

Jesus Loves Us,



This We Know!

Jesus loves me this I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong, they are weak, but He is strong.

How often as little children did we sing this sweet song? And as adults, it's still a strong reminder that we are ALL children of God – and childlike faith is what he

asks of us. The word “love” can be so loosely used, yet we know that it is God’s love, grace and salvation that sustains us – as children, and as adults.

God’s love is such an important component to our everyday life, and it is absolutely at the very heart of our ministry at The Mission.



God is Love

Has anyone told you today that they love and appreciate you? We love and appreciate you here at The Mission! February is the month of love and it is my favorite subject because God is love. There is love in our hearts that we share with those who come to The Mission daily and whom we come across in our community. 1 John 4:16 says, "God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God." 1 John 4:21 says, "Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister." We have a lot of love for you, our faithful friends and family of The Mission. And we feel the love back from you! It is with a grateful heart that we say a huge thank you. We truly couldn't help change lives without you and your support.

If you read my last article in the January edition of The Vision, you were able to read about all the exciting things in store for this upcoming year and I wanted to share an update with you on some of those projects. First, I want to invite you to our Campus Going Green Day which will be held on Friday, March 24 beginning at 9 am. We would love for you to join us as we beautify our campus. I believe this will help, both physically and emotionally, in the healing process for those in recuperative care. On page 3 you will find more

information on how you can partner with us on Going Green Day. Consider sponsoring us as we would greatly appreciate a gift of any size.

Second, both groundbreakings for the Kids Sprinkler Park and the demolition of the two Victorian buildings on our campus that will become our San Joaquin County Homeless Regeneration Building are so close to being underway! The Kids Sprinkler Park has been approved by the City of Stockton and we are in the process of the next steps. We are eager to break ground on these two projects and we will keep you informed of more details as they come.

I hope you know how much I love and appreciate you, and how much more our Father in Heaven loves you. Remember, we love because He first loved us (1 John 4:19, NIV).

God Bless,

David Midura

David Midura, CEO
GCRM



**SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY LEADERSHIP
PRAYER BREAKFAST**

APRIL 20, 2023 ★ 6:30 am

BARRY MEGUIAR

leadershipbreakfast.com/tickets

(209) 432-9876

Help us spruce up the landscaping!

With much of our construction projects coming to completion, and new ones on the horizon, we are excited to be holding a "Going Green Day" on Friday, March 24, to spruce up our campus landscaping. Imagine daylilies up against buildings, creeping fig and bougainvilleas climbing the dull grey block walls, and planter boxes filled with

perennials! A beautiful shade tree here and there, and our campus will be inviting and beautiful.

In addition to your regular support of The Mission, if you would like to help with this project, below you will find what we need.

Items Needed	How Many	Price per unit	Cost
Creeping Fig	153	\$10 each	\$1,530
Bougainvillea	18	\$30 each	\$540
Daylilies & other Perennials	100	\$11 each	\$1,100
St. Mary's Magnolia	2	\$100 each	\$200
Planter Boxes	5	\$80	\$240
Planter Mix	2 yards delivered	\$115	\$230
10 x 10 Gazebo for Women's Recuperative Care Patio			\$750

Feel free to buy one plant, or a dozen – a tree or some dirt ... or a flat donation! Write "PLANTING DAY" on the enclosed donation envelope along with the amount you would like to contribute towards this project! We will do the shopping and our "Campus Crew" will be doing the planting! Volunteers are welcome as well.



Congressman Josh Harder came to visit our campus on Thursday, January 19. Our CEO, David Midura, gave him a tour of our growing campus. Following the tour, Harder shared a few words with our New Life Program students and pinned 5 of GCRM staff and students for their achievement of a Life Saving Award.



2023 GRADUATION DATES

Save these dates. As our speakers and venues are confirmed, we will keep you informed.

Sunday, March 19

Keynote Speaker

Robert Rickman

San Joaquin County Supervisor

Sunday, May 21

Sunday, July 16

Sunday, September 17

*At GCRM Campus
along with Homecoming*

Sunday, November 12



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“Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. And he has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sisters.” (1 John 4:20-21)

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As each unhoused person walks from the streets through our doors for a daily meal, God’s love is served up with each delicious offering. In our Recuperative Care Centers, both Men’s and Women’s, Jesus has opened the doors to help the homeless that have been discharged from the hospital, a clean and safe place to heal. They are loved. As our staff and counselors walk our New Life Students through their programs, the love of Jesus is at the core of the teachings. And our Mission Kids? Well, as they are surrounded by people who love and

shelter them – providing them with the love of Jesus - sincere and nurturing! We are also so grateful and thankful for the support we receive from the community, our donors and volunteers. We thank you for sharing the love of Jesus at The Mission.

As each man, woman and child comes to the Gospel Center Rescue Mission, whether for a tasty meal, or to take the next step to enter The Mission programs, our prayer is that the Holy Spirit will nudge them and open their eyes to the peace and joy that only the love of Jesus can provide. Please continue to pray with us.

We are continually reminded that all of us are children of God. He loves us and is our strength.

JESUS **LOVES YOU**



Our Mission Kids and families had so much fun making Valentines at our early Valentine's Day party!

Thank-a-Thon

GCRM students and staff came together on Thursday, January 19 and held our annual Thank-a-Thon event where our students called donors and thanked them for their financial gifts in 2022. We are so proud of our students, they did such a great job! This event really instilled confidence in them and they had fun doing it. Thank you to all of our donors for your generous support of The Mission.