



Maureen is now blessed with new life, vitality, and purpose every day.



**PACIFIC GARDEN MISSION**  
Transforming lives since 1877

## “YOUR LOVE SUSTAINED ME. NOW I AM GIVING BACK.”

**When people arrive at Pacific Garden Mission, they are searching for something. Some want food, warmth, or a bed to sleep in, while others are searching for something less tangible and far more significant and life changing. When Maureen came to PGM, she was searching for hope and peace. God led her here. Today, she shares her story of healing and rejuvenation. Thank you for helping Maureen have a place to come where she could find her new hope in Jesus Christ.**

### MAUREEN

“I blamed God for everything.

I couldn't even pick up a Bible. My faith used to be so strong. I blamed Him for losing my job; I blamed Him for everything. One day I was sitting there saying to God, 'You broke me down. What else do you want to take from me?' Then I saw Pastor Phil on TV sharing the Gospel. I said I needed to see that man. I was so broken, so lost that I didn't even know myself.

“I donated plasma in Milwaukee to get the train fare to come here. I didn't even bring any clothing; I came as I was. When I arrived, there was a Praise and Testimony service that night, and it felt like God lifted my hand and led me to give my life to Jesus after the service. I put my hand



up, and we prayed. Every night when I went to sleep, it felt like I was in Jesus' classroom. One night I clearly heard God ask me who Jesus was and what does Jesus mean to me. When I woke up, I promised the Lord I would walk His way.

"Going through PGM's New Day program allowed me to look at my life, and it also started my relationship with Jesus Christ. It was hard initially, but it became very easy after I let God take control. When I graduated the program, I was offered a job here. I counsel with the transient women at PGM, and we talk about the Bible, and

we talk about Jesus.

"I ask them if they know about Jesus and what He has done for them. I always remind them that Pacific Garden Mission is not just a mission but a church, and God has led them to the church for a very good reason. We expect them to be able to help themselves by making their beds, reading their Bibles, etc.

"Working in Women's Guest Services lets me see God working in my life daily. It gives me a chance to put others first, to focus on helping others, including helping them establish a relationship with Jesus Christ. In my past life, I was kind of selfish. I only

concerned myself with my desires. God has shown me that it's not just about me. GOD wants us to look after each other and concern ourselves with the needs of others.

"As a ministry, we do devotions all the time, and we encourage guests to start reading the Bible



**Maureen counsels with a guest as she serves in the women's dayroom.**



in the Gospel of John. I have seen what God can do. Jesus is alive, and we call upon Him in all our needs. Not just when we need Him, but to be in prayer no matter our circumstances. He is the first and last person in my life, and with Him, anything is possible.

“My perspective on life is now centered on doing the will of God and seeking His purpose for me daily. I now find myself much more at peace, and I don’t allow the day-to-day stresses of life to overwhelm me because I know everything that happens is for the good of those who are in Christ Jesus!”

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**Finding hope and peace is priceless. Maureen now knows what Jesus meant when He spoke about the well of water springing up into everlasting life. The direction of her life and her spiritual perspective changed. She can now help others and introduce them to the life-changing Gospel she found here at PGM. Without your help, we wouldn’t be a beacon of hope in a struggling city. You are helping the light of Christ shine brightly to welcome those drawn here.**



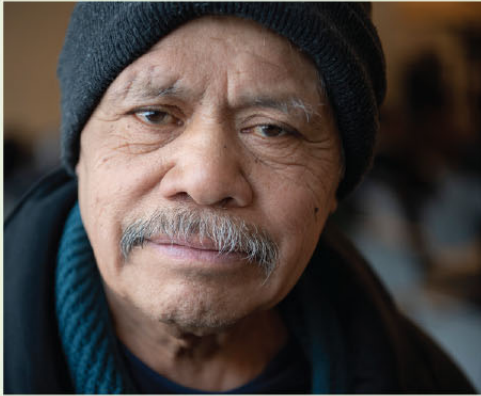
**Maureen comforts and counsels a mother staying at PGM with her two young children.**

**Maureen is a skilled hair stylist and actively volunteers cutting women’s hair at the Mission.**



**“Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: 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 4:13-14 KJV**

# Bringing the Love of Jesus to Immigrants in Need



Over the last six months, our population at PGM has increased significantly. Much of this increase is made up of immigrants fleeing from countries like Venezuela who have seen their economy collapse.

