

THE VISION

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Summertime Fun Time!

Ah, summertime! At the end of each school year the vacation adventures await! The plans begin for get-aways, family gatherings, bbq's and swim parties! Then as soon as summer begins, it feels as though it's time for back-to-school shopping, to begin packing up the bookbag, and getting ready to go back to school! Busy and action packed – memories of a lifetime are made!

Oh, the joy we see on the faces of our Mission Kids, as they too are experiencing many of these summertime activities! Because of the generosity of Mission sponsors and supporters, year after year these precious children have had the opportunity to enjoy, along with their moms and Mission staff, a variety of field trips, swim parties, visits to zoos and



Growth Opportunities

Living here in the big valley we are so blessed with all the farmers and all the different things that are grown here. We get to watch the cherries, peaches, grapes, almonds, walnuts, asparagus, olives and so much more grow all the way to harvest. Soon, we will see trucks hauling tomatoes 24 hours a day, 7 days a week up and down our highways. At The Mission, we are experiencing growth and change too, and new opportunities are arising. I would like to encourage you to consider ways that you can give back and bless those here at The Mission in this season.

One way you can give back is to bless one (or more!) of our New Life Program (NLP) students with a scholarship. Providing a scholarship to an NLP student lets them know that somebody from the outside world cares about them and wants to see them succeed. It motivates our students who are trying to put their lives back together again. A \$5,000 scholarship provides our students with parenting classes, recovery programs, counseling, and provides the student with an overall better experience during their 6 months in program, as it encourages them toward their graduation and beyond and increases their chances of success. As the farmers have planted and tended to their their crops, so have our students' lives been tenderly taken care of here at The Mission and each one of them continues to grow.

Thank you for all that you have done to support our students here at The Mission. And there is still more work to be done. Right now, we have a need for 16 of our women's NLP students to receive a scholarship and 9 of our men's NLP students to receive a scholarship. Would you consider helping us bring in the harvest?

If you would like to sponsor one or more students, please contact our Director of Scholarships, Melissa Hicks, at (209) 320-2313 or mhicks@gcrms.org.

We, along with our students, would greatly appreciate a gift of any size.

Thank you so much for your generosity and love for people, including our students. And thank you in advance for blessing our students with a scholarship this fall.

God Bless

David Midura

David Midura, CEO GCRM

OUT & ABOUT



Our Men's New Life Program Students had some fun in the sun at The Wave waterpark on July 10th. It was a great day and fun was had by all.





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museums! They even dressed in patriotic clothes and marched in the 4th of July parade!

For many of our Mission Kids, the summers at the Mission are very different than their lives before the Lord brought them here. Because of dysfunction at home – home is often times on the street – they are exposed to drug use, domestic violence, and poverty. Stability is basically non-existent. The experiences these precious children have endured are much different than most of us can imagine.

And then, by the hand of God, our Mission Kids come to our campus. It's a safe and structured environment. It's a place where their moms can enter the New Life Program. A place to begin healing. And a place to rest in the grace and forgiveness of Jesus.

The Mission is a place where they can enjoy summertime activities. They can begin packing up their backpacks to get ready for the beginning of school. Most importantly, they know that they are loved by Jesus.

These summertime experiences for our Mission Kids are only possible because of the generous financial support, the many hours of volunteering, and the selflessness, of people like you! Isn't it awesome to know that Jesus does change lives through His grace and forgiveness? It happens every day, everywhere, and most definitely at The Mission. We also know that He loves the little children of the world. We appreciate that you love our Mission Kids as well. Thank you.











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"He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God," (Micah 6:8)



Father's Day Bingo

Some of our Men's New Life Program students enjoyed a Father's Day celebration, including playing Bingo, led by GCRM Board Member Sharon Benninger and a few of her friends.

Save the Date

Homecoming Graduation Celebration

September 17, 2023 BBQ @ Noon Graduation at 2:00 pm

Keynote Speakers Carrie Williams & Gabriel Silva 2023 Distinguished Graduates

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RSVP to Kendra Kaiserman (209) 320-2306

Start-Up Fundraising Seminar

with Wayne Richardson, CFRE Vice President of Development South Florida Bible College & Theological Seminary

Thursday, August 24th • 9 am – 4 pm

Registration opens at 8:30 am The Well, 1200 N. Center St. Stockton CA 95202 Cost: \$50

For more information call (209) 320-2306 to reserve your spot!

DONATIONS NEEDED

Kids Socks & Underwear Kids Backpacks for Back To School Hygiene Products Mens Clothing We thank you for any donations. For donation drop-off, call (209) 320-2310.