



Having recovered from his addictions, Joseph now has true hope for the future.

“I GOT A SECOND CHANCE AT LIFE AT PGM”

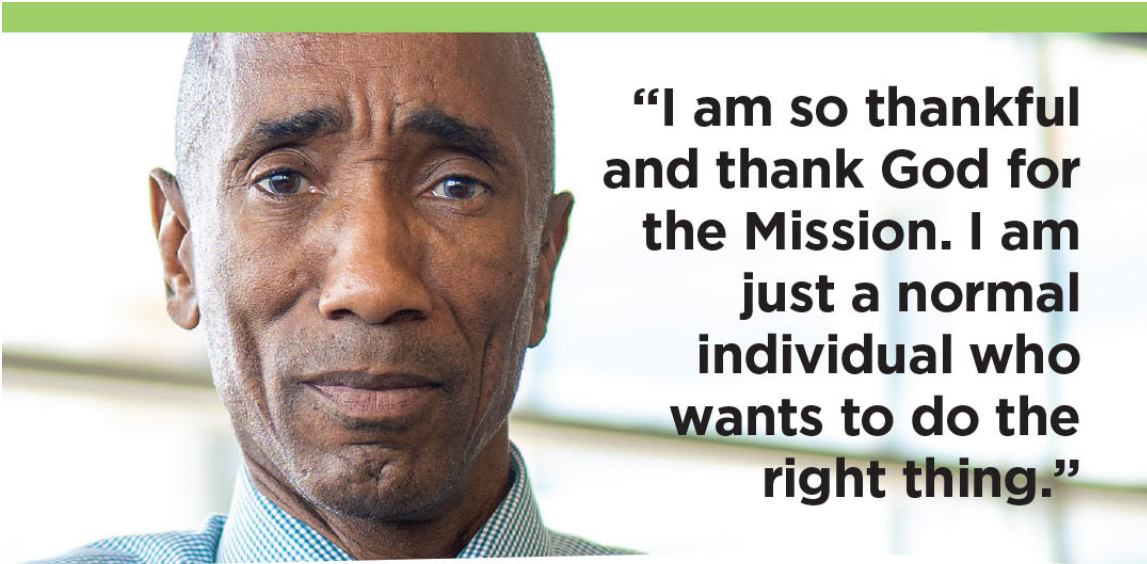
At Pacific Garden Mission, we believe no one is beyond hope. Whether it's the first time someone seeks help or the tenth, our doors remain open for those earnestly searching for change. With God's grace, we've witnessed remarkable turnarounds—even in people who've struggled for decades. Joseph is one of those individuals.

Thanks to your faithful support, we can continue offering struggling men and women not just a roof over their heads, but the opportunity to experience a transformed life through Jesus Christ.

JOSEPH

“I have struggled with alcohol and drug use for the last 33 years. I was married for 22 of those years, and sadly, my addiction played a big role in the collapse of that marriage. I'm 65 years old now, and I have eight grandchildren. It's been over two decades since I've had a place I could truly call my own.

“Whenever life got tough, I used drugs and alcohol to escape the pain. It became my way of coping. Over the years, I tried various recovery groups—Alcoholics Anonymous, Christian ministries, even the Salvation Army. Each time, I would find some relief, but



“I am so thankful and thank God for the Mission. I am just a normal individual who wants to do the right thing.”

I never got to the root of the problem. I'd think I was okay and let my guard down. Instead of going to God and His Word, I'd rely on my own understanding. That's when the downward spiral would begin again.

“Things came to a head when I stole rent money from my daughter. I knew it was wrong, but my addiction clouded my judgment. After spending it all on gambling, drugs, and alcohol, I came to PGM knowing what was coming. When I called her on my birthday, she told me not to come back. That was my lowest point. That's when I decided I couldn't keep

falling—I had to start climbing.

“A staff member here asked me where I saw myself ten years from now. That question really stuck with me. I joined the New Life Bible Program and began opening up about my struggles. Talking about it, layer by layer, I started to feel lighter. I had support through counseling and Bible classes, and I started listening to the Word of God daily.”

Finding Real Change

“In 2018, I graduated from the Bible program. I got a job, and later moved on to work as a banquet houseman downtown. It was a dream job—the kind I thought I could retire from. But I slowly stopped reading my Bible and praying. I thought I was in control and started believing I had built my life back up on my own. I didn't give credit to God.

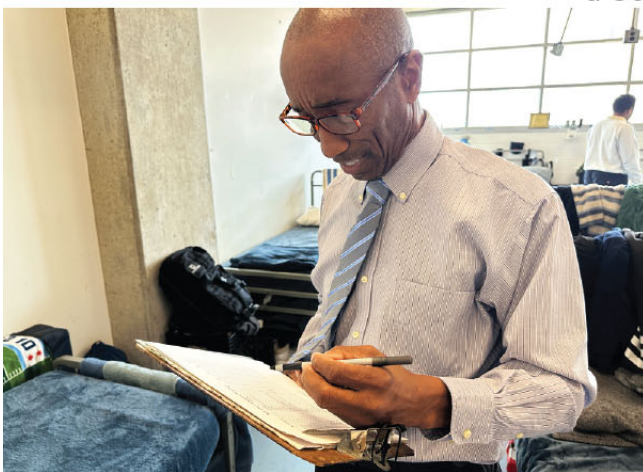
“Then COVID hit. The hotel shut down, and so did my sense of security. I was already slipping back into drugs by then, but the shutdown accelerated everything. I lost my job, my housing, and tension with my



Joseph talks with a fellow Bible program student who he serves with as a dorm monitor.

