful team of PGM staff, board members and architect, start the beginning of what would become the new home of PGM.**







**For Dr. McCarrell was meeting and working with those in Christian ministry and with PGM.**



**Dr. McCarrell shares encouraging thoughts with the PGM Men's Choir in the courtyard.**

position of PGM president with grace and the confidence of God's calling for sixteen years. I always had the impression that he was surprised at God's plan for his second career. I find this to have been true in my life as well, and maybe it has been true for you: God sometimes calls us to surprising duties.

Throughout all the various roles and responsibilities, Dr. McCarrell has always been guided by God's Word and prayer. Long time readers of the *PGMNews* have seen evidence of this in "A Word from Dave McCarrell" on page five. Prayer and the Word served as the foundation for all his decisions. The most costly and possibly the most complex group of decisions required of him while president revolved around PGM's move from 646 S. State Street to 1458 S. Canal. It began with the surprise filing of an Eminent Domain Lawsuit by the city of Chicago for the PGM property at 646 S. State. Immediate decisions were required; so with prayer and Scripture in mind, Dr. McCarrell and the board determined that the wisest course of action was to respond using the protections offered in the Religious Freedom Act. This quickly led to discussions

about moving which involved several questions:

- Should a new facility be built or an existing building renovated?
- Where should or could this building be located?
- Should Gospel League Home be part of the move?
- How would it be paid for?
- What should the building look like?

Each of these questions required decisions which were made through the guidance of God's Word and prayer. The building process stretched out over several years and involved many complexities. Throughout the twists and turns of the process, Dr. McCarrell never wavered in his confidence of God's working on behalf of PGM. In the end, God blessed PGM with a nationally renowned new 155,000 square foot facility designed by a world renowned architect, Stanley Tigerman.

However, facilities were not the main area of focus for Dr. McCarrell: he was most concerned with the hurting people coming to PGM, the staff who were ministering to



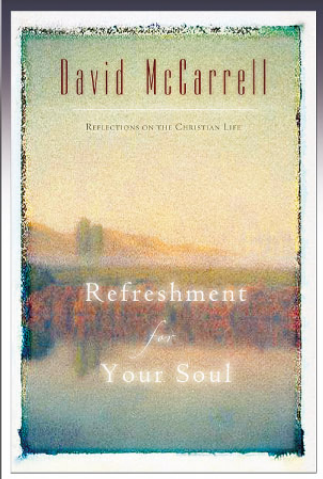
**Left: Dr. McCarrell with architect Stanley Tigerman at the entrance to the new facility. Below: Addressing the Open House audience in an overflowing auditorium.**



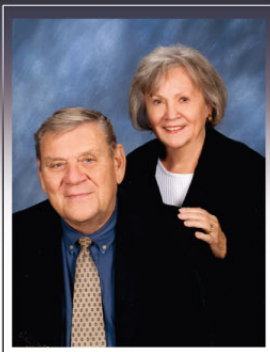
**Dr. McCarrell poses with then current board during the Open House ceremonies. He relied heavily on their counsel during the process.**







**Author of the acclaimed devotional book *Refreshment for Your Soul*.**



**The consummate family man, Dr. McCarrell, shown here with his wife Judy and grandchildren, demonstrates that true leadership always begins at home. An example that spoke volumes to the staff at PGM.**



them, and those God prompted to assist PGM. He was always on the lookout for opportunities to encourage people to seriously seek after Christ. It didn't matter whether they were staff personnel, a program person, or a guest; he'd share stories and encouragement from God's Word. One of my favorites was what he calls the "3 Daily Talks":

1. Let God talk to you every day through reading his Word.
2. You talk to God through prayer.
3. Talk to others about God every day.

A commitment to God's Word, to the proclamation of the Gospel, and to discipleship of believers has been foundational to the leadership of PGM right from 1877 when Sarah Clark began the work. These same fundamentals are the motivations that drive

Pastor Philip Kwiatkowski, whom the board has appointed as acting president. Pastor Phil has been the VP of Ministries for sixteen years. He began working at PGM twenty-five years ago this past June while a student at Moody Bible Institute.

And though Dr. McCarrell has resigned as president, his service to PGM is not over: the board has asked him to be President Emeritus.

