



"UNSHACKLED!"

REACHING THE LOST FOR CHRIST

THE LORD must work in mysterious ways, for sixty years ago, He chose a homeless mission, of all places, to become a beacon well beyond its initial focus to reach out to the homeless and hurting in Chicago. You see, amazingly, a radio broadcast emerged in 1950 at Pacific Garden Mission and for nearly sixty-four years has broadcast a soul-saving message of lives transformed through the wondrous life-changing work of Jesus Christ. Who truly can count, or even attempt to estimate, the number of souls brought to our Savior Jesus through the longest running radio drama broadcast in American history? Yes, we, and you our supporters, our donors, have such great occasion to rejoice, for as most of our followers know, the broadcast we speak of is "Unshackled!"

First aired on one radio station (WGN), "Unshackled!" is now broadcast worldwide in fourteen languages and is aired by 3,041 radio stations. Overseeing all aspects of "Unshackled!" is Director Flossie McNeill,

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Welcome to our WWWorld

Visit us online to experience firsthand what Jesus Christ is doing at Pacific Garden Mission. Men's, women's, and children's lives are being transformed daily. Jesus is the answer to poverty, addictions, unemployment, and so much more. Visit an exciting new view of the Old Lighthouse at www.pgm.org and see how you can help. We embrace people experiencing homelessness with the compassion of Christ—giving hope and healing for a changed life and helping them find their way home.

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whose team consists of PGM staff and men and women on the Bible programs. She says, "As a ministry, the content of "Unshackled!" programs includes the most significant emotional, physical, social, and religious impacts in the lives of story subjects. The Word of God is interwoven throughout each story in principles and direct quotations as the only source to prevent continued disaster and eternal damnation. The salvation experience brings healing to the broken lives which prepares them for service to God's kingdom. The Spirit of God captivates the heart of listeners so that salvation, exhortations, encouragements, and steadfast hope are received."

As a mission's outreach, Mrs. McNeill shares, "The advanced technology of radio takes the message of eternal hope as rain, crossing the borders of nations, like purifying tablets in all the waterways of the world, resounding the words of Jesus: 'But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life' (John 4:14). Pray with us to reach the rest of the world."

Here, within the walls of the Old Lighthouse, the effects of "Unshackled!" are easily

found in the lives of those who find their way here as a result of the broadcast. Thirty-seven year old Marc Gonzalez found himself locked up in a jail in Virginia Beach, Virginia, where he met a man in the jail yard who spoke to him about the radio program "Unshackled!" In time, Marc came to Chicago to visit a friend; however, he had an outstanding warrant in Illinois and, as events went, he ended up being arrested. While jailed again, Marc listened to "Unshackled!" episodes. Paroled after a few months, with nowhere to go and no job prospects, Marc came to the home of "Unshackled!" and is now enrolled in the Men's Bible Program. He says, "I could so totally relate to the "Unshackled!" stories—lost and needing God and love in a life gone out of control." Marc's goals now include graduating the Bible program and continuing his studies in college coursework during and after which he seeks a life of evangelism. Marc says, "No matter where I am in my walk, I have to be right with God. This is first and foremost, always."

Now, as a domestic and foreign broadcast, "Unshackled!" expenses are great. Perhaps not entirely known is that radio stations that air "Unshackled!" do not pay PGM to do so. Further, production day, every Saturday of the year, entails paid individuals—professional actors, a sound person,

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For years my Father would come home from work - having worked long hours and after a bath and a bit of supper - he would go straight to his favorite chair to read his Bible - then turn on his radio to PGM's long running testimonial program Unshackled! I have, since his passing, found myself late at night, going to my favorite chair reading my Bible - then listening to your program! Such a powerful witnessing tool!

Dear Pacific Garden Mission,

Thank you all so much for producing the show "Unshackled." I love this show and it has helped me so much! Although I am a Christian, I struggle with depression a great deal. It is comforting to hear the stories of all the other people who struggle with their faith and have similar problems. The show is very uplifting, interesting and entertaining! May God bless you all!

Sincerely,
Alexandria

Every night "Unshackled!" on WFYX Charlotte, N.C. Although I live in PA, the signal reaches here. I'm so blessed by "Unshackled!" - hearing the wonderful testimonies of people whose lives have been transformed, I believe listening to your program has helped me become bolder in my witness for the Lord Jesus Christ. Thank You!

