



I HAVE PEACE BEYOND WORDS!

Surrendering their lives over to God, many of the testimonies shared at Pacific Garden Mission include the words, **“I have never had so little physically but have never felt more at peace spiritually.”** As contradictory as this can seem to earthly eyes, it is divinely common of those who have turned their lives over to Jesus Christ.

Paul says in Philippians 4:7 that it is a peace that passes all understanding, and it is truly a peace beyond what words can convey. With your faithful support the women and men in our Bible programs experience this daily and we thank you for making these stories of transformation possible.

LORI MALLON

“I came to Pacific Garden Mission because my life was very unstable. The ups and downs were too much for me to handle alone. When I was only four years old, my mother died of a brain tumor, and for a time my family was broken apart until my father remarried. These events carried with me and weighed me down as I grew. Later in life, I found myself at a breaking point, losing my job and then also losing both my father and step mother within the same year. On top of that, my marriage of 18 years was failing. I needed a change. That is what brought me through the doors of

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“Initially, I had required somewhere to sleep, and I was sent to the Pacific Garden Mission by another shelter that had run out of beds. The shelter where I had been previously only had eight women and 90 men, and when I arrived at PGM, there were over 200 women and many more men. When I got here, the only possessions I owned were a backpack with a pair of jeans in it. The staff at PGM made sure that I got all the necessities I needed including clothing, toiletries, a shower, a bed to sleep in, and three meals a day. The first night I was in the PGM chapel I heard a sermon in the nightly service given by Pastor Percy (a graduate of the New Life Program) and that is when I decided to turn my life over to

Jesus Christ.

“The New Life program has been wonderful and has many counselors you can go to for advice and mentoring. Pastor Phil had encouraged me to go into the program and thought it would be good for my spirit. Learning more about the Bible and



Praying with a Bible Program lady.

getting closer to God has been very helpful, especially with what I have gone through, including the early death of my mother. I am working on reuniting with my family now. I had lost contact with my two sons and am currently working on rebuilding our bonds.

"I recently was moved to the *Unshackled!* department to work, and I am enjoying the ministry. We have a lending library for the blind where we mail out recorded *Unshackled!* testimonies. I help to send out orders and find it rewarding. I am very grateful for what I have here. I get the Word of God three or four times a day.

"One of my favorite Bible verses is 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18: 'Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.' That is one of the greatest things I have learned here, is to pray without ceasing. Before, when I was going through my ups and downs, I was



Lori volunteers in the *Unshackled!* offices at PGM.

**And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.
—Philippians 4:7**

praying unconsciously. Looking back, I can see that now. I had been praying in my own way back then and now."

Lori now has a second family of support and encouragement here at PGM. She attends daily Bible classes and devotions and is in a place of safety and stability. A person can have very little and feel more at peace than ever. The peace of Christ words fail to convey, but the Gospel leads the lost to that peace. As God provides the spiritual peace, PGM provides young disciples of Christ every necessity, providing a sanctuary of study, prayer, contemplation, and healing. Testimonies like Lori's would not be possible without your faithful support and loving prayers.



Reading Scripture for guidance.

5-YEAR PGM TV ANNIVERSARY!

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Recording quality video and working closely with those giving testimonies help our TV ministry offer moving content to those seeking answers and hope for their lives.

It is hard to believe the PGM TV ministry began five years ago. Started by men who shared a vision to reach the lost with the Gospel in a dramatic way, the show has now aired over 200 one-hour episodes of Gospel messages and testimonies of lives changed by a relationship with Jesus Christ. Inspirationally, the camera crew, editor, and host all are either in the Bible programs or have graduated and are now on staff.

Like *Unshackled!*, we believe the television ministry will minister to you and equip you to share with those in need. Thank you for being part of His ministry. Both *Unshackled!* and PGM TV are available on the *Unshackled!* app.

Check to see if you get any of these stations near you, and you can tune in to watch our weekly program.

Chicagoland area: **TLN** Comcast 138 Saturdays @ 7:30pm CT

Milwaukee and SE Wisconsin: **WVCY** Tuesday @11am & Saturdays @1pm CT

National: **TCT Net** — Total Christian Television Network Saturdays @ 7:30pm CT

National: **NRB TV** — National Religious Broadcasters Fridays @ 11am CT

We are also on the **Walk TV** and **Way TV** at various times.

Thank you for your prayers and support as we labor together for lost souls.





A Word from Philip Kwiatkowski

President, Pacific Garden Mission

WE HAVE A MESSAGE OF HOPE

The righteous considereth the cause of the poor: but the wicked regardeth not to know it.

— Proverbs 29:7

As I listen to the stories of the men and women on the streets, it makes me stop and consider what I can do to help. I was in our day room, and an elderly man approached me asking for bus fare to go to a doctor appointment. I noticed that he had a head injury, so I asked him what happened. He stated that he was shot in the head while standing at a bus stop. The bullet grazed his head, and one struck him in the back of the ear. He is now recovering but dealing with the emotional aftermath.

Another man walked up and said that he went into cardiac arrest last Friday and actually died for a period of time but was revived. After telling me, he walked back to his seat and blended in with the rest. Last week another man asked me a question. He stated that he hears a lot about forgiveness, but he's struggling with this topic. He told me his daughter was raped and beaten for nine years, and her mother allowed this. "I am full of anger and hate," he said. "What do I do?"

Along the back wall, a man was sitting in a wheelchair because his leg had been amputated. I asked him

what happened, so he said that he fell out of a third-floor window while drunk and lost his leg. Another man is undergoing treatment for throat cancer; he has no family or friends to ask him of his well being or support him through his treatment. He has lost most of his hair but continues his regular treatment. He sits in our day room blending in with the others, not knowing if he will even live.

It is easy for the individual to get lost in the sea of the masses of people that walk through our doors, but it is the individual that we serve. We have a message of hope, love, and yes, forgiveness that is transforming lives just like these, and I want to thank you for your giving, and for the way you are considering the cause of the poor.



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



GODLY STEWARDSHIP

Stephen Welch,
Director of Development

He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord, and that which he hath given will he pay him again. —Proverbs 19:17

With joy we wish to report to you, our faithful partners in ministry, that we made the budget for our 2018-19 fiscal year. Thank you for helping us close the \$300,000 financial gap we shared with you in the June PGM News—we are overwhelmed with gratitude for your response!

Thank you for your support through a tough summer. We are now preparing for the increased

numbers of people we will see in the fall.

Our sole purpose is to reach the lost with the Gospel of Christ. On September 15, we will celebrate 142 years of ministering with the transforming message of the Gospel.

You have helped us reach the thousands of men and women, boys and girls who walk through the doors of Pacific Garden Mission every year, as well as the uncountable souls saved in their homes and byways through *Unshackled!* radio and the Pacific Garden Mission television program (PGM TV). **We praise God for His faithful provision through you, enabling this ministry to grow and flourish for 143 years.**

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 July your support made a true difference:

On average, **413** homeless people received aid and Gospel services each day

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

About **54,350** plates of food were served

39,642 items of clothing were distributed

231 patients received free medical/dental treatment

358 people professed faith in Christ

3,097 media outlets around the world broadcasted *Unshackled!*

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