

NEW YEARS RESOLUTION

SINCE 1877, REACHING THE LOST WITH THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST
HAS BEEN OUR RESOLUTION AND WILL CONTINUE
THROUGH 2016 AS WE SERVE OUR KING.

ARTICLE BY STEPHEN WELCH

IMAGINE BEING TOTALLY DEFEATED by life, losing everything, then coming to a homeless shelter thinking it was the end of life as you knew it. The loneliness, shame and pain would be almost unbearable. You walk through the doors at Pacific Garden Mission not knowing what to expect. This is your last refuge; no one else will accept you. Then, you meet with someone who shows interest in what troubles you, and brings you into an office where you can share your aching heart.

A meaningful conversation takes place. Now, suddenly, there seems to be a glimmer of hope. That's all you really know. Then you find out there is a meal and a clean bed waiting for you. "What else might be in store for me" you wonder? As the counselor talks and you listen, he makes sense, because he somehow understands. It seems like he has walked in your shoes. As the conversation continues, the counselor smiles and begins to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ,

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Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new

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explaining that you are no longer hopeless or homeless. You begin to realize that you are experiencing something too good to be true, and yet it is absolutely true and you know it. With tears streaming down your face you are offered an opportunity to join one of the residential programs—the decision becomes a New Day and then a New Life—yes, eternal life through faith in Jesus Christ. The counselor explains that you are a new man in Christ, and you need a safe place to live and grow in Christ, and some time to learn God's will for your life. Pacific Garden is a place where miracles begin because we focus on Jesus Christ, the newness of life and eternal life. Our discipleship program, the New Life Program, gives men and women the opportunity to understand what went wrong, and what the Bible tells us about our walk with Christ. Our New Day Program is designed to break the chains of addiction, prevent relapse, and create a desire to continue in our New Life Program.

Looking back at 2015, Pacific Garden Mission undertook some major changes. One of the largest and most important of these was the development and launching of a new Bible-based addiction recovery program named the New Day Program, mentioned earlier. The idea of an addictions program was first conceived after many of our veteran pastors and counselors saw, on a chronic and reoccurring basis, the crippling effects that these dangerous and addictive substances were having on the men and women that came through our

doors. Addiction is demonic and needs special attention. We realize that only Jesus Christ can solve the addiction problem and so we went to work to help our guests become fully functioning followers of Christ.

After much praying, planning, and discussion, the New Day Program was born. It has now been one year since it started, and the fruits of this challenging but rewarding endeavor are nothing less than miraculous. As you read ahead, we are excited and encouraged to share with you some of the testimonies of men and women who have successfully completed the New Day Program. This is what what Jesus Christ is doing here at Pacific Garden Mission.

GLENDA, who recently gave her testimony during our Praise and Testimony Saturday

Service, began with these words. "It was hard for me to walk through these doors, to admit I had a problem with my drinking; but through the grace of God I beat it." She goes on to say: "I started attending the New Day Program, and learning about the Bible, which I had never opened

before I got here, and I started learning how to read the bible, what it means. The Bible classes here have instilled in me Jesus Christ. I've been saved, and I thank God for that. And I just graduated from the New Day program, 90 days, and I am 117 days clean and sober. And now I joined the New Life program, and I am going to do everything whole heartedly, learn more about Christ, to praise the Lord that loves



New Day graduate father and his family. Eating a meal together in PGM's cafeteria. His story will be featured in an upcoming newsletter.

INVITATION TO VISIT PACIFIC GARDEN MISSION IN 2016

We look forward to sharing what God is doing here at Pacific Garden Mission in 2016 with friends like you who have come along side us to help. Please visit us on any Saturday for a tour, a live recording of the radio drama "Unshackled!", followed by dinner with friends, and concluding

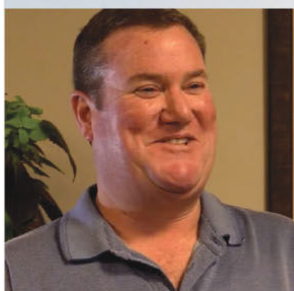
**Saturday
tours in large
or small
groups.**



creature: old things are passed away; behold, all

me, I know that I recognize that I am His child. I'm just grateful that I have a life now, and not just because we live in a mission, yes, we're homeless, but guess what, we have Jesus Christ with us, my life has changed because I've been saved, and I can't imagine my life any different right now."

