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JANUARY 2021

The
Heavens
declare
the
Glory
of
God!
— PSALM 19:1

*Celebrating the
Blessings of 2020*





An Amazing 2020 and looking forward into 2021!

As you read this 2020 timeline special presentation, as well as take a peak at 2021, **know that God has used YOU** to serve the less fortunate. Leadership in 2020 was highlighted by our Graduations, providing the only COVID-19 isolation and recuperative care resident Campus for the Homeless in San Joaquin County and the creation of a 218 bed long-term, residential Homeless regeneration program for women with children.

In 2021, with your help, we will continue to work towards adding bed capacity to our Campus as we plan in 3-4 years to expand from 356 to over 500 total beds. I would like to enlist your help to be Ambassadors to articulate the Lord's Campus buildout at the Mission. To do this I need to briefly describe San Joaquin County's Homeless challenges into "4 Buckets."

Bucket A is sheltering where the Homeless can come, have a bed, meal, shower, receive other services, and be directed to their next step which includes numerous San Joaquin County nonprofit and government (211) services. In sum, we need more shelter beds in our County especially during the winter. **Note that Gospel Center has over 120 beds dedicated for sheltering this winter.**

Bucket B requires the Transition from Sheltering to Permanent Housing. This requirement prepares the Homeless to be good tenants or homeowners. Transition requires residential programs to facilitate at a minimum: recovery from addictions, job training leading to employment, education to address basic literacy and math skills, and gaining a new moral ethical character that may have been lost. **What is lacking is resident program beds for most 211 nonprofits to partner with.**

Bucket C is Permanent Housing. We need more housing, not only in San Joaquin County but throughout California. Our County is dedicated to supporting the Housing and Urban Development Department's policy of "Housing First."

Bucket D is the "Mental Illness Wildcard."

Mental Illness affects Buckets A, B, & C, and there is no solution on the horizon. I believe that for this bucket, our Federal Government must provide leadership and 100% funding.

I do not know God's plan for Buckets A, C, and D, but I do know that **the Lord is preparing our Campus to serve the entire Bucket B Homeless population in our County.** So how do up to 500 New Life Program beds by 2024 achieve this? Unfortunately, mental illness, as well as addiction and free will, exist. However, for every individual who wants the abundant life that God has waiting for them, the Gospel Center, while being supported by other amazing nonprofits, our civic leaders, and YOU, will be ready to receive them. Please share this message in 2021, and know that in 2020, your Mission took a significant step towards Homeless transformation in our County. I am reminded of Isaiah 54 versus 2-3:

*"Enlarge the place of your tent,
stretch your tent curtains wide,
do not hold back; lengthen your cords,
strengthen your stakes.*

*For you will spread out to the right and to the left;
your descendants will dispossess nations and
settle in their desolate cities.*

My prayer is that Gospel Center will "dispossess nations" that are the homeless encampments throughout our County and bring them into God's love and provision. **Know that YOU are the "descendants" this Scripture references.**

Happy New Year in the year 2021 of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Wayne G. Richardson

2020 YEAR AT A GLANCE

Alustiza Building
Renovation bid
awarded to
SIMILE
Construction



Expanded Evening Winter Shelter Beds continued from November 2019. Sponsored by City of Stockton, San Joaquin County, United Way and Kaiser Permanente

GCRM Night at Stockton Heat on March 6



GCRM 218 E. Sonora Street purchase finalized



JANUARY

Gifts for Women's Shelter Nursery received from Fritz and Phyllis Grupe, Building Dreams Foundation and TLC Foundation of San Joaquin



January Graduation
Dr. John Zeiter, Keynote Speaker

MARCH

COVID-19 Preventative Measures put in place at Mission on March 19



San Joaquin County Supervisor Miguel Villapudua and COVID Campus Staff

Anonymous pledge received for a future new roof and exterior repairs of 218 E. Sonora Street building

218 E. Sonora Street became the only COVID-19 Positive Isolation Resource Facility for the homeless in San Joaquin County



May Graduation
David Midura, Keynote Speaker

Kitchen renovation begins -
increasing meal capacity from
500 to 1,500 meals per day

Dining Room expansion begins -
increasing capacity from 40 seats to
180 seats

City of
Stockton
Corona-virus
grant received

Renaming of the former Alustiza Hotel
& Restaurant to the William R. "Bill"
Brown Building

WILLIAM R. "BILL" BROWN BUILDING

CEO 1991 – 2016
GOSPEL CENTER RESCUE MISSION

DEDICATED DECEMBER 3, 2020

"BUT YOU ARE A CHOSEN PEOPLE,
A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD,
A HOLY NATION,
GOD'S SPECIAL POSSESSION,
THAT YOU MAY DECLARE THE PRAISES
OF HIM WHO CALLED YOU OUT OF DARKNESS
INTO HIS WONDERFUL LIGHT."
(1 PETER 2:9)

"IT IS FOR FREEDOM THAT
CHRIST HAS SET US FREE.
STAND FIRM, THEN, AND DO NOT LET
YOURSELVES BE BURDENED AGAIN
BY A YOKE OF SLAVERY."
(GALATIANS 5:1)

APRIL

MAY

JUNE

JULY

United Way releases GCRM Video on Homelessness.
View this video and other COVID media coverage by
Fox, ABC, NBC, Telemundo and The Record at
gcrm.org/media



