



Hope Springs Eternal

As Christians, we celebrate *Easter*, the resurrection of Jesus. Because of Him, we have *hope* and *new life*! What a joy and blessing to know that Jesus Christ is our redeemer.

Every day at The Mission, we are reminded of the lives transformed through Christ. We know that *renewal*, *new life*, and *hope* are at work in the students in the GCRM New Life Program. Nothing is impossible with God, and we are blessed beyond measure to continue walking alongside each of our students as they experience the grace and forgiving power of Jesus.

Even though it has been a long, cold, rain-filled winter, the promise of God's renewal can be seen all around us

- the beautiful daffodils, calla lilies, almond blossoms, and the baby birds chirping and practicing their flying skills. As we celebrate Easter, we embrace the renewal that each new season brings.

We can see renewal on the grounds and landscaping at The Mission too! Several months ago, we launched the Going Green Day campaign to raise funds to enhance and beautify the landscape around the Men's and Women's Recuperative Care Centers! With assistance and expertise from the Stockton Garden Club, the "garden team" was able to put together a great plan – 350 plants to spruce up the existing flower beds, including creeping fig and Bougainvillea along the new block wall.



He is Risen!

Happy Easter!

At the Mission, we have been studying the Gospel of John, spending a considerable amount of time in chapters 14-17. In chapter 17 we listen in on a conversation between Jesus the Christ and His Father. We hear Jesus asking His Heavenly Father to glorify Him. Jesus prays for His disciples AND he prays for all believers, that we would be one as He and the Father are one. Jesus even goes on to tell us why. John 17:23 (NIV) says, "I in them and you in me-so that they may be brought to complete unity. **Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.**"

Unfortunately we can go to prayer with a list of requests much like a wish list at Christmas time. This Easter season as we celebrate Our Risen Savior Jesus Christ, King of Kings and Lord of Lords let's be an answer to His prayer. Jesus said, "If you love me you will obey my commands,"

(John 14:15, NIV). As believers In Christ Jesus our Lord and savior lets all in unity for His glory say yes to Jesus and be an answer to Jesus' prayers for all believers.

Jesus says in John 13:35 (NIV), "By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

And Galatians 5:6 (NIV) says, "**The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.**"

Let's say yes to Jesus and be an answer to His prayer today and every day.

God Bless,

David Midura

David Midura, CEO
GCRM



Easter Sunrise Service (open to the public)

Easter Sunday April 9, 2023 at 6:00am

GCRM Campus, under the Big Tent

2023 GRADUATION DATES

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

Sunday, May 21

Keynote Speaker: Fritz Grupe
Host: Quail Lakes Baptist Church

Sunday, July 16

Keynote Speaker: TBD
Host: First Baptist Church



Easter Ham Donations



We are in need of hams for Easter. Would you consider donating one or more to GCRM?

For donation drop-off or pick-up, please call (209) 320-2306



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With volunteers, staff, and the leadership of The Stockton Garden Club, Planting Day was held on Friday, March 24th. The talented Garden Club members worked alongside The Mission staff and students sprucing up the overgrown areas, trimming, and adding new plants. The pride in the faces of each student was evident as they worked the soil and planted trees, shrubs, flowering perennials and herbs. What a joy to have everyone come together to beautify The Mission campus. This area is now a welcoming, calming, and peaceful place for those who come to our Recuperative Care Centers. A big "Thank You" to all

who donated to buy plants and trees, as well as those who volunteered their time.

An added blessing to the Planting Day was the coverage we received from The Record, News 10, GoodDay Sacramento, and Stocktonia Newspaper. After a long season of rain and dreary weather, it was nice to share our story of hope, new life, and especially the generosity from our Mission friends and supporters.

Romans 6:4 says: Therefore, we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

Having been familiar with GCRM's programs and construction projects for many years, I was excited to read their 'Going Green Planting Day' announcement. Our Garden Club knows the power gardening has in enriching lives and improving one's environment. Once I presented this opportunity to the members, they not only approved donating money for plants but were eager to lend their time and expertise to help beautify the Mission campus. This planting day we focused on improving the raised planter beds by the Recuperative Buildings and help in any other way needed.

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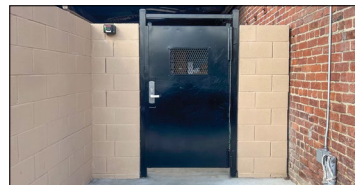
“For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. Nothing in all creation is hidden from God’s sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.” (Hebrews 4:12-13, NIV)

IN THE COMMUNITY



Our Men's New Life Program students and staff had so much fun bowling!

OUR PROJECTS



We continue to provide safety measures on our campus. In addition to a new block wall and security gate, the new Church Street Jesus Saves gate is complete! It provides a welcoming and safe entrance for our guests and is remotely controlled. It was important to keep the “Jesus Saves” section from the previous gate. Thank you, Simile Construction Service, Inc. for all of your help with these projects.