MARK, very serious but smiling, says: "God called me here – twice. I came here



and joined the men's Bible program a year ago, and I was here for 4 months. But something in the back of my mind said you've got to go home, you've got to go back, but it was me feeling it, not God. So I went back to

California, was there about 9 months, went back to work. It was a routine, go to work, go to the liquor store, get the bottle. I clicked right back into my old ways. It wasn't something I needed, it was something I wanted. But this time, I started shaking; I had never had these effects before. So I quit my job, sold all my worldly possessions, and I paid the train fare and came back. When I came back, things had changed; I thought I would just pick up where I left off, but Kent Hall talked to me about the New Day program, and since I had gone back home and started back up, I thought, maybe I need a little extra knowledge of this. And this is my 89th day, I am just about ready to graduate, and I am going to go into the New Life program, and graduate this time,

with the heart of the mission ... a Gospel message in our large auditorium preached by our president Pastor Phil Kwiatkowski.

and finish up where God wanted me to be, and looking forward to what God has for me. I am totally committed to what God wants, so what a blessing to be back."

JASON recalls: "I was watching television one day, and I happened to see Pastor Green and Pastor Phil, and I had missed the program until the end when Pastor Green gave the invitation to come to the mission, and join the Bible program, and a bell went off, a green light, and I knew that was God calling me back here to finish what He had started. Ever since I



have been back here God has changed my way of thinking. He has touched my heart in such a way that I don't feel ungrateful for another day, I feel super grateful for every day I wake up now. I have a different attitude, a different mind set, I'm reading His Word more every day, I'm attending classes and learning about this walk of life, how to live for Jesus and not myself. It is a struggle, but I am grateful for the opportunity to be alive, to share my testimony in hopes that someone who may be struggling with their way of life, or suicide, or having thoughts of not making it, that there is hope in Jesus Christ who delivered me. I don't have any urges, I don't even think about drugs or drinking or cigarettes. I know that Jesus is working on me, and I'm grateful I have another opportunity to serve Him."



L. to R. Glenda pictured with her family and a friend at her graduation. Mark giving his testimony at his graduation.

Singing at the Saturday Praise and Testimony Service



PGM TV Studio Editing Room



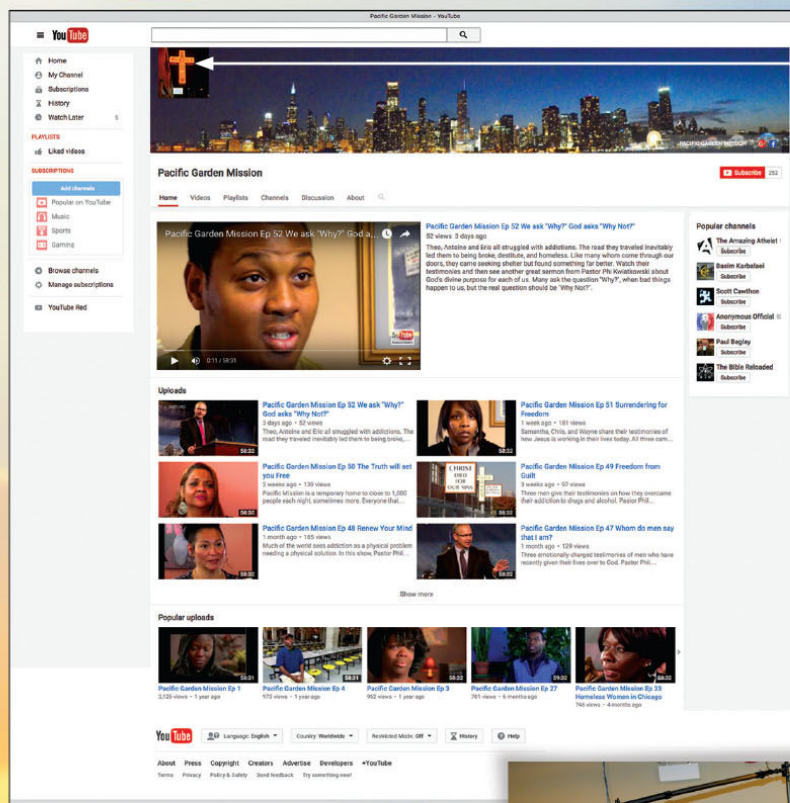
things are become new.—2 Corinthians 5:17

As we look ahead to this New Year, we can only grow in our faith and expectations of what God has in store for those who join our New Day Program, commit to God, and turn their faith unto Jesus Christ. You may know of someone who is struggling with an addiction; they may even want help but do not have the resour-

es to pay for it. There is hope for them. Our New Day Program is free of charge. It is only through the faithful giving of our readers like you that it can exist and continue to help pull lost souls out of darkness. Our doors never close. God's arms are always open waiting to embrace those that come to Him for help.