Actual letters from listeners whose lives were changed through the broadcast ministry of "UNSHACKLED!"



A live "Unshackled!" taping in the auditorium.



roles at Provision Theater, Chicago Shakespeare Theater, and Steppenwolf Theatre among others.

TIMOTHY GREGORY
Has been an actor with "UNSHACKLED!" since the early 1990s and moved into the Announcer/Director position in the past two years. He is the founding, and award-winning artistic director of Chicago's Provision Theater. Tim's acting credits include numerous

an organist, a broadcaster—beyond the paid staff. In short, this ministry, a world-wide evangelistic outreach, is only made possible through you, or donors. We are ever thankful for your continued support as you join with us to broadcast to untold millions around the world the life-changing truth of the Gospel—namely, Christ crucified and resurrected for the salvation of all who believe through the hearing of the Gospel. For, as we read in the Book of Acts, "Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved" (4:12).

Experience the award winning drama in a very memorable way. Every Saturday PGM invites the general public to attend actual "Unshackled!" live tapings of future broadcasts. Come see these true and amazing testimonies, conveyed by professional actors, which are relevant life lessons for all ages and every walk of life. Tour the facility at 3:00pm, watch an "Unshackled!" live production at 4:30pm in our auditorium.

You are welcome to stay for: Meals served at 5:30pm Services at 6:30pm.

Also, visit the "Unshackled!"

website at www.unshackled.org to listen to hundreds of stories, or click on our radio log for the stations in your region.

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Reaching CHINA!

"UNSHACKLED!" is on the verge of expanding from fourteen languages around the world to fifteen.

This fifteenth language is unique, for it is a language held by the largest country population-wise on earth. With a population of 1.3 billion, China will this year begin hearing "Unshackled!" stories as a Mandarin team has formed and is in production. As you may know, China, a strictly Communist country, does not allow foreigners to attain resident status visas as "missionaries." Imagine with

us: a pure injection of the Gospel message into the hearts of, not millions, but potentially hundreds of millions of Chinese in their own language Mandarin. We have the opportunity to watch atheism melt away in the hearts of such a vast number as

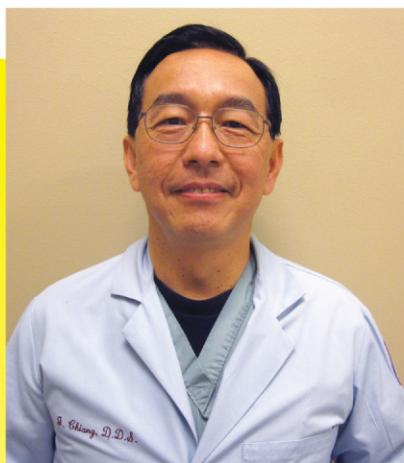


Marc Gonzales, featured in our lead article, came to PGM through listening to "Unshackled!" He now serves the Lord working in the Security Department and participating in the Men's Bible Program.

they hear the truth of Jesus Christ. The cost involved in this remarkable endeavor is \$52,000, an amount over and above the current \$400,000 annual budget for our foreign “Unshackled!”—a small cost when compared to the nearly unimaginable number of souls to be won for an eternity in Heaven. Please consider being a part of reaching the Chinese people through your donations to “Unshackled!” The Lord must work in mysterious ways, for who could have known that PGM’s designation as the Old Lighthouse would entail a light to the entire world by way of its “Unshackled!” domestic and foreign

missions’ broadcasts?

We and you, our donors, are assured of our return investment, for the Lord tells us that His Word does not return to Him void (Isaiah 55:11).



PGM DENTAL CLINIC PRAISE REPORT

HELLO, DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS in Christ and fellow workers for His Kingdom and His glory. I would like to say a “big thank you” to everyone. I have recently received many letters of encouragement, which have really solidified my reason for being a volunteer dentist at PGM. I have called many of

you over the telephone and had some wonderful conversations. Here is a short update on what is occurring at PGM’s dental clinic. Through your prayers and sacrificial financial gifts, we are able to begin the process of upgrading the dental equipment and to expand our services. It is important for us to be good, faithful, and responsible servants to what God has given to us. Therefore, I am looking at used and new equipment and doing more research on their longevity before placing the orders. However, at this time, we are on our way to restore and to update the dental clinic because of faithful partners like you. So please continue to pray for PGM, so that we will stay true to God’s Word, serve Him with humility, and care for those who are in need. Again, thank you. I encourage you to write to me; and if you do, and have included your return address or telephone number, I will contact you by letter or telephone to thank you in person.

