



A LIFE TRANSFORMED WITH YOUR HELP

Alone and afraid . . . two of the most commonly used words people share when first describing their experience with homelessness. Transcending the gigantic hurdles of homelessness may seem like a daunting task—but you, as the donor, help to change those words of fear and despair into words of hope and happiness. With joy, we can share such a story—one that conveys lasting hope and transformation in Christ because of partners of this Mission like you. Meet Karen. She may have come through our doors depressed and lonely, but as you read her story, you'll see that with your help and

God's grace, she is now walking daily in freedom and fulfillment as a fully functioning follower of Christ.

KAREN

"I ended up at Pacific Garden Mission after the building my cousin and I were staying in was foreclosed. I didn't have anywhere to go. When I first went to my cousin's, I was depressed. All I did was stay in a room, lay down, and watch TV. I did nothing else. That experience, when they came and set everything out on the street, was scary. I couldn't go with kinfolk . . . there wasn't room for me to go with anyone. Then, my brother came and said we were going to go to



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“When I came here, I didn’t know what to expect—I really didn’t, so I was just quiet. I was scared and hurt, being homeless for the first time . . . that was really an experience for me. So, I know what it feels like to be homeless and not have anything. I knew I was depressed. I didn’t talk to anyone. I didn’t care about how I looked or anything. Then one day, a staff member approached me and

said she thought it would be a good idea for me to join the Bible program, and after several weeks, I decided to join.

***“Casting all your care upon
him; for he careth for you.”
— 1 Peter 5:7***

“Those women care about us, and they treat us like they are our family. The Bible program is great! It helped me, and everything I know about the Bible is because those ladies taught me. I knew there was a God, but I didn’t know anything about the Bible until I got into the Bible program, where I started reading the Bible and learning to understand the verses. I would tell any woman to join. It is not easy, but you can get through it.

“While I was in the Bible program, I ended up working on security—that was my ministry assignment. I did that for a year, and then I graduated. I give everything to Him; He has done all this for me, and PGM took care of me. PGM is a great learning experience for people who



Karen pauses during a busy day to reflect on the Word of God.

***“And be renewed in the spirit of your mind;
And that ye put on the new man, which after God is
created in righteousness and true holiness.”***

— Ephesians 4:23-24 (KJV)

are homeless. And for those of us who work at PGM, it is great—I have learned to love people . . . people I don’t even know.

“When the ladies come in, they have so many problems . . . abuse and so many other things have happened to them. They might come in sometimes with an attitude, but I was where they were, so I can understand and love those women. Sometimes, people come in scared and crying. Recently, I did one lady’s intake, and I explained to her that I too was an overnight guest who was scared and didn’t know what to expect. But I told her it was going to be all right. She stayed for about three weeks at PGM, and before she left, she thanked me for talking to her and making her feel like she didn’t have to be scared.

“After working in security for 10 months at PGM, I saved enough money to move out. I moved last Thursday and have my own place now. I have peace and joy in my life through God, my Father. I am happy to this day. As long as you have God in your life, you’re going to be all right. I love Him. I know God is there. God will take care of you if you put all your trust in Him.”

Karen, with a new life in Christ, is now ministering and witnessing to those she encounters during her daily ministry here on the PGM security team. Because she can relate to the experiences and hardships of the women who come through our doors at the Mission, God uses Karen in a mighty way to display His power to redeem, restore, and set free all who trust in Him. The evidence of Karen’s transformation is not only witnessed in the words she speaks, but it’s reflected daily in her actions and treatment of others.

Friends and partners like YOU are central to testimonies like these at PGM—because your generosity helped transform Karen’s life. And now, she boldly communicates *hope* to other lost and hurting women, helping to turn *fear* and *loneliness* into *peace* and *freedom*. This would not be possible here without you. Thank You.



Karen, now on PGM staff security, discusses the day’s events.

SEEING THE HOLY SPIRIT MOVE AT PGM!

Last fall, we asked supporters for help to upgrade several areas of our facility, and we are thrilled with the much-needed improvements you have helped make to our 156,000 square-foot building. But there is one new addition that stands out—our newly built preaching stage in our men's day room, including audio and video equipment upgrades! As we stand committed to our core values and the fulfillment of the Great Commission, this stage and equipment improvement—funded by your faithful giving and built to reach the ever-increasing numbers of transient guests—will allow us to effectively share the Gospel with more people.



"Something incredible happened that night and there was a strong moving of God through these men" —Phil Lacy

Top: The new preaching stage and podium.

Right: A man comes forward with his hand raised as Evangelist Phil invites men to receive Christ into their hearts.



