



“I’M ALIVE TODAY BECAUSE OF YOUR COMPASSION.”

Nothing reveals the life-transforming power of the Gospel quite like witnessing a person’s long-term success. Like the seedling that put down its roots deep and strong in the Word of God, it is those who persevere, withstanding the trials of time, who display the true healing power of Jesus Christ. Rose is one such example of a new creature in Christ. May you be encouraged as she shares her story of transformation and the source of her strength. Your help is changing lives!

ROSE

“My name is Rose Woodberry. The Scripture in Revelation 12 tells us that we overcome him (the Devil) by the blood of the Lamb and the word of our testimony, so here is my testimony. For over 30 years of my life, I was addicted to crack cocaine. My life was a mess. I was into drugs every day. I used, manipulated, stole from people, and did a lot of things that I am not proud of at all. When I came to Pacific Garden Mission, I was broken, I was hopeless, I was suicidal, and I just didn’t think there was any hope for me.



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“At that moment, I surrendered. I gave it all to Him, and He told me to go to Pacific Garden Mission. I said, Lord, I am going to step out in faith, and I am going to that place, and I am going to see what you’re going to do with me. I came here and got onto the women’s one-year Bible program.

“I stayed in that program and graduated in 2017, then stayed here another seven months. After that, the Lord opened an opportunity for me to move into a beautiful place not too far from here. I learned that God blesses obedience, and I will tell anybody that the program at Pacific Garden Mission works because you get fed the Word of God. You learn to do things much differently than you do out in the world. Some days I didn’t want to,

but I did it out of obedience to God, and I wanted to see myself change. When you give your life to Christ, God will make you a new creature in Christ.

“I encourage anybody to come here. When I came here, I learned about the story of five smooth stones: prayer, Bible study, church attendance, witnessing, and giving. I learned that by keeping all those, God will truly bless you, and your life will be much better. It is a blessing to come back here and share my testimony. He has restored my children and me, and they trust me today. God is good and faithful. I want to be a person of integrity and honesty, and keep my hope in Jesus.

“I am so thankful today for where the Lord brought me. When I surrendered and gave my life to

“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.” —2 Corinthians 5:17 KJV

Rose volunteers to come into PGM and lead a Bible Study class with the program women.



Christ, that's when He changed me. He saved me, He forgave me, He delivered me, and He set me free. I love my life today because I am in Christ. I would recommend Pacific Garden Mission to anybody. Anybody that wants help, come to Pacific Garden Mission."

Rose's relationship with her children has been restored as she has earned their trust back. This

Christmas she will be the grandmother, mother, and family member that God intended her to be. Rose even comes to PGM to speak with the ladies in the Bible program, sharing her experience and the Word of God with them. Now over five years clean, she is beginning to live as a fully functioning follower of Christ. Thank you for making her story of transformation possible.



Rose is now a caring daughter to her mother and a loving role model and grandmother.



A Christmas Dinner for All



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We have seen many changes at PGM over the years, but at the heart of it all, the focus on sharing the Gospel and the love of Christ with others has remained steadfast. As Christmas approaches, PGM will be called “home” by hundreds of people who are struggling with hardship.

Regardless of whether they are asylum seekers, mothers and children escaping abusive relationships, or down-and-out drug addicts seeking the power to break the chains of addiction, they will encounter the love of Christ here.

Our Christmas dinner provides a holiday meal, warm shelter, and the opportunity to share the true meaning of Christmas. Your

support during this holiday season offers help, healing, and hope to those in need.

Thank you!



A Word from Philip Kwiatkowski
President, Pacific Garden Mission

CHRISTMAS COMPASSION

**“Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.”
(Luke 2:14 KJV)**

For many people, Christmas is a sentimental day. Thoughts of family and friends gathering around a table, full of various holiday favorites and the sound of laughter and conversation filling the air. The morning starts with the sound of children’s feet racing toward the tree in anticipation as to what treasures lie within the carefully wrapped presents.

For many residents of Pacific Garden Mission, this is the most challenging season of the year. For some, the season is a reminder of what used to be or never was. Estrangement from family, embarrassment at a turn of events, or just loneliness are sober reminders of their plight. This has been a trying season, still dealing with the effects of COVID, and now masses of individuals seeking refuge from South America; we want to make this season memorable for

all. While many of us enjoy time with our loved ones, let’s not forget about those who reside at Pacific Garden Mission.

Remember that we have a number of women and children waking up on Christmas morning in a homeless shelter. We want to make their time here memorable and special as these little ones, through no fault of their own, desire some sense of normalcy. For this reason, we decorate the Mission, we serve delicious meals, and we continue to proclaim the Good News that Jesus came to die for our sins. Pray for us here at the Mission, and thank you for helping to make a tragic situation a little better.



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 October your support made a true difference:

On average, **419** homeless people received aid and Gospel services each day

About **21,742** plates of food were served

27,221 items of clothing were distributed

3,170 media outlets around the world broadcasted *Unshackled!*

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

18 mothers with their children who were sheltered at PGM

29 people professed faith in Christ



GODLY STEWARDSHIP

Stephen Welch,
Director of Development

As we begin to celebrate the birth of Christ and all he has done, I think of Rose and all the countless others who have been transformed by Jesus Christ at Pacific Garden Mission. I love being part of the storytelling process so you can experience what God is doing here every day through His Son. Our Newsletter is designed to share the impact our faithful supporters are having. We also write the PGM News for possible beneficiaries that God may be calling.

Every month we share the Good News of a life transformed by Jesus Christ. Even the writer of PGM News, Daniel Woolman, came through these doors of hope at PGM! In fact, many of our alumni found God's will for their lives while in the discipleship programs as they studied God's word. Over 60% of our staff, myself included, came to PGM as guests and graduated from the New Life Discipleship Program. Some graduates are now serving as pastors in local and out-of-state churches. Others are living in homes and apartments, enjoying God-honoring labor, supporting their family, churches, and being a light for Christ as truck

drivers, Pace bus drivers, CTA workers, painters, iron workers, and homemakers. During this holiday season, many graduates return for fellowship and to give back to the church known as PGM, which helped them become fully functioning followers of Christ.

We are grateful that you have chosen to support PGM with our primary purpose: To reach the lost with the Gospel of Christ. Your impact is eternal. Without Jesus Christ, our faithful supporters, and prayer partners, none of this would be possible. We would be just another shelter simply finding people jobs and shelter. While that is one aspect of our mission, we realize jobs and places to stay are temporal. At PGM, our focus is on eternal issues. We know that everyone lives forever in one of two places—Heaven or Hell, and no matter who they are and what they did, Jesus is the answer.

We want you to know how much we appreciate your impact and blessing on this far-reaching and powerful ministry. Pacific Garden Mission may be one of the greatest gifts someone could ever receive. We hear that daily, both locally and nationally.

May our Good News bring you a very Merry Christmas!

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