—DR. JAMES P. CHIANG, D.D.S.



A Word from Philip Kwiatkowski

President, Pacific Garden Mission

BIBLICAL INVESTING

LUKE 16:8: “And the lord commended the unjust steward, because he had done wisely: for the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light.”

LUKE 16:9: “And I say unto you, Make to yourselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness; that, when ye fail, they may receive you into everlasting habitations.”

THIS IS AN INTERESTING STORY. The unjust steward was going to be put out of his stewardship, so he looked to the future and prepared for it. Jesus makes the point that the unsaved are better in preparing for their temporal future than the children of God for their eternal future. For the Christian, our future is eternal, and the resources that God gives us are to be used for that purpose. How are we investing our time, treasure, and talent? I just spoke to one of our employees who mentioned that he was in the penitentiary for twenty-five years. Out of the twenty-five years, seven were in solitary confinement. I asked him how he knew about the mission; he said that some ladies were witnessing and passing out Gospel tracts thirty years ago and made mention of Pacific Garden Mission. He said that when he was released, he remembered the mission. Soon after arriving, he accepted Christ, and his life was changed. Today, he is on staff, preaches in prisons, and holds services at a nursing home. One day, when he goes to his everlasting habitation, he will be greeted by some ladies who invested their time in sharing the Gospel

with a lost, troubled young man.

Recently, I met a fine Christian young man who stated his great grandfather was on his way to commit suicide in Lake Michigan when he heard the preaching of the Gospel over our loud speaker at the old State Street facility. His great grandfather walked into the mission and accepted Christ, and his life was changed. One day that young man will be received into his everlasting habitation and will possibly be greeted by the man who came down to the mission to preach that night his great grandfather was saved many years ago. That is investing in eternity.

During January of 2013, a young man by the name of Phil arrived on the doorstep of PGM. He said, “I overdosed four times the month before I came to PGM. Two weeks before I got here, I cried out to God, If I’m going to be a heroin addict for the rest of my life, so be it; just don’t let me die. I was lost, helpless, homeless, and broken. I walked through the doors of PGM not knowing what to expect.” He was greeted by a counselor who shared the life-changing message of Jesus Christ. He recalls, “For the first time in my life, someone told me the truth about

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Jesus and how I could go to Heaven. When he quoted Ephesians 2: 8, 9, something happened to me. I asked Jesus to forgive me and enter into my heart. When I gave my life to Christ, I got instantly convicted. When the counselor asked me if I wanted to make a change in my life and join the Men's Bible Program, I told him to give me his garbage can. I threw out my needles and heroin right then. I joined the Bible program the next day. Being in the Bible program has given me a chance to make a relationship with Jesus Christ. It is amazing how God works: in the same office I accepted Christ in, I ended up working in

the office for eight months." Phil now serves in our "Unshackled!" ministry. The counselor that met Phil that night and led him to Christ has moved to Ohio, but his investment in eternity has everlasting value.

Those verses are a challenge to me: I realize that while the stock market is temporal and that my house and car will not last, to invest in the life of a human being is investing in something of eternal value. As I look around the mission and see all the people, I realize that one day I will fail (die), and I want some of those people that I took the time to invest in to receive me into my everlasting habitation.



FINANCIAL UPDATE—Your giving has been strong in 2014 and has greatly narrowed the gap between expenses and receipts. PGM is praising God for your faithful support. Even though we are still spending more than is received most months, God has blessed PGM with a one-time gift which has made up for the gap so that we haven't had to draw any further on our reserves. Praise God for His blessings!

John Brewster, PGM CFO

MARCH 2014 NUMBERS

- 985** Daily average of homeless sleeping overnight.
- 115** Number of men and women enrolled in Bible Study Program and provided room and board.
- 68,976** Approximate number of plates of food served.
- 47,508** Estimated number of items of clothing distributed at PGM or given to other missions.
- 188** Number of patients treated in free Medical/Dental Clinic.
- 66** Number of persons who professed faith in Christ!
- 3,014** Stations broadcasting in 14 languages (Albanian, Arabic, English, Farsi, Greek, Japanese, Korean, Macedonian, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Russian, Spanish, and Turkish)

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