

## Hearing God's Voice

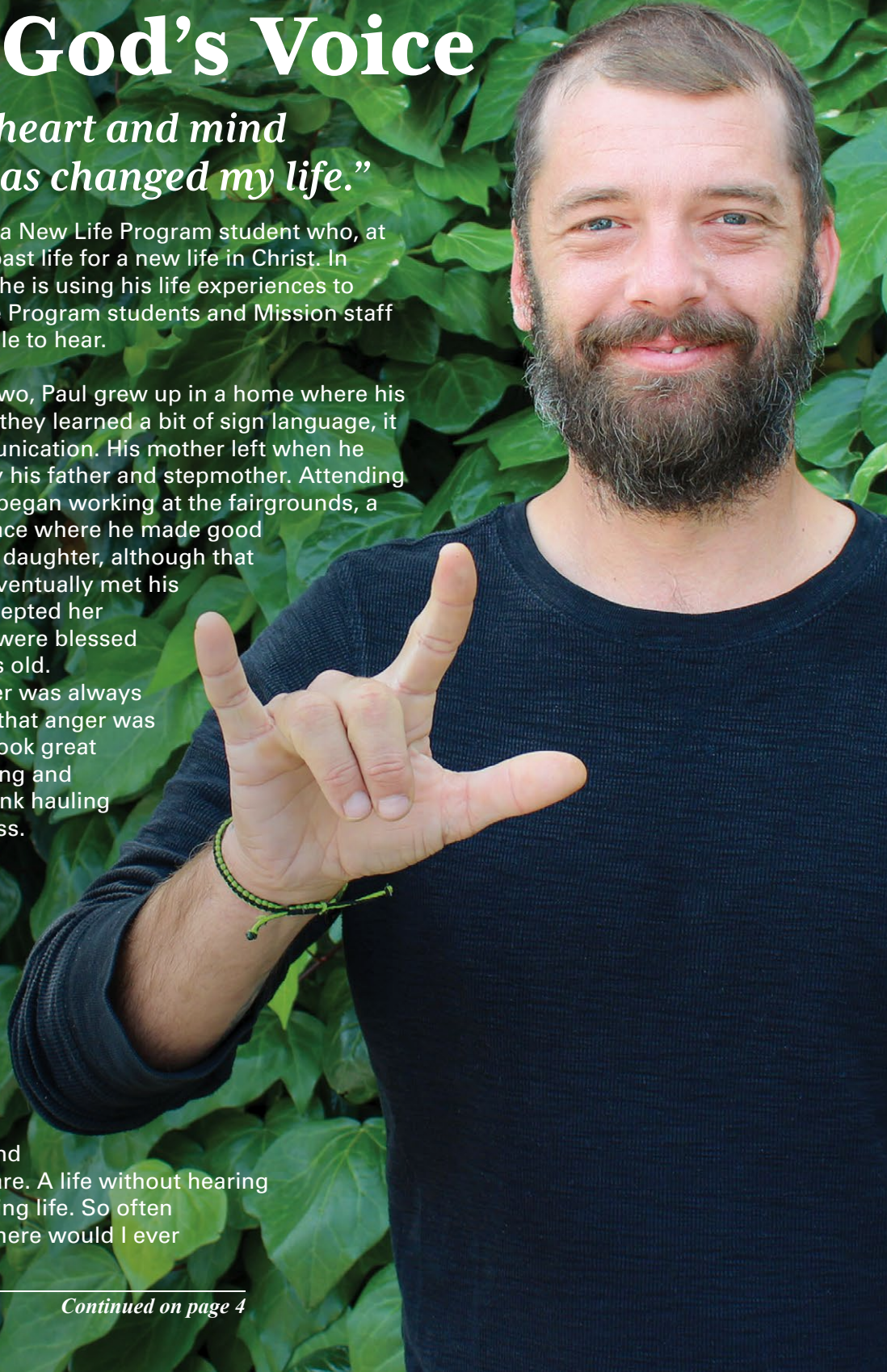
*"I have decided my heart and mind belong to God. He has changed my life."*

These are the words of Paul Reed, a New Life Program student who, at age 40, has chosen to change his past life for a new life in Christ. In addition to surrendering to Christ, he is using his life experiences to educate and inform other New Life Program students and Mission staff about living a life without being able to hear.

Living in silence since the age of two, Paul grew up in a home where his entire family could hear. Although they learned a bit of sign language, it wasn't a consistent form of communication. His mother left when he was young, and Paul was raised by his father and stepmother. Attending local schools, Paul graduated and began working at the fairgrounds, a job that he really enjoyed and a place where he made good money. He and his girlfriend had a daughter, although that relationship did not work out, he eventually met his wife who had four children. He accepted her children as his own and then they were blessed with twins – who are now six years old. Throughout his relationships, anger was always present, and his best way to quiet that anger was through smoking weed. Yet, Paul took great pride in caring for his family, cooking and working at their rental business, junk hauling business, and lawn service business.

