



Hope. Peace. Love. Joy.

It's Christmas time! It's time to celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ! Born in a lowly manger to become the King of Kings. He brings hope, peace, love, joy!

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It is what we pray for in the lives of the men and women who are led to The Mission to get a new start on life. Only through Jesus Christ can we do this work.

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It is what we pray our Mission Kids will experience at The Mission campus while they are entrusted to us. It is especially important at Christmas – when children anticipate the excitement and joy this season brings.



The King is Born

Christmas is such a wonderful time of the year. Not because of *presents* but rather because of His *presence*. I think of all the hope Jesus Christ brings into the world. As we keep our focus on Christ, we have an incredible opportunity to show His love. I think of all the children we have at The Mission we get to share the hope and love of Christ with each precious one - not only by what we say, but how we live our lives.

I think of all the wonderful events and summer trips that we have been able to do for our Mission Kids. While they are here, the greatest gift they receive is watching their mom and/or dad change the destination of their lives. These Mission Kids are eyewitnesses to the love of Christ Jesus that saves and changes lives, and heals families. I think of the smiles and joy I've witnessed as families are reunited after being estranged - often for many years.

This is all because of the grace of Christ Jesus. Through your gifts and prayers for our staff, students, and Mission Kids, they can continue to

learn and grow in Christ, and become responsible citizens in our community. We thank you.

To see lives changed at The Mission is a blessing. The best thing that ever happened to me was when I gave my heart to Jesus Christ. It happened so many years ago at a Christmas Morning service in Ann Arbor Michigan. Do you have a relationship with Christ? If not, please don't put it off any longer. Receive Him in your heart today and experience Christmas in a whole new way. We pray that God continues to work in the lives of The Mission community, both inside and outside of our campus.

May God bless you abundantly this holiday season.

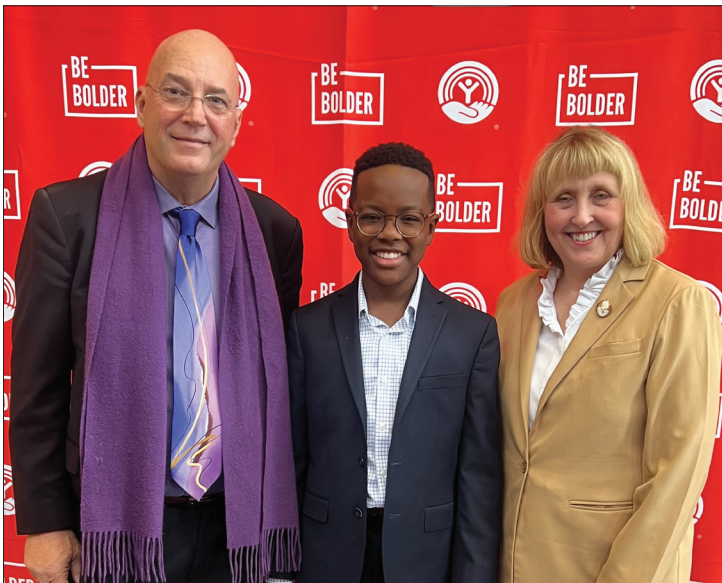
Merry Christmas to you and yours!!!

God Bless,

David Midura

David Midura, CEO
GCRM

IN THE COMMUNITY



David Midura and Kendra Kaiserman attended United Way's Power of One Luncheon on November 1st, held at Hutchins Street Square in Lodi. Pictured left to right: David Midura, CEO GCRM; Keynote Speaker Orion Jean; Kristin Birtwhistle, CEO United Way of San Joaquin.



David Midura shared a few words at the Feed the Children Food Distribution event on November 16th, held at Niagara Bottling in Stockton. Our Men's New Life Program students and staff were also in attendance, and helped load food boxes, hygiene kits, kid's books and toys into cars at this drive-thru event.

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Throughout the year, we serve an average of 28 Mission Kids per month. Jesus has entrusted to us the responsibility to serve as surrogate parents to these precious children as their mothers' work through their New Life Program, with the goal of a restored life. We extend hope, peace, love, and joy through Jesus Christ.

It is our goal to give our Mission Kids stability – and a sense of normalcy throughout the year – not only at Christmas. Because of support from so many in our community, our Mission Kids enjoy activities as simple as dressing up for the 4th of July Community Parade, summer fun activities at museums, water parks, and swim parties. These precious children enjoy pumpkin painting contests, dressing up for the annual Harvest Festival at local churches, and Christmas festivities. Our Mission Kids attend school, Church and Sunday School. They are experiencing routine, self-discipline, and safety.

While they are at The Mission, we take our responsibility to care for them very seriously. Through Jesus Christ, we teach them that He

provides hope! We prepare a safe, peaceful place for them to grow and learn, so they too can experience peace in their lives. At The Mission they feel the love of Christ through the attentive staff, and through you – our donors and sponsors. So often they come to The Mission sad and fearful. As they grow and feel secure, it is such a blessing to see the joy on their faces, and the sparkle in their eyes.

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This is what you provide for our Mission Kids, their moms, and the men and women in the New Life Program. It is through your support, volunteerism, and prayers that we continue to do God's work at Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and each and every day.

Jesus was brought into this world in a lowly manger. The men, women and children who enter through the humble gates of The Mission are being reborn into a new, eternal life through Him, the King of Kings.

Merry Christmas!

HARVEST CELEBRATION



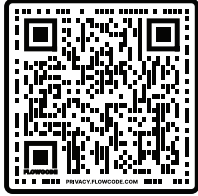
Harvest Time

There was a lot of activity as The Mission staff prepared for the Harvest Celebration. The children got creative with their the Pumpkin Painting Contest entries. The contest, and the Harvest Celebration was held on Thursday, October 26. Civic officials from throughout the county were in attendance and participated in judging the pumpkin creations. Guests enjoyed pumpkin pie, apple cider and tours. A ribbon cutting for the ADA compliant facilities in the Chapel and Dining Room concluded the afternoon festivities. Thank you to everyone who attended. The week was filled with festivities and fun – with the finale being the Trunk or Treating evening at Lincoln Presbyterian Church.





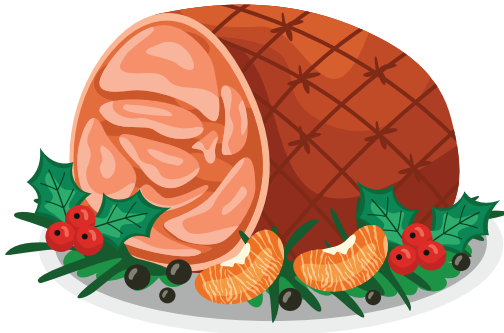
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“Do everything without grumbling or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation. Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky,” (Philippians 2:14-15, NIV).

Christmas Hams!

Please consider donating a Christmas Ham or the funds to purchase one or two! Call (209) 320-2316 for details.



DONATIONS NEEDED



For our Mission Kids
Fall and Winter
Clothes
Gloves and Coats

We thank you for any donations.
For donation drop-off, call (209) 320-2310.



Christmas Toy Drive

NOV. 27
— TO —
DEC. 16

Donate NEW and unwrapped toys for the Mission Kids!

Drop toys off at
SASS! Public Relations
628 Lincoln Center
Stockton, CA 95207
Mon-Fri: 8:30am – 4:30pm

Delivery to GCRM
by Journey Transport



COAT
AND
SOCK DRIVE

SPREAD THE WARMTH THIS SEASON

November 1 through December 31st

Donate gently used coats and new socks. Visit LincolnCenterShops.com for drop-off locations.

NEW LIFE

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