

“I was Broken and Shattered.”

A radiant smile, an engaging personality, a humble and thankful heart, and an effervescent love for Jesus. These words describe Treva Santelio, a student in the GCRM New Life Program who has found peace and joy in her relationship and commitment with Jesus Christ. She has also found a home at The Mission – a place where she feels safe, cared for, and unconditionally loved.

Treva shared that she was introduced to drugs at a very early age. In her younger teenage years, her dysfunctional home life which included homelessness, along with little supervision, led her to making many poor choices. In her early teens she began smoking marijuana, and soon began experimenting with heavier drugs and drinking. Adding to the instability, she was moving a lot throughout her early and late teens - living with her siblings, and at times with her addicted mother. When she was a junior in high school, her lifestyle of drug and alcohol abuse was controlling her, and her weight was down to 90 pounds. A friend encouraged her to move to Amador County where her friend's mother nurtured her back to health. In her senior of high school, she was finally clean and sober. Treva found a job, got her own apartment and by the time she was nineteen, she felt she was beginning to live a normal life for a young adult.

Growing up in such a chaotic home she realized that her perception of a 'normal' life – *quiet and stable* – wasn't a familiar path. She soon found out that boredom comes with bad decisions, and the cycle began all over again. Her poor choices in relationships were not in her best interest and usually included sharing drugs and alcohol.

Reuniting with an old boyfriend, she settled into a permanent relationship, and became pregnant with twin boys, both of which were born with cleft palates. Along with their diagnosis came





Thank You, Mom!

Happy Mother's Day to all the amazing moms, grandmas, great-grandmas, and mom figures in our lives!

Today and every day, you should feel honored, loved, and appreciated. On behalf of all of us here at The Mission, we love and appreciate you and all that you do, mom!!!!

I also want to give a shout out to all the moms that we have here at The Mission. I am so proud of all the hard work they are putting in to become more like Christ every day. Our Mission Kids need parents they can look up to and learn from, and they are doing just that; working on themselves to be an inspiration and a good example to their children.

I hope and pray that every mom feels loved and cherished not only on Mother's Day, but every day. And to all the men out there: shower the moms in your lives with all the love and appreciation they deserve.

If this Mother's Day is a tough one for you, just know you are loved and all of us at The Mission are here for you. We thank God for you and pray for you continually.

"Jesus replied to him, 'Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?' Pointing to his disciples, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother,'" (Matthew 12:48-50, NIV).

Blessings to you, your children, and your children's children for a thousand generations.

God Bless,

David Midura

David Midura, CEO
GCRM

AROUND CAMPUS



Thank you Congressman Harder

Members of Congressman Josh Harder's office not only visited The Mission, they helped clean the streets of Stockton with our New Life Program (NLP) students. Our NLP students clean eight square blocks around The Mission twice a day, seven days a week. These eight blocks include Church Street, Hunter Street, Sonora Street, and South San Joaquin Street. Thank you Congressman Josh Harder and staff!

many surgeries and added responsibilities. She was staying clean and sober – navigating the responsibility of raising children with special needs. Eventually she had her third son, and a daughter. But the lure of alcohol kept creeping in and drinking became her new best friend. After two DUI's, time in jail and hefty bail, she made a commitment to change her life. She knew she never wanted to be a lifelong addict like her mother. She wanted to change. She stayed sober for four years and during that time she even opened a bakery! She was doing all she could to stay sober and was attending AA meetings on a regular basis. Yet, not knowing how to handle upsets in life, she relapsed again. This time, after her husband found her hidden empty alcohol bottles, he insisted she get into a program.

She entered The Mission, went through the first phase of the program – then after eight months, wanting so badly to get back to her kids, she went home, only to find out her husband didn't want her there. It didn't take long for Treva to begin drinking again and one troubling, black-out night, she called her counselor at The Mission. "Only God had my back that night, I was broken and shattered," shared Treva. "The Mission took me back and I was ready for the healing to begin. This time, I needed to do this for myself, to surrender completely, and I did."

The support, education, and consistency of the New Life Program put Treva on the right track – and the unconditional love of Jesus is keeping her grounded. "I love the Lord so much. He gave me my life *and* my spirit back. I finally see in myself what others see. Because of the love of God, I am thankful for who I am becoming. In November of 2022 I got a job working in The Mission kitchen – and I am now the weekend chef. When another student has a birthday, I get great joy baking their birthday cake! I love living at The Mission, and I now have a second job as a server at a local restaurant. The discipline, life skills and tools I am learning in the New Life Program has given me confidence. The Mission is not only my safe place, it is my family."

With a glimmer in her eye Treva continued, "The unity and compassion I have received from the staff has been outstanding. I have learned so much about living my life for Christ, each and every day. Most importantly, I am rebuilding my relationship with my children, who I love so much."

"Jesus has allowed me to quiet myself, and to teach me to listen. He's been waiting for me for a very long time," Treva said quietly, with passion.

Sponsor a Child's Summer

Consider sponsoring weekly activities throughout the Summer for our Mission Kids and their moms. While parent(s) go through the New Life Program, up to 100 children live at The Mission, either full or part-time. Your sponsorship will help our Mission Kid's grow physically, psychologically, academically and socially while they also have fun and enjoy new experiences.

\$500 will sponsor one child and mom.

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 at The Mission



He is Risen! He is Risen Indeed! Sunrise Service at The Mission.



Two New Life Program (NLP) students and staff delivered Easter baskets from the United Way to children living in Sierra Vista. The NLP students stayed and helped set out children's books to be given away and also helped hide Easter eggs for the neighborhood Easter Egg Hunt!



New Life Program Ladies and our Mission Kids Decorating Easter Cookies.



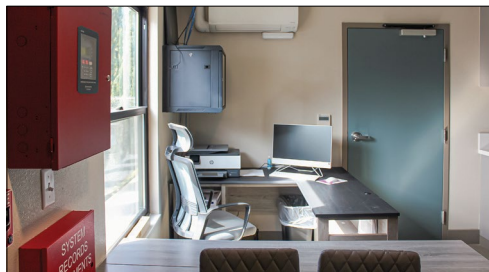


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“My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message.” (John 17:20)

OUR PROJECTS



All Moved In *The furnishings for the Women’s Recuperative Care Center were delivered in March. The guests now have comfortable sleeping accommodations, the community room is a welcoming gathering space for meals and conversation, and the staff have an efficient office to conduct business and keep records. The patio space has tables and chairs for relaxing outdoors. We are so thankful for this space to help homeless people recuperate following their hospital stay.*

GRADUATION



Thank you to Zion United Reformed Church for hosting our March Graduation. Pictured above: Back row (l to r) Britton Kimball, GCRM COO, Cody Walker, Mark McClary, David Turner, Keynote Speaker Supervisor Robert Rickman, Jonathan Jefferies, Allen Sells, David Midura, GCRM CEO. Front row (l to r) Kalliope Casaday, Shelly Stevens, Jackie Perez, Katherine Dickerson, Jamie Watson, Mohini Sharma.