

JOBS

HIRING NOW



Jonathan Sheets, of HBK Engineering—a 2014 PGM Bible Program graduate who participated in our Career Development training now enjoys a successful career as a surveyor.

THE SOLUTION TO UNEMPLOYMENT... JESUS CHRIST!

IMAGINE BEING UNEMPLOYED and for the most part being unemployable. Imagine that your life choices have left you feeling hopeless, albeit even suicidal. This is indeed the state of so many who come through the doors of the Old Lighthouse. But praise our living Savior Jesus, for the

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fact is that those who come to PGM unemployable, accept Jesus as their personal Savior and Lord, and complete the Bible programs attain the means to employment. You see, the Old Lighthouse does not just provide food, shelter, and raiment for the poor—it offers hope to enable men and women a direct path out of poverty through programs that are not only Bible-based, but also directly related to the skills needed in 21 Century society.

Praise to our Lord, for our Career Development program enables men and women on the Bible programs to, not only transition from unemployment to employment, but to move beyond just having a job. Career Development Director Stephen Welch sums it up: “You don’t want to earn a living; you want to design a lifestyle.”

The following four graduates of PGM’s Men’s and Women’s Bible Programs share their transformations since coming to the mission and completing the Career Development portion of their Bible programs.

Men’s Bible Program graduate **Jonathan Sheats** shared about his life just prior to coming to PGM. “Before I came to the program, I was shooting meth every day, and I was stealing everything I could see. I had not worked for a long time. Now I have a job; I have goals.” Commenting on our Career Development program, he said, “It was huge for me: I learned the ‘Elevator Pitch,’ where you tell someone about yourself in thirty seconds. I learned how to answer any interview question that could be thrown at me. I practiced these pitches in the mirror in my dorm. The mock interviews were also very helpful. I now work for an engineering company; we do infrastructure work for Chicago. I am a surveyor, actually called a field technician. This is not just a job: it is a career.” When asked how God helped him along the way, Jonathan responded, “I had this



Ed Bardwell
TEK SOLUTIONS

huge fear—how is someone going to hire me? I think God went in front of me in the interview. If it were not for God, I would still be chasing drugs to get high.”

As **Ed Bardwell** recounted the day he walked through the doors of the Old Lighthouse, he said, “I was in a state of despair, hopeless, and at the end of my wits. My outlook for the future was dim. I was at the end of my ropes and knew I needed God. The biggest thing for me with Career Development was resources, a big, big asset these days—computers, having the ability to get online, having access to fax machines, being able to print out documents, gaining references here at the mission. Career Development offered all these things at my fingertips so I could connect with the work force. My job title now is Data Center Engineer, a title given to me by the client my company works for—Dell. I am employed by Tek Systems, a leading IT Fortune 500 company. This is only an act of God because, you know, this is so amazing.”

Barbara Wright shared where she was in her life when she came to PGM: “My outlook on the future was grim. I had anger issues, and I had actually been arrested.

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. (II Corinthians 5:17 KJV)



Barbara Wright,
PEOPLESOUT



Ron Childers (right),
JEWEL OSCO

So, I had these things on my record that had always bogged me down. Coming here and being surrounded by all these people, I have had no choice but to learn to communicate more effectively. The Career Development program helped me identify and enhance my skills. I worked in the canteen while on the program, and now I work for PeopleScout, where I interview prospective employees for the airlines, many of which are for flight attendants. I love my job, and I love what the Lord has done for me here [PGM].” When this article went to press, Barbara received keys to her own apartment!

Ron Childers shared his life since coming to the mission. “My life has been changed completely. When I came to the mission, I was separated from the love of God and my family. I was not working,

could not find work, could not hold down a job. I came here broken, disgusted, and just suicidal—I wanted to end it all. So I came here a shell of a human being—nothing on the inside. All I could do is trust in what my grandmother had told me about God. But I had hope that God could do for me what I could not do for myself. Getting into the Men’s Bible Program, getting into the Word of God, seeking His face have enabled me to be restored with my kids. Now, financially, my life has changed. I am going on two years now in my job. I have been blessed with a position at Jewel-Osco. I am a department manager, a job I got through the Career Development program. I thank God. Now I have a nice apartment, in a nice neighborhood, where my kids can walk the streets without looking around; they are in a good school. I help them with their homework. I have a desire to live now, a desire to live for Him. Everything I did not have God has given to me through Pacific Garden Mission.”

These are just a few testimonies from those seeing the full transformation by Jesus Christ here at Pacific Garden Mission. Jesus Christ continues to take men and women to their highest potential. Without your faithful support, these stories and many, many more simply would not exist. Please pray about helping us make a difference.

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A Word from Philip Kwiatkowski

President, Pacific Garden Mission

No one wants to die alone

2 COR. 5:8 READS, “We are confident, I say, and will-
ing rather to be absent from the body, and to be pres-
ent with the Lord.”

ACTS 7:56 READS, “And said, Behold, I see the heavens
opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand
of God.”

ACTS 7:59 READS, “And they stoned Stephen, calling
upon God, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.”

ONE OF THE GREATEST HOPES that the believer has is that death is the beginning of eternal life. The great evangelist D.L. Moody said regarding his own death, “Some day you will read in the papers that D.L. Moody of East Northfield is dead. Don’t you believe a word of it! At that moment I shall be more alive than I am now; I shall have gone up higher, that is all, out of this old clay tene-
ment into a house that is immortal—a body that death cannot touch, that sin cannot taint; a body fashioned like unto His glorious body. I was born of the flesh in 1837. I was born of the Spirit in 1856. That which is born of the flesh may die. That which is born of the Spirit will live forever.”