“The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.”

—2 Peter 3:9 KJV



family grew worse. I didn't blame God, but I definitely wasn't looking to Him either. I felt lost and cheated.”

Returning to the Mission

“I came back to PGM in September 2024. I was nervous about how I'd be received, but the staff treated me with grace. I reentered the Bible program and began meeting weekly with a counselor. That's helped me open up and work on the deeper issues inside me—not just the outside.

“We attend two Bible classes every day, and three on Thursdays. Through

these classes, I've been learning what it really means to let go and let God take control. I've stopped trying to manage everything on my own. I do what I can, and I trust God with the rest.”

Healing Relationships

“When I was using, I shut everyone out. It was me against the world. But here at PGM, I'm starting to rediscover the person I was before addiction. I'm learning how to live simply and allow God to work through me. I've begun to repair some relationships with my family, and I'm taking the steps necessary to live a God-honoring life.

“I thank God for this Mission. It's a place where people like me—just ordinary people who've made mistakes—can find hope, healing, and a new direction.”

Today, Joseph is sober, seeking God, and continuing to rebuild his life. His story is not finished, but the chapter he's writing now is one of hope. He could still be out on the streets, caught in the trap of addiction—but instead, he is learning, growing, and giving his heart to Christ.

Pacific Garden Mission is often described as a front-line mission field. The people who walk through our doors are at critical turning points. With your support, we provide more than meals and shelter—we offer truth, love, and the life-changing Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Thank you for partnering with us in this ministry. Your generosity makes stories like Joseph's possible. May God bless you for the difference you're making in countless lives.

Pictured above: Joseph takes roll call and helps manage the dorm areas.

INSIDE THE PGM CAFETERIA: Over 30,000 Meals Served Monthly

One of the busiest places at PGM is in our cafeteria. Each month, we serve between 30,000 and 40,000 meals, depending on the time of year. We have two separate sittings for each meal, allowing us to accommodate everyone. This enormous task takes the help of staff and volunteers. Serving so many meals, 365 days a year, is a lifeline to those who are homeless and struggling and is oftentimes where they start finding stability in their lives.

We thank you for helping us help so many people. We show our guests dignity and the love of Christ. When the physical resources people need are combined with spiritual resources, it provides them with the full spectrum of tools necessary to achieve sustained change and stability.



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A Word from Philip Kwiatkowski

President, Pacific Garden Mission

UPGRADES BRING BLESSINGS

I would like to say thank you to all who have supported us in our recent facility upgrades. Seeing the look on the faces of our residents and hearing their comments is priceless.

One lady just left my office, saying that she wants to remain at Pacific Garden because this place is clean. She said she has been to other shelters and found this one to be different.

For many of our residents, life has been hard, and by investing in their living facility it shows that we indeed care. A few quotes from our residents: Jacob says, "The new dorm is a real blessing and thank you to all the donors and staff for giving us a newer, comfortable sleeping and living facility." Dylan says, "What a privilege to be part of a community here at PGM where I can be part of the work of Christ. Thank you, PGM. Thank you, donors. The new

bathroom and remodeled dorms. The remodel is amazing—such a blessing."

Yes indeed, the Mission is different, but our focus remains the proclamation of the Gospel and the care for those God sends our way. Proverbs 19:17 says, "**He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the LORD; and that which he hath given will he pay him again.**" Some of our residents were sleeping in abandoned buildings, alleys, or in their cars. However, inviting them into a facility that is warm, clean, and safe opens their hearts to receive life's most important message: Jesus Christ.

On behalf of all of us, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank-you to Jesus and to our donors. Your generosity helps open many hearts to the good news of saving faith.

Thank you.

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:

500 average number of homeless people who received aid and Gospel services each day

32,592 plates of food were served (est.)

8,000 clothing items were distributed (est.)

3,137 media outlets around the world broadcasted **UNSHACKLED!**

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

10 mothers with their **14** children were sheltered at PGM

53 people professed saving faith in Christ and became new believers at PGM

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

FROM BROKENNESS TO BLESSING: ANGEL FELICIANO'S JOURNEY OF REDEMPTION AND LEADERSHIP

*A crucial part of Godly stewardship at PGM is employing effective leaders. This month, we introduce you to **Angel Feliciano**.*

More than a decade ago, Angel was living a very different life. His world was unraveling due to addiction. Trapped in a cycle of alcohol and drug abuse, he was on a path that seemed destined for destruction—until God stepped in.

In 2012, Angel walked through the doors of Pacific Garden Mission, broken and in need of help. Here, within the compassionate walls of the Mission, he accepted Jesus as his Savior and joined the New Life program.

Over time, Angel grew in the Lord, and he began his journey of leadership by launching PGM's Spanish-language ministry. Today, Angel serves as the Director of Mission

Relations, overseeing a team of more than 20 people who work across a wide range of crucial ministries, including the New Journey and New Horizons programs.

Despite the enormity of his responsibilities, Angel stays grounded in God's promises. "When things seem overwhelming," he says, "I remember Psalm 46:10a—'Be still, and know that I am God.'"

"I'm blessed to help broken people like I once was find Jesus," Angel shares. "And I'm deeply thankful for those who support this ministry. You may not always see the results of your giving and prayer, but you are truly changing lives."

Angel Feliciano's story is one of redemption, leadership, and unwavering faith. It's a reminder that through Christ, even the most broken can be made whole and fruitful.



Angel counsels a man in the Bible program.

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