PACIFIC GARDEN MISSION YouTube Channel

Go To: www.YouTube and type in "Pacific Garden Mission" in the search field. Then, click on the cross that says "Jesus Saves"



When you follow the instructions above you have access to over 50 programs. Please share them and fulfill the Great Commission. Our purpose is to reach the lost with the Gospel of Christ.

Pacific Garden Mission YouTube page contained fifty-one episodes when this article was written.

Pictured below: Stephen Welch interviews Mark, featured in this newsletter, for PGM's YouTube Channel.

There are many more testimonies like the ones you just read, in High Definition video, on our YouTube Channel. Over one hundred testimonies are available. Each episode contains real life testimonies recorded here and a full Gospel message followed by an invitation to receive Jesus Christ. Share these stories and the Gospel with friends or especially anyone who does not know Jesus Christ. The program is different, it is real, interesting, and most importantly, it preaches the Gospel of Jesus Christ through testimonies and sound doctrine.





A Word from Philip Kwiatkowski

President, Pacific Garden Mission

Turning Hearts

A MAN IN OUR NEW DAY PROGRAM knocked on my window and wanted to talk. He shared that because of his addiction, his wife wanted nothing to do with him, but he was not ready to give up on the marriage. I advised him that he had to give her time and address the

issue that brought him here. It was in the spirit of dealing with addiction from a biblical perspective that we started the New Day Program this year. The world does not offer a cure, but only a false hope in dealing with the fruit and not the root of addiction. This man was desperate, like many others that come to us wanting to change but not knowing how. After 90 days in our New Day Program came graduation; he has made a profession of faith, been counseled, and now he gets to walk the stage.

Sitting in the audience was the wife he longed to be reconciled with; after seeing the change in his life she wanted to support him. When he received his certificate his wife came on stage, where he presented her with flowers, a kiss, and a hug. She wanted him to come home, but he told her that he wanted to stay and join the New Life discipleship program. A few weeks later they both met with their children and apologized for their lives, and healing began. Only

Jesus can save an addict, restore a marriage and heal a family. I think of Malachi 4:6, "And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse." I believe that places like Pacific Garden Mission are a dying breed; whereas many organizations sell out to secular philosophy, we still preach the same message, "Jesus Saves." All I have to do is look at the picture of a man that was broken 90 days ago, and rejoice in what our God has done. No government program in the world could do that. Thank you for supporting changed lives.

Come visit us at PGM for an evening you'll never forget. See God's transformational work in the lives of the truly needy who come to us seeking shelter and restoration.



FINANCIAL UPDATE Arthur Barrett, Chief Financial Consultant

Hello, my name is Arthur Barrett, and I am serving in the capacity of Chief Financial Consultant to the Pacific Garden Mission. My life with Christ (Psalm 40:2-3) began in 1994 when I received my first Bible on Valentine's Day from my then girlfriend and now wife, Marleen. Since then, I have seen the faithfulness of God work through my life, and that of my wife and our two children, Marlisa and AJ.

As we close 2015, I am privileged to deliver positive financial trends at the Mission along with a word of caution. During the first 5 months of our fiscal year, donations have increased 22% from the previous year; we have paid down \$129,000 in mortgage principal reductions, and our mortgage now stands at BELOW \$4 million dollars. However, without unplanned legacy gifts PGM would have needed to draw down on investments to fund ongoing operational expenses during 2015. We give God the glory for your faithful giving and ongoing prayers on behalf of the Mission.

As we head into 2016, we will bring you updates on the stewardship initiatives at the Mission, the immediate and long-term financial opportunities and challenges we face, and monthly financial highlights. With next month's update, we will explain actions we take to ensure we are obedient and wise financial stewards of the resources with which God has blessed us.

Thanking you for the privilege to serve alongside the Pacific Garden Mission.

Arthur Barrett, CPA

WHAT YOUR MONEY SUPPORTS AND PROVIDES

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 come along side of us financially you're not giving to the mission, but through the mission to the people that need your help the most. We are serious about demonstrating our stewardship, and we invite you to learn more by visiting Pacific Garden Mission where lives have been transformed since 1877.

Here are just some of the ways your giving is measured (November)

Daily average of homeless receiving aid and attending Gospel services....**792**

Number of men and women enrolled in Bible study programs and provided room and board....**106**

Approximate number of plates of food served....**51,428**

Estimated number of items of clothing distributed or given to other missions....**67,917**

Number of patients treated in free medical/dental clinic....**168**

Number of persons who professed faith in Christ....**125**

Stations and outlets in the U.S. and around the world broadcasting "Unshackled!"....**3122**

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