



Light of the World
H O P E
Freedom
Truth

Savior
Restored

Joy
Celebrate
Righteousness

Holy

Faithful

Blessed

LOVE

Emmanuel
Almighty



Everlasting Life
Peace On
Earth Glory



Unto
Us a
Child
is Born

King





Meet One of My New Mentors!

In December we think of children because of Christmas and the birth of Jesus. However, this Christmas season one amazing young lady has reminded me of the Scripture, Matthew 18:3.

And Jesus said: "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

With her permission, I share with you a letter written to me this year by Miss Lucy Viss, a 4th grader from Ripon. The following is my response letter:

Dear Lucy,

Thank you for your letter! It warms my heart to know that your generation has a heart to help the less fortunate. God is already training you to be an amazing woman of faith with a calling, which He will reveal to you in time.

Regarding your letter and how you can help the homeless in Ripon, I offer the following ideas for your consideration:

1. Keep the homeless in your prayers and ask God how you can help. God may answer through your parents, grandparents, and friends, or maybe even in a small voice or thought that comes to you.
2. Keep yourself updated on the Gospel Center Rescue Mission, so you can tell anyone in Ripon who is homeless or knows someone who is homeless. With this in mind, please come and visit us again.
3. I would like your permission to publish your letter in The Vision monthly newsletter. If so, you would be used by God to make thousands of others think about how they can help the homeless in their towns.

Again, thank you for your wonderful letter. You have made my day!

With you always serving the Lord,

Wayne Richardson

Lucy's letter captures the true meaning of Christmas! Also, in the past two years, she has conducted fundraisers for the Gospel Center Rescue Mission. At this past September's graduation, Lucy led a packed chapel in the Pledge of Allegiance as we honored America.

This December as you think of Christmas and children, remember Matthew 18:3 and Lucy's example. And if you want to know about volunteer opportunities at the Mission please visit gcrms.org/ways-to-give/volunteer

Merry Christmas!

Wayne G. Richardson

Dear Mr. Richardson,
I want to make a difference in peoples lives, but I'm not sure how to do that. I know Ripon is a small town, but there are homeless people. How can I help them?
Yours sincerely,
Lucy Viss.

COMMUNITY SPOTLIGHT

We are always amazed by the generosity of businesses, organizations, and the public during the holiday season. For the second year in a row, ServPro of Stockton held a toy drive last month benefiting the children of the Gospel Center Rescue Mission. The ServPro truck collected toys and other donations from the public to be given as Christmas gifts. The children at the Mission are filled with so much joy and gratefulness with each gift.

Lincoln Center is also hosting a coat drive during the month of December, collecting warm clothes for the Mission. We encourage you to bring these donations to the following Lincoln Center locations: American Hearing Aids, Artesian Natural Foods, Best Wishes, Flair Boutique, F&M Bank, Limitless Escape Games, Parkwoods Cleaners, Theadora Boutique, The UPS Store, Village Barber Shop, Zuesters. Thank you, ServPro and Lincoln Center, for your continued support this Christmas!



GCRM NEWS



We see proof every day at the Mission that God restores lives, but there are some days that are extra special. We recently had seven men baptized at First Baptist Church of Stockton and 12 women baptized at Gravity Church. It is always our biggest joy to see our students publicly proclaim their faith in God through baptism. We covet your prayers as they continue their restored lives as Christ-followers.



OFF CAMPUS FUN

On November 2, our students and children attended the inaugural Stockton Kings game at the Stockton Arena. We are grateful for organizations like the Stockton Kings that donate tickets, giving our students opportunities to have fun off campus.



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We are grateful for your support during this Christmas season.

Thank
you

We humbly thank you for your support throughout the year. The Mission's work would not be possible without your incredible generosity. Your monthly donations and kindness during the holidays carry us well into the coming year, providing hope to homeless and underprivileged individuals. With your continued support and year-end donations, we look forward to a great Christmas and 2019!

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APRIL 4, 2019

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Vice President, Billy Graham Evangelistic Association

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