

Gratitude & Growth

The Gospel Center Rescue Mission is more than a bed and a warm meal. It is a respite, a place of peace, a haven and sanctuary where the love and grace of Jesus changes hearts and rebuilds lives. It is because of you, our partners and sponsors, who know and believe that the power of God's grace and forgiveness will change people. The life story of Jamie Lee Watson, just 36 years old, is an example of the power of Jesus working in the lives of those who come to The Mission.

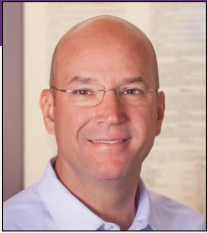
From the age of four, Jamie can remember the physical and psychological abuse she had endured. Born into a family of alcoholism, drugs, and violence, she describes her life as a 'rain of violence'. Throughout her childhood, she felt abandoned and worthless and by the age of 13 she quit school and began a life of alcohol and drugs. She found herself living on the streets, in abusive relationships, never sober, and at age 17 pregnant with her first baby, which was taken from her at birth. Over the next twelve years, as Jamie continued her life on the streets – she had five more children – who were all taken away from her by CPS and eventually adopted. When she was in a relationship with someone drugs and alcohol continued to fuel the abuse.

Jamie's life was the streets. She was always high and didn't trust anyone. She then met Gary, who later became her spouse. Her years of abuse created issues of trust and inadequacy, yet after one year of encouragement from him, she began to feel a tug in her heart and finally said, "I need help".

After a 14-day stay at a Community Medical Centers detox facility, she reluctantly came to The Mission! Jamie really struggled for three months. She said she could feel the spiritual battle between God and the devil. Jamie firmly believes that God's hand, and the prayers and support from staff, kept her at The Mission. Jamie said, "I was holding onto my mustard seed of

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We Need Your Help...

There are so many exciting things happening at The Mission! When you give to, and pray for The Mission, you are a big part of God's plan – providing us many opportunities to serve the homeless of Stockton and San Joaquin County.

In Matthew 28:18-20 Jesus tells us "All Authority in heaven and on the earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in name of The Father and of The Son and of The Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

The Mission was started by Ripen churches 83 years ago. Since then, many other churches and individuals in San Joaquin County have stepped up and helped - answering the great commission from Jesus Christ to serve the mission field – and ours is right here in your own back yard. Thank you for your partnerships and financial support to serve the millions of people who have stepped through our gates. We could not have done it without you, and we still cannot do it without you. While local government agencies are covering the entire overhead cost of another shelter for the homeless in our community, they are not even helping with one half month of what it costs us to operate our New Life Program. We too, need help! Support of The Mission and our New Life Program helps transform our students by giving them tools for life *beyond* The Mission, and become healthy contributors to society.

We need to raise \$400,000.00 to get us through the slow months of the summer and into the fall, as soon as possible. If one thousand people gave \$400.00 dollars we would be covered. Please be in prayer with us about this need. Below are a couple

ways to give, that will help us out through the end of the year.

- **New Life Program Scholarships:** You can sponsor one (or more!) students that are working hard to turn their lives around in our New Life Program (NLP). 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 and believes in them that they can succeed. \$5,000 covers the first phase (6 months) for a student in the program. There are a total of three phases, phase one and two are for six months each. Phase three is for one year. Each phase takes them closer to a successful life.
- **Unrestricted gifts:** Unrestricted gifts can be used for any Mission purpose and would be greatly appreciated to help with our operational expenses.

To learn more about our growing campus and the programs we offer, come visit The Mission! If you would like to schedule a tour, please call or email me at (209) 598-3304 or DMidura@GCRMS.org.

Thank you for the thousands of lives touched at The Mission each month. This wouldn't be possible without your love, prayers, and financial contributions. We thank you in advance for any contributions you may make in this season. We are so grateful for your generosity.

May God bless you and yours abundantly!
God Bless

David Midura

David Midura, CEO
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THANK YOU!



Thank you, Health Plan of San Joaquin for your continued support of The Gospel Center Rescue Mission! On Wednesday, August 23rd Health Plan presented a check for \$3 million to The Mission for our New Life Program Multi-Purpose Center. This 3-story facility will be able to house 130 people. Thank you for caring and loving the people of San Joaquin County. We cannot thank you enough!

Thank you California Materials, Inc.



Earl "E.J." Rogers with California Materials, Inc. in Stockton, donated all the fill dirt where our New Life Program Multi-Purpose Center is being built! After the demolition of the old Victorians, the dirt was much needed! Thank you to E.J. and California Materials!

IN THE COMMUNITY



Roller Coasters and Ferris Wheels!

The Men's New Life Program students and their families enjoyed a day at Great America. Thank you to our generous sponsors, giving our students the opportunity to enjoy time away from the Mission! And who doesn't enjoy roller coasters and ferris wheels? They had such a great day!



Blessings of Baptism

Our New Life Students worship at a variety of churches throughout the area and recently many were baptized at Quail Lakes Baptist Church, First Baptist Church of Stockton and His Way Community Church, respectively. We are thankful they are being blessed through active participation in congregations that welcome them and provide them a community of believers outside The Mission.



Bunco & Chocolate

Ladies from the New Life Program enjoyed an evening playing Bunco, and enjoying, chocolate treats. Thank you First Baptist Church for hosting this fun event!

By the Numbers

As we are in the last quarter of the year, we are finding that the finances for the daily cost to operate The Mission are running behind and we are in dire need to fill these daily costs as we impact lives for Jesus Christ. We are thankful for the generous funding for the New Life Program Multi-Purpose Center – a much needed facility in our county – yet our daily expenses continue to build up! Please look over these areas of service that have such an impact on our community.

15.1 million
meals served

11,124
students have graduated
from our New Life Program since
1995 and counting

32,349
occupied beds
in our Bill Brown Building, serving
women with children, since
December 2019

778,904
occupied beds
in our Emergency Lodging Program
to anyone that needed a bed over
the past 22 years

104,156
occupied beds
in the ONLY shelter to provide a
Recuperative Care Program in San
Joaquin County since 2010

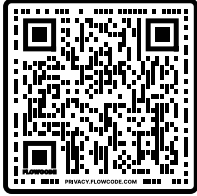
4,713
occupied beds
in the ONLY COVID positive shelter
that continues to provide care to
those that have no other place to
go in San Joaquin County

*All of the above numbers
continue to grow!*

**Made Possible by the Support
of Generous Donors Like You!
Thank You and God Bless You!**



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“Do not be misled: ‘Bad company corrupts good character,’”
(1 Corinthians 15:33, NIV).

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faith, I asked myself, ‘Why am I not allowing myself to grow?’ I started a gratitude journal and slowly my life began to change.” She began volunteering at The Mission, attending church and school.

“I now work in Recuperative Care at The Mission.” Jamie continued, “I love my job. It is teaching me how much patience God gives, the importance of setting boundaries and how to build each other up. Through our Bible studies at The Mission, Jesus is teaching me the fruits of the spirit – and now have a life I thought I’d never had. The whole community of The Mission is amazing, and I am very thankful God put me right here!”

Jamie knows God has a plan for her life. “God is real! He has a great story for me. He lifted me out of evil and is taking away all my bad habits. They are stripped away. I have blossomed and today I know I have a beautiful heart. I came from absolutely nothing, and Jesus is preparing a place for me to be something. I am so thankful for that!”

While at The Mission, Jamie’s *rain of violence* has been replaced with the *rain of grace, peace, love, and hope that only Jesus can give*. After running for twenty-three years, she is appreciating the beauty of just sitting still to listen to God’s voice.

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