



Guided through crisis, Genal experienced the Lord's love at PGM.

BECAUSE OF YOU SHE NEVER GAVE UP

Many people first hear about Pacific Garden Mission through someone whose life has already been changed here. A family member, a friend, or someone they trust shares what God has done, planting a seed of hope that perhaps change is possible for them too.

That was true for Genal. After seeing the remarkable difference Christ had made in her brother's life through his time at Pacific Garden Mission, she couldn't help but notice the joy and peace he had found. His transformation made her wonder if the same kind of change could be possible for her. What began as curiosity eventually became a step of faith, leading Genal to a place where she would

discover God's love, guidance, and purpose.

Before coming to Pacific Garden Mission, Genal's life had been marked by years of hardship, loss, and difficult choices. Growing up in an unstable environment, she faced challenges at a young age that would shape much of her adult life. Over the years, she struggled with addiction, spent time in and out of jail, and experienced the heartbreak of losing loved ones along the way. Like many who arrive at Pacific Garden Mission, she often found herself trapped in a cycle that seemed impossible to break. Yet even through the darkest seasons, God was at work, preparing her heart for the new beginning that lay ahead.

GENAL

"I didn't believe I could change. I used to hear people talk about how Jesus changed their lives, but I didn't think that could happen for me. I was going back and forth, making the same choices, feeling stuck. But even then, something in me kept reaching out to God.

Today, I can say God can change anybody. I'm not the same person I used to be. I'm not using drugs anymore. I've been through so much loss in my life, but I didn't go back to that old way. I believe Jesus has cleansed me, and He is still working in me right now.

"When I came to Pacific Garden Mission, I didn't know how to read or write. Now I can read the Bible, and I'm learning

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more every day. We take classes, and they teach us how to live as disciples. I wake up in the morning wanting to serve God and help somebody else.

I’m a servant now. I love helping people. I help with others here, and I try to be kind and patient. This place has shown me how to love Jesus. Everywhere you go, you hear about God, and that has changed my life.

A New Heart

“I used to carry a lot inside me, but now I don’t live that way anymore. I learned that I have

to love. I don’t hate anyone. I know the choices I made were mine, but God still loved me through it all.

When I was younger, I didn’t think God loved me. But now I know He does. I see it every day. I have joy now. I don’t even know where it comes from sometimes, but I know it’s from Jesus. He gave me that.

I want people to know they don’t have to give up. You can go through hard things, you can lose people, you can feel like it’s over, but it’s not. You don’t have to go back to what was hurting you.

I gave my life to Jesus, and I’m here because He brought me here. He knew my heart. And now I want to help somebody else who feels like giving up. I want them to know

God loves them, and He can change their life too.”

Today, Genal’s story stands as a reminder that God often works through the testimony of one life to reach another. The same hope that first caught her attention through her brother’s changed life is now shining through her own.

Because of your prayers and support, men and women continue to hear the Gospel, grow in their faith, and experience the life-changing power of Jesus Christ. Thank you for helping make places like Pacific Garden Mission possible, where stories of transformation inspire others to take their own first step toward hope.



THE FULL STORY



Scan this QR code to watch Genal tell her full story.

**“A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you.”
—Ezekiel 36:26 (KJV)**





Women Helping Women



After years of instability and hardship, many women who come to Pacific Garden Mission are searching for more than shelter. They are searching for belonging. Inside the women's programs, friendships begin to form around shared meals, Bible studies, classes, prayer, and everyday moments of encouragement. Women who once felt isolated now find themselves surrounded by

others who understand their struggles and point them toward hope in Christ. In an environment filled with compassion and truth, many begin learning not only how to rebuild their lives, but also how to care for and encourage one another.

That spirit of support becomes part of daily life at PGM. Women pray together, learn together, laugh together, and walk through difficult seasons side by side. Many who once arrived feeling broken and alone eventually become a source of strength for someone else. As Genal shared in her testimony,

"I'm a servant now. I love helping people." Through the Gospel and the loving support of others around them, women are discovering that healing often happens together.