We were blessed to receive a much-needed
wheelchair van from an anonymous donor

We received \$198,000 COVID-19
Paycheck Protection Plan (PPP)
championed by BAC Community Bank



2020 SUMMER KIDS Program Begins.
Please support our 2021 Summer Kids
program. Call (209) 320-2310 for more
information.



Public Phase Begins

August 2020

\$ RAISED

New Life Scholarships (\$610K Requirement @ \$5K Each)	\$0
Dog Foster Program (\$10K for 1 Year)	\$0
28 Passenger Bus (\$84K Requirement)	\$0
Dormitory Full Furnishings (\$166K Requirement)	\$0
Kid's Sprinkler Park (\$100K Requirement)	\$0
Construction Loan (\$1M Requirement)	\$0

● Mission Kids enjoying a water balloon toss at 2020 SUMMER KIDS Program! Thank you sponsors!

● The Public Phase of the William R. "Bill" Brown Building Campaign begins!

AUGUST

SEPTEMBER



● **July Graduation**
Susan Lenz, Keynote Speaker
Stockton Councilmember

● San Joaquin County funding approved for Kitchen Renovation & Dining Room Expansion

● Thank you to Dignity Health / St. Joseph's Medical Center for the \$100,000 grant to continue our COVID-19 work

● Fritz and Phyllis Grupe initiate a \$250,000 Challenge Match for New Life Program Scholarships. Thank You!

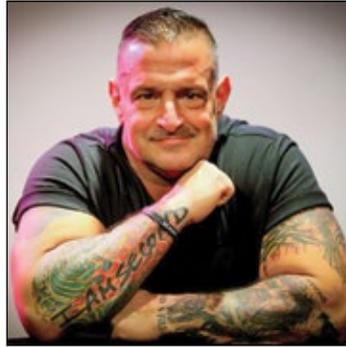


● **September Graduation**
Karen Douglas, Keynote Speaker
GCRM Board Member and 2020 Distinguished Graduate Awardee



Stockton Rotary completes the Mission Kid's Playground renovation

Franco Santoriello, Keynote Speaker for the GCRM Gala (unfortunately cancelled due to COVID-19) still came to GCRM to speak to staff and students



November Graduation
Bill Brown, Keynote Speaker
GCRM "CEO Emeritus"



Campus attacked by vandals on both Church and Sonora Streets

OCTOBER

"Start-up Fundraising Seminar" for area non-profits was held and presented by Wayne Richardson, and was underwritten by A.G. Spanos and SASS! Public Relations

**GOSPEL CENTER
RESCUE MISSION**
75 years of restoring lives

**START-UP
FUNDRAISING
SEMINAR**
Presented by
Wayne G. Richardson, CFRE

Kitchen Cold Storage and Freezer area renovation completed



Halloween shenanigans with Mission Kids and Moms!

NOVEMBER



Volunteers from First Baptist Church and Quail Lakes Baptist Church assembled 118 heavy duty metal beds, mattresses and supporting drawers for the William R. "Bill" Brown Building. Thank you!

Kitchen Renovation & Dining Room Expansion continues. Expected completion date: March 2021

● Brown Building Opens December 2020



DECEMBER

● 2021 Distinguished Graduate Awardee Announced: Dennis Barrett – long-time teacher and counselor at the Mission. (Look forward to his testimony in The Vision, September 2021)



● Ribbon Cutting & Dedication of the William R. "Bill" Brown Building on December 3, 2020



One of five studio apartment kitchens



Twenty bed dormitory room as part of 118 beds in the Brown Building

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Have a Blessed New Year!

UPCOMING 2021 MISSION PROJECTS!

Homeless Daytime Rest Area Renovation

Expanding Covered Area, Seating & Lockers
Fully Funded!

Kitchen Expansion

Expanding to 1,500/ Meals/Day Capability
Fully Funded!

Dining Room Expansion

Expanding Seating from 40 to 180
Fully Funded!

Men's Emergency Lodge Renovation

Showers, Sinks, Toilets and Urinals Replacements
Fully Funded!

Solar Panel Installation

Two Campus Buildings
Fully Funded!

New Kid's Sprinkler Park

On Campus for up to 100 "Mission" Kids
Fully Funded!

Administration Building New Roof

In conjunction with solar project
Fully Funded!

Administration Building Electrical

Upgrading panel boxes and wiring
Fully Funded!

"Covid House 1" Renovation

Expansion from 12-14 beds & 100% exterior
Fully Funded!

New 178 Bed Homeless Dorm (2024 Estimated Completion)

We are excited to begin the Environmental Impact Report (**Fully Funded!**) on a 3 or 4 story (with elevator) Men's Facility. This will be a three year project requiring an estimated \$14 Million to complete. For more information on this exciting project, please contact Wayne Richardson at 209-320-2310.



PUBLIC PHASE CAMPAIGN COMPLETELY FUNDED

New Life Scholarships (Fully Funded!).....	\$610,000	Dormitory Full Furnishings (Additional Furnishings Received!)	\$267,000
Dog Foster Program (Fully Funded!).....	\$10,000	Kid's Sprinkler Park (Fully Funded!).....	\$100,000
28 Passenger Bus (2nd Bus Funded Too!)	\$168,000	Construction Loan (Fully Funded!).....	\$1,000,000

Thank You!