The stories of these immigrants are sometimes heartbreaking and reflect the true desperation and need of aid they have. The love of Christ and the power of His Gospel can shine the brightest

during the most difficult times. Regardless of the circumstances that lead people to Pacific Garden Mission, we are dedicated to helping them and sharing the love of Jesus Christ and His Gospel. We thank you for supporting our ministry and allowing us to be here in their time of need.

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Visit our website at [pgm.org](https://pgm.org) to learn more about PGM's multiple ministries to the needy.





## A Word from Philip Kwiatkowski

President, Pacific Garden Mission

### STAYING TRUE TO OUR MISSION

As Pacific Garden Mission is entering its 146th year in existence, I am thankful and amazed at how much and how little has changed. What has changed? The crowds are bigger, the building is larger, the heating, electric, and water bills are much higher than in 1877. What's remained the same is the needs of men and women and the same message to change their lives.

Christianity.com states:

"The mission leaders kept their sermons simple. '... Nobody was ever too bad for Jesus to save. Amen, glory! You aren't saved because you're good; if you were good, you wouldn't need to be saved. But Jesus died for your sins. He paid it all. Glory to God! Make him your savior tonight. Come down this aisle for prayer. Come just as you are.' And men and women did. Prostitutes, gangsters, alcoholics, gamblers. They would stand and tell in meetings how

God delivered them from their sins and gave them a new life. Their testimonies to the power of Christ played a big part in winning others to follow Jesus."

If you were to come down today, you would hear a simple message preached out of the same Book with an earnest invitation to receive Christ. You will meet men and women whose lives have been changed by the Gospel. One recent convert just received his Master's degree; another is pastoring a local church. This past Saturday, I visited with a former Muslim who recently came to Christ; he was sharing how well he is doing now. The story of this amazing ministry is not relegated to the pages of history books but is still being written today.

**Thank you for your love, prayers, and support for this old lighthouse that still rescues those in trouble by offering hope through Jesus Christ.**

### 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 June your support made a true difference:

On average, **468** homeless people received aid and Gospel services each day

About **27,394** plates of food were served

**28,940** items of clothing were distributed

**3,154** 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

**56** people professed faith in Christ and became new believers

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



## GODLY STEWARDSHIP

Stephen Welch,  
Director of Development

As I'm writing this article, it is June 1, 2023. For the first time in the 11 years I've been here, the number of people increased this summer when it usually decreases. We are seeing more mothers with children and making plans so we don't have to turn any children and mothers away.

Some time ago, a mother with two children was told we had no room. I overheard the conversation. It was heartbreaking, so we brought them in out of the rain and made mattresses and blankets in our prayer room, and they were given new clothing, warm meals, and a good night's sleep. Our residents and this new family attended a Gospel service before breakfast the next morning. We share the Gospel before all

meals and before bed. The mother and her children stayed in the prayer room, went to Gospel services, met with counselors, and then, lo and behold, space opened up, and they could go up to the mothers' and children's area.

That's what we call godly stewardship, and it all hinges on the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the power of God, onto salvation. Without you and Jesus, these stories of Gospel ministry would not exist. We see about 5,000 unique individuals every year. All residents receive the Gospel in services and private counseling. They are given a KJV Bible and are cared for like family until these precious souls see the Light and are born again. They enter our discipleship programs, study God's Word, and leave a new person in Christ.

With your support, people have been rescued and brought to PGM since 1877, where Jesus has saved them. After someone is born again, they spend time being discipled by Christian men and women using the Word of God. Many have left and become evangelists, like Billy Sunday, and two are starting churches in troubled neighborhoods.

**God bless you for being part of the Pacific Garden Mission. We can't do it without you, and by supporting PGM, you are sharing the Gospel of Christ with thousands of lost souls every day.**



Above: Pastor Phil poses with PGM staff and several homeless immigrant mothers and children.

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