Our staff evangelist, Phil Lacy, who preaches in the men's day room several times a week, shared his encouragement of God's spirit continuously working through PGM. Phil emotionally recounted a recent daily service where 14 men, some old and some young, raised their hands to accept Christ into their hearts and then they came up to form a prayer circle. Phil, taking the newly confessed believers' names down to pray for later, has shared their names below. We ask that you would join us in prayer for these men—petitioning the Lord for their hearts to remain open to Him and for an increasing desire to know and walk with Jesus Christ. Countless opportunities like these are created with your help, and we thank you.



Women enjoy an inviting atmosphere in their day room.

PRAYER REQUEST! Please take a moment now to pray for these 14 men who gave the lives to Christ at PGM.

David K.	Jamal M.	Bernard G.	Lenwerd E.
David R.	Jorge G.	Michael F.	Ronald B.
Larry S.	Gary H.	Lenard F.	Rasheen F.
Quincy V.	Gregory C.		

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A Word from Philip Kwiatkowski

President, Pacific Garden Mission

KEEPING OUR FOCUS ON GOD

The Mission Statement of Pacific Garden Mission is as follows:

PURPOSE

To reach the lost with the Gospel of Christ.

MISSION STATEMENT

We serve with the compassion of Christ and minister with the transforming message of the Gospel.

VISION

We offer life answers through faith in Jesus Christ, through any season of life, so that our guests become fully functioning followers of Christ.

CORE VALUES

Faith • The Word • Truth • Love

I want to focus on our vision statement: *We offer life answers through faith in Jesus Christ, through any season of life, so that our guests become fully functioning followers of Christ.*

We are known for our ministry to the homeless, but we minister through any season of life, no matter the circumstance. People have walked through our doors because of addiction, divorce, domestic uncertainty, job loss, failing health . . . the list is endless, but our vision rings true—*any season of life*.

The challenge is not just to introduce them to Christ but to help them become fully functioning followers of Christ. We offer an intense discipleship program to ground them in the faith and equip them

spiritually to face whatever obstacles may come their way. When our guests complete the discipleship phase, they enter into the career development phase, where they are challenged vocationally for life after the Mission.

Many individuals come to us not knowing how to read or use a computer, and in some cases, they haven't graduated from high school. I will never forget one particular guest named Johnny. After graduation, he applied for a job at a factory. He then called me after his interview, having quickly realized his need for education and work skills in order to succeed in this role at the factory. Johnny had a foundation of biblical knowledge, but he needed to build on that with technical skills.

We desire to have them know the Word—as well as to learn how to use the computer, finish their GED, overcome their addiction, and become resolute followers of Christ.

Words cannot express the feeling I get seeing someone who was once homeless come to Christ, grow, learn a skill, graduate, find a home, get established in a local Bible-believing church . . . and then, come back to the Mission to share their story with joy and gratitude. Praise the Lord for the work He is doing through Pacific Garden Mission and for our faithful supporters who help make this vision statement a reality. Thank you for your love, prayer, and support.

With your encouragement and support, we minister hope to the homeless, addicted, and brokenhearted.



GODLY STEWARDSHIP

Stephen Welch,
Director of Development

As Christians, you and I are stewards of the most precious message and book ever written—the Gospel and the Bible. In a world that is ever-changing and drifting, we know of one organization that is *not*.

This month, we celebrate 144 years of transformational Gospel ministry at Pacific Garden Mission, using the same Bible we were founded on in 1877. Our sole purpose is to reach the lost with the Gospel and disciple men and women to become fully functioning followers of Christ.

This Gospel rescue mission would not exist without Jesus Christ, His Word, and your faithful support. We often tell people that without Jesus and donors, Pacific Garden Mission would not exist as you know it today. Did you know that 62% of our staff, including myself, were rescued by our Savior at Pacific Garden Mission? We came here hopeless and at our wit's end, not knowing we were walking through doors of *hope* and a *new life* in Christ. Now, we are discipling those whom God has called to our doors

through His son Jesus Christ—thank you for your faithful support of the ministry.

We hope you will come and see what God is doing here through your support by visiting us at the Mission. Every Saturday, we now have an open house from 2-6 pm, where you can experience firsthand what God is doing at Pacific Garden Mission.

Tours start at 2:00 pm — See the beautiful facility and meet the people you have touched

***Unshackled!* at 3:00 pm** — Live award-winning radio drama of lives transformed

Dinner at 4:15 pm — Family style fellowship

Praise and Testimony Service at 5:00 pm — Pastor Phil Kwiatkowski, President, will preach the Word

Pastor Phil and the rest of us look forward to seeing you soon!



Guests can watch a live episode of an *Unshackled!* radio drama, with its worldwide outreach.

SOULS SAVED: We rejoice in reporting to our donors over 102 professions of faith in Christ were made at PGM in July. The impact we have together is boundless!

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