I say this because I was just introduced to an overnight guest in our hallway who was dying of stage four cancer. He was sitting in his wheelchair; his body was frail, and he was shaking. The amazing part was he was being comforted by another over-
night guest. The overnight guest declared that they had known one another from the penitentiary. I asked the man in his wheel-
chair about his faith. He stated that Jesus was his Lord and Savior, so I offered prayer. As I prayed, he began to cry; as he cried, the other overnight guest put his arms around the dying man and began to comfort him. What a touching scene. Here in the middle of a hallway at a crowded rescue mission with people coming and going, dealing with all sorts of problems, it was like time stopped—one homeless man comforting another that was about to die. As I walked away, the man that was comforting the

dying man said that the dying man had been staying in Grand Rapids, Wisconsin, all by himself, with no family or friends and that this man just wanted to come to the mission because he did not want to die alone. People come here for many reasons, but that was the first time I had heard such a story. Here was a man sitting in our hallway that did not come for food or shelter; rather, he came just to be comforted before he dies. There is reason to thank our Lord, for this man is with an old friend and has a place to sit and hear an encouraging word. This man will soon pass. When he does, no family will probably mourn for him; but thank the Lord for a car-
ing overnight fellow guest and a welcoming place like Pacific Garden Mission.

My heart goes out to this man, yet let us remember what the Word says to those that may be alone: “Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their afflic-
tion, and to keep himself unspotted from the world” (James 1:27). Is there someone you know that has no one to care for him/her? No one wants to be alone, much less die alone. What an opportunity to share the Gospel or just sit and listen and pray with someone in need.



Job and Career

The NEW DAWN GROUP

New Dawn Group

New Dawn Group Leaders – Volunteer Instructors/ Business Coaches/ Spiritual mentors.

Pictured left to right: Keisha, Tiffany, Kimelyn, Tyeise and Iguehi

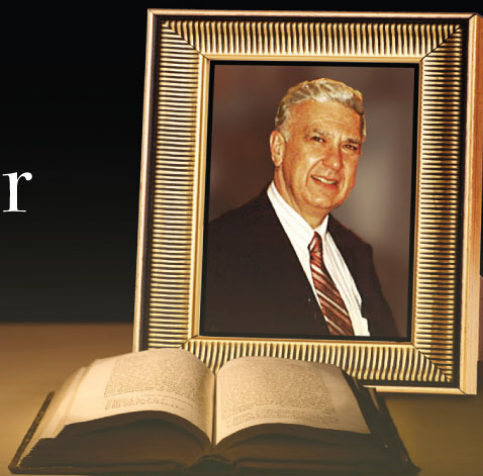


WITH THE GROWING NUMBER OF WOMEN joining the Bible program, a new career development opportunity was formed at Pacific Garden Mission coined the *New Dawn Group*.

Five women from corporate America volunteered to assist this growing need to take women to their highest potential in Christ and help them prepare for careers. A rigorous curriculum was developed which includes appearance, health, life skills, planning, budgets, one-on-one and group sessions, resume writing, job skill assessment, and of course praise and prayer.

Remembering David Saulnier

FORMER PRESIDENT of Pacific Garden Mission for twenty years, David Saulnier went to be with the Lord on Easter Sunday. I remember when, as a young Bible school student, I was introduced to him in 1988. His presence was commanding, his voice was distinct, and his love for the homeless was unquestioned. One of the greatest lessons I learned from him was his compassion for our residents. He knew that the heartbeat of Pacific Garden Mission was always about winning the lost to Jesus Christ and being willing to love those who walk through the door; this lesson he learned from his father Harry, who served as Executive Director for forty-six



years. Dave taught me another lesson: he told me many years ago that the greatest battle I will have is in the prayer room, the place where we pray for souls and then see them come to saving faith. Dave will be missed, but his example and impact will always live on.

—PRESIDENT PHILIP KWIATKOWSKI



John Brewster,
PGM CFO

FINANCIAL UPDATE—Praise God for his blessings! We continue to make progress toward our goal of a balanced budget. Meeting this goal requires that we take in at least \$500,000 in donations each month. This does not allow, however, for capital improvements, such as beds, vehicles, computers, and building improvements. The \$500,000 only covers such things as salaries, benefits, utilities, property insurance, maintenance, mortgage payments, etc.

During the months of November, 2013, through April, 2014, we were able to cover our expenses and make some much needed expenditures for building improvements and beds for our transients. We are also able to report that during that six month period our donations every month exceeded what we received during that same period a year ago. We are so thankful to all our donors who have increased their contributions to PGM.

Summer is approaching which has historically also brought a reduction in donations, but we pray that this year will break that trend. Meeting our monthly expenses means that we are able to address other long-term goals like retiring our mortgage which has a balance of \$4,302, 864, as of May 1, 2014. As many of our donors know, the brutal winter we just experienced put a large strain on our budget due to the great increase in the number of homeless people seeking shelter, food, medical care, and warm clothing. God bless all of you for your continued support and especially prayers!

Please make a special note to visit us online at www.pgm.org. Just go to our newly designed web site and click on NEWS. Please help us share the Mission. Exciting changes are coming by the middle of summer 2014!

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931 Daily average of homeless sleeping overnight.

115 Number of men and women enrolled in Bible Study Program and provided room and board.

65,048 Approximate number of plates of food served.

88,553 Estimated number of items of clothing distributed at PGM or given to other missions.

288 Number of patients treated in free Medical/Dental Clinic.

192 Number of persons who professed faith in Christ!

3,054 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.