

DECEMBER 2022

Making Memories



Every year, as The Mission Kids gather for the Christmas photo, it is a reminder of how precious it is to spend time with these young children of God. They are such a blessing. We do not take lightly the responsibility that Jesus has given us to care for them. Throughout the year, especially as we celebrate the birth of Christ, we are intentional in helping create good childhood memories for them.

Take a moment and think about your childhood Christmas memories. Shopping, baking cookies, planning and preparing a fabulous meal as the family gathers around the only-use-for-special occasions, dining room table. It is meticulously set with Grandma's china, and the Christmas dinner is being prepared as Christmas carols play in the background. Together, as a family, dressed in our finest attire, we go to church to worship and celebrate the birth of Jesus. Our homes are warm with a crackling fire, and safe. Our beautifully decorated Christmas tree is encircled with heaps of presents wrapped in fancy paper and bows.

It's different for our Mission Kids. Their lives – no fault of their own – have been disrupted because of drugs and alcohol. What should be a stable and happy life has taken a turn because of bad choices. Thanks to God's grace, The Mission Kids are here at The Mission where they can know the love of Jesus and feel loved and cared for. Their moms have made the important decision to enter the New Life Program and we are here to help in every way possible way to support them and their children.

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An Amazing 2022

It's been quite the year! There have been many changes and lots of growth here at The Mission in 2022. We are very excited about the continued growth of our staff, students and Mission Kids.

This year, we started and completed the renovation of our new Women's Recuperative Care building, held six graduations with 54 graduates, served over 175,020 meals and much more. But more than that, we helped change the lives of numerous individuals and families, only through the love and grace of our Savior, Jesus. We have seen addictions overcome, children reunited with their families, adults and children give their lives to Christ and many lives impacted and restored.

We have accomplished a great deal this year with your help! A huge thank you to all of our partners, donors, friends and family of The Mission for your continued support. Without your generous giving, we couldn't help change the lives of so many for the better.

As all of you who go to the grocery store know, the prices of groceries are going up. The same is true for us here at The Mission. A case of eggs (15 dozen) that cost \$23 just three months ago, has risen to \$60-\$80 for the same amount. We go through about 10 cases every week. What used to

cost \$230 per week to feed our students and the homeless is now costing \$600-\$800 per week. Two months ago, we were paying \$22 for a case of lettuce. Today we are paying \$75 per case. These are just a couple of examples of how the cost of food is affecting us. We are feeding over 14,000 meals each month.

We need your help to feed and care for the homeless and many of their children. Would you please consider giving a year-end gift? We would be blessed by a gift of any size. Please fill out the white envelope that you received with this newsletter if you feel so inclined. Jesus said in Mathew 25:40, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

May God bless you abundantly this holiday season.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you and yours!!!

God Bless,

David Midura

David Midura, CEO
GCRM



Christmas Toy Drive

DECEMBER
1ST - 18TH

Donate NEW and unwrapped toys for the Mission Kids!

Drop toys off at
SASS! Public Relations
628 Lincoln Center
Stockton, CA 95207
Mon-Fri: 8:30am - 4:30pm



Delivery to GCRM
by Journey Transport

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SPREAD THE WARMTH THIS SEASON

Nov. 1 - Donate gently used coats and new socks.

Dec 31 Visit LincolnCenterShops.com for drop-off locations.



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GCRM HAPPENINGS



Delivery of Thank You Cards

Following the success of the Grupe Country Fair, the staff and students of The Mission made mega-sized thank you cards for the Presenting Sponsors of the event. Pictured here is GCRM CEO David Midura presenting Phyllis Grupe one of the cards.



Gaining Community Knowledge

Director of Development Kendra Kaiserman toured several programs offered through the SJ County Office of Education. Superintendent Troy Brown led the group. It is important for our internal team to be aware of the many programs offered throughout the community, oftentimes, there are opportunities to enhance efforts through collaboration.



Setting Up the Pumpkin Patch

Students from the Men's New Life Program spent a day helping First Baptist Church of Stockton set up their pumpkin patch. It was a lot of work, but a great day filled with camaraderie and fun.



Jack-o'-Lanterns in the Making

Halloween festivities at GCRM included carving Jack-o'-Lanterns by families.



B6 – Bingo!

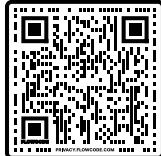
Who doesn't love a fun game of BINGO? The students and a few of the GCRM board members spent an afternoon enjoying some good friendly competition – complete with prizes! Fun was had by all!



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CAMPUS MEMORY VERSE

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. Love your neighbor as yourself.” Matthew 22:37,39

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Christmas at The Mission is a big deal. As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus, we gathered our Mission Kids for the annual Christmas tree photo and are reminded of how grateful we are to have them here. Taking pictures with their friends, and family photos with their siblings, we see the bright smiles on each mom as their children snuggled up to get a family photo. It is such a sweet moment.

Even if all the glitz and glimmer of the commercial holiday is stripped away, even if there isn't a fancy dinner or a warm fire, and even if there are no gifts, Jesus was born - our King, our Savior. Jesus was born in a manger, and like our Mission Kids, had the humblest start to life. We are reminded, there is hope in Jesus today and every day.

Women's Recuperative Care Building Dedication & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

Thursday, December 8th, 2022 @ 2 pm

Gospel Center Rescue Mission
218 E. Sonora St.
Stockton, CA 95203



Consider a Charitable IRA Rollover

As we come to the end of the year and think about giving, a charitable IRA rollover is an easy way to make a gift to the Gospel Center Rescue Mission. Directly transfer up to \$100,000 from your IRA, and pay no income tax on the distribution, while making a charitable donation to fund homeless solutions.

Key points:

- You must be 70 ½ or older.
- The transfer must go directly from your IRA to Gospel Center Rescue Mission.
- Use this option to make your year-end gift.

Please check with your tax or financial advisor to see if this type of gift is right for you.



CONSIDER DONATING A CHRISTMAS HAM!

For donation drop-off or pick-up, call (209) 320-2310.