When Paul and his wife made the decision to relocate to Texas, they took the trip - only to be hit with setbacks and other problems. They eventually decided to return home to California. A continued string of self-induced trials kept presenting themselves – including homelessness and time in jail. As their marriage unraveled, so did their home life and the children were put into foster care. A life without hearing added to the frustration of navigating life. So often misunderstood, he wondered, "Where would I ever be able to get a new start?"

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## Remembering Our Heavenly Father This Father's Day

**H**appy Father's Day to all the amazing dads out there!

This Father's Day, I want to remind you that we all have a Heavenly Father that we can trust and rely on, who will always be there for us. He is the ultimate Father in our lives. He is Protector and watches over us. He is Provider for all of our needs. He is Powerful and always in control. He is Kind, Faithful, Gracious, and Good. Our God is Love and He loves us more than we could ever imagine so that we "may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires," (2 Peter 1:4, NIV).

Jesus Christ's relationship with His Father is so amazingly wonderful that He wanted us to have the same thing. He prayed to His Heavenly Father in John 17:21-23 (NIV), "that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me, and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they be one as we are one. 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."

My daily prayer is that I would deny myself and pick up my cross that He may live through me in

order for my wife to have the husband she needs and that my children may have the father that they need. John 15:5 (NIV) says, "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

In order for us to be the Father our children need we need Jesus Christ to live through us. To be the husband our wives need, we need Jesus Christ to live through us. To be the friend that others need, we need Jesus Christ to live through us.

I hope that this is the best Father's Day you have ever had as we look to our heavenly Father for the sake of our children.

"See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!" (1 John 3:1, NIV).

God Bless,

*David Midura*

David Midura, CEO  
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## 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

***Please save these dates.***

**Sunday, July 16 – 2pm**

Keynote Speaker: Judge Barbara Kronlund  
Host: First Baptist Church

**Sunday, September 17 – 2pm**

Keynote Speaker: 2022 Distinguished Graduates  
Host: GCRM Campus along with Homecoming

**Sunday, November 12 – 2pm**

Keynote Speaker: Greg Helland  
Host: Lincoln Presbyterian Church

# IN THE COMMUNITY



## GCRM Graduates Speak at Rotary Club

David Midura, a member of Rotary Club of Stockton, brought leaders from the Gospel Center Rescue Mission – all graduates from the New Life Program – to speak at a recent Rotary Club meeting. Each leader briefly spoke about the date they entered The Mission, their current responsibility leading an area of The Mission, as well as the impact their leadership has had towards the homeless and addicted in our community. New Life Program Graduate, Treva, prepared a table of desserts she made in The Mission Kitchen to share with all the Rotary members as well.



## New Shoes!

Thank you Tony Vice, owner of Fleet Feet, Katie Kishi, and Alicia Farnsworth for coming to The Mission, donating more than 150 pairs of Saucony shoes, and helping each of our students get exactly the right fit! Thank you so very much.



Six of our Women's New Life Program Students were baptized at First Baptist Church of Stockton on Sunday, May 7. We are so proud of them! Back row (l to r): Christina Holcomb, Beverly Reed, Crystal Morel, Melissa Gist, and Angela Higazi. Front row: Kimberly Collins.





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A judge suggested Paul go to The Gospel Center Rescue Mission. “When I first got here, I cried and cried,” said Paul. “I was so thankful to have food, clothing, and shelter – and people who understood me.” Since he has been at The Mission, Paul has entered into the New Life Program, learning Scripture and attending church services at Quail Lakes Baptist Church where they have a deaf ministry – which allows him to worship through singing and the sermon. At The Mission, he has an interpreter provided to him during his New Life Program classes, parenting classes, counseling, and chapel. He especially appreciates the ACE classes where he is learning to control his feelings and emotions. Because of his interpreter, and the help of fellow students, he can be fully immersed in the programs that are provided at The Mission.

Not only is Paul motivated to learn, he is excited to be teaching his fellow New Life Program classmates and The Mission staff to do sign language. They help him through his days, and in turn, he is teaching them about how they can help deaf people. You might say Paul is leading the Deaf Ministry at The Mission.

In closing, Paul said, “Even as a deaf person in rehab, I am learning and striving to be successful. In August I will be baptized. I am a changed man and have put my past behind me and hope for a better future for my kids. I want them to learn about God and the Bible. My goal is to get my kids back together as a family.”

## OUR PROJECTS



### Solar Parking Structure

*At the time of this publication, the Solar Parking structure is now complete and not only provides shaded parking for staff and guests, it also provides solar electricity to power GCRM. The Solar Parking structure helps us be more energy efficient and good stewards to not only our local community, but globally as well.*