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Thank you!



FAITHFUL STEWARDSHIP: *Equipped to Serve*

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Thanks to the faithful generosity of our donors, Pacific Garden Mission recently purchased two new commercial ovens for our Food Services ministry. While an oven may seem like a simple piece of equipment, it plays an important role in serving the thousands of meals provided to hungry men, women, and children who come through our doors each month.

The new ovens will allow our

chefs to prepare meals more efficiently, reliably, and safely for those in need. More importantly, they help us continue sharing the love of Christ through both word and deed. Throughout Scripture, we see how the Lord often ministered to people by meeting practical needs alongside spiritual ones. A warm meal can open the door to hope, encouragement, and the Gospel itself.

**We are grateful
for the stewardship**

God provides through your support. Every gift helps PGM bring Jesus' light to those experiencing homelessness and hardship.

New commercial ovens



Visit our website at pgm.org to learn more about PGM's multiple ministries to the needy.



A Word from Philip Kwiatkowski
President, Pacific Garden Mission

MOTHERS WITH BOYS

**“God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.”**

— Psalm 46:1 (KJV)

A few years back, we opened a dorm for mothers with boys. Many shelters do not take boys over a certain age so we saw this as a need. I want you to hear from some of the mothers:

“I have never found a place so open and welcoming. We are so lucky to have the chance to be here and see all the people being helped. If it weren’t for this place, I don’t know where we would be. We know being here has put us on the right path and brought us closer to God.”

“The Mission has helped me get closer to God and provided a safe place for me and my

children to sleep and get reorganized with life. It has allowed me to find community and sisterhood with other moms who offer encouragement while going through this trying time. Being here has helped me regain my faith in God.”

“It means a lot to my family to be here at PGM because I have a son who is 9 years old and growing fast. There are many people who would not let us stay with them, but this place welcomed my family of three with no problem. It’s very nice being here, getting to know other people and talking with the workers at PGM. Most importantly, I know my family has a place to lay our heads.”

Thank you for your support.

THE IMPACT WE MAKE TOGETHER: Your gifts at work

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:



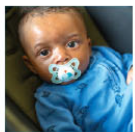
17,130 total nights of sleep and shelter provided to our needy homeless guests



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



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



11 mothers with their **18** children were sheltered at PGM



14,500 clothing items were distributed to the needy at PGM (est.)



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

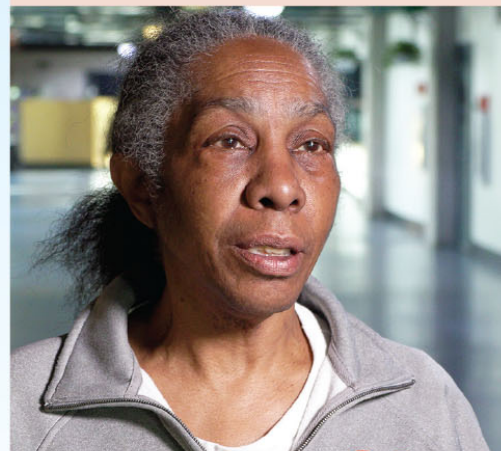


34,832 plates of nourishing food were served (est.)



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

GLIMPSES INSIDE PGM



IT’S NOT TOO LATE

At 64 years old, Shirley White found herself at a place she never expected: struggling with alcohol, pills, homelessness, and uncertainty about the future. After moving to Chicago with her husband for work, things quickly unraveled, and the couple eventually found themselves living out of lockers with nowhere else to turn.

But at Pacific Garden Mission, Shirley found more than shelter. Through chapel services, prayer, biblical teaching, and the encouragement of caring staff, she began truly listening to God in a new way. “It’s not too late,” Shirley shared. “God will come into your life and say, ‘Okay, this is what you need to do.’” Today, Shirley is pursuing a new path forward, grateful for the opportunity to rebuild her life and discover hope again through Christ.

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