*ARTICLE BY DAVID FULLER*

*Dr. McCarrell, we at PGM thank you for your years of service to the Lord as president of Pacific Garden Mission. Your service challenges each of us to follow your example of willingness to do what God assigns. We pray for your health and look forward to your continued service in the new role of President Emeritus.*

*In His service,  
PGM STAFF*

**Left: Dr. McCarrell with Legal Counsel Thomas Johnson who guided PGM through tough negotiations. Dr. McCarrell's leadership earned the respect of Mayor Richard Daley.**



**2008 aerial view of the completed building and new home for Pacific Garden Mission.**



# *Farewell from Dave McCarrell*

Dr. Elwood Chipchase, Chairman  
Board of Trustees  
Pacific Garden Mission

*SOME FIFTEEN YEARS AGO I made a commitment to serve as President of the Pacific Garden Mission. With the Board of Trustees' encouragement, I was happy to follow God's leading. From a spiritual standpoint, I must admit it has been the best years of my life.*

*When I first came to PGM we claimed Proverbs 3:5-6. God has surely shown us great and mighty things as we followed Him in our willingness to put our faith and trust in His guidance.*

*So today, June 10th, 2013, I am offering my resignation as President of Pacific Garden Mission. It is a very difficult decision because of the love God has given me for the ministry, Board, staff and those we serve at PGM.*

*I want to express a special word of appreciation to the Board of Trustees – your loyalty and support has made my ministry possible. My appreciation for your generosity can never be expressed in words.*

*Because of Him and His wonderful grace,*  
DAVID D. MCCARRELL



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## REFLECTIONS ON DR. MCCARRELL'S RETIREMENT

**PROVERBS 13:20** READS, "He that walketh with wise men shall be wise." For sixteen years I have sat under the leadership of Dr. McCarrell, and I am the wiser for it. Dr. McCarrell brought with him great experience and wisdom from his years as a teacher and a coach. As I have watched him deal with people, handle difficult circumstances, or just sat and listened, I was amazed at the wealth of knowledge and insight he had in every area. The lasting legacy will be that of a commitment to the inerrancy and authority of the Word of God. All of his decisions were made with this commitment in mind. His desire to see that the mission remain true to its original calling and founding purposes was the driving force behind many of his decisions. This example has left a lasting impression on the organization that we will continue to follow. I thank the Lord that I had the unique opportunity to walk with the wise because I am now wiser for it.

PHILIP KWIATKOWSKI  
*Acting PGM President*



# >> "UNSHACKLED!" -- FOREIGN

number of stations airing the program has grown to 3006, and the number of languages to fourteen. Here is an example of feedback received from an "Unshackled!" story produced by the Albanian team. Naim, a Muslim from Kosovo writes, "I'm so grateful for the "Unshackled!" radio program. They are so well done, and attractive. I think they are so full of good moral and I believe everyone in Kosovo shall listen. I can say that this is the only radio program I listen from the beginning to the end. Usually I lose interest, but it is not like that with "Unshackled!". I'm interested to know more about Christianity. For many years we were oppressed and killed by so called "christians"—so I always have seen them as our enemy. But "Unshackled!" is so different. The Christians there are different. Please send me more materials you have. God bless you."

*Photos intentionally blurred for Albanian staff's protection*



**FINANCIAL UPDATE:** As of June 30th, PGM has finished its fiscal year and wants to thank you for your faithfulness in prayer and financial support of the ministry. Thinking of you supporters brings to mind Paul's words in chapter 1 verses 3-4 of his letter to the Philippians. Like Paul, PGM gives thanks to God for you, and when we pray, we make requests for God's blessing on you with all joy, because you are partners in spreading the Good News about Christ through the ministries of PGM.

Fiscal 2013 was a challenging one for the mission. Please consider this ministry as you make your future giving and estate plans. By prompting donors like you to support the work here at PGM, God has faithfully sustained the mission since 1877.

## JUNE 2013 NUMBERS

- 750** Daily average of homeless receiving aid and attending Gospel services.
- 889** Daily average of homeless sleeping overnight.
- 100** Number of men and women enrolled in Bible Study Program and provided room and board.
- 54,332** Approximate number of plates of food served.
- 49,903** Estimated number of items of clothing distributed at PGM or given to other missions.
- 355** Number of patients treated in free Medical/Dental Clinic.
- 97** Number of persons who professed faith in Christ!
- 3,006** Stations broadcasting in 14 languages (Albanian, Arabic, English, Farsi, Greek, Japanese, Korean, Macedonian, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Russian, Spanish, and Turkish)

**PACIFIC GARDEN MISSION** makes no charge for care. Food, clothing, overnight accommodations, and medical treatment are totally free. Financial gifts from faithful supporters—and their prayers—keep this ministry alive. PGM receives no city, state, or federal aid.

Areas of ministry include the Mission for Men, Women's and Children's Division, Medical/Dental Clinic, "Unshackled!" radio, Bread of Life outreach, Polish evangelism, and PGM Men's Choir.

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