



# Happy New Year!!!

The Lord has blessed all of us at The Gospel Rescue Mission with family and friends, like you. We have so much to be thankful for. This year 44 New Life Program students were baptized and many of our Mission Kids were dedicated to the Lord. Sixty-four graduates were celebrated at six graduations this year. More than 135,000 meals were served. We saved the physical lives of 18 individuals, due to our First Aid/CPR/AED classes that we teach here at The Mission (if you want a class taught at your church or business, please let us know). We have an amazing team. We have seen addictions overcome, and children reunited with their families! Through the love and grace of our Savior Jesus Christ we witnessed the lives of thousands of individuals and families, touched by His love.

We replaced the sidewalk and curb from our Jesus Saves entrance on Church Street to the corner of San Joaquin Street, and from the corner of San Joaquin and Church all the way to the Bill Brown Building on Sonora. For safety, we installed automatic gates on East Sonora, and cinder block walls on South Hunter and Church streets. These improvements add protection for our students and their children. Our parking lot now has new solar panels, and we added new roof coating on one building. New ADA bathrooms by the entry to the chapel and dining hall were a needed addition. With the help of Stockton Garden Club, we beautified the landscape around our Recuperative Care Centers. This project was even televised on Good Day Sacramento. On the technology side, we installed a new IT system and added new security cameras throughout the campus. A new double door oven was installed in our kitchen. We tore down the two Victorian buildings that slept 19 - making way for the New Life Program Multi-Purpose Center. This new facility will provide 130 much needed beds. As

you read throughout our 'year in review' you will see many other benchmarks and successes. We are thankful.

Our team also goes outside The Mission campus to help and participate with other community organizations, committees, and events. **We are honored to assist other Rescue Missions as far as Pennsylvania to start their own Recuperative Care Programs.** We love partnering and supporting other organizations to help change many lives throughout our region and nation.

***This work could not have been done without your help.*** We give a huge thank you to all of you - our prayer warriors, partners, donors, friends, and family. Your continued support is invaluable. Because of the Lord and your help, we are glad to say that 71% of our New Life Program students have graduated from the program. Their lives are forever changed. With your generous giving, together, we can change the lives of many unsheltered homeless individuals and families.

As we ring the bell to welcome 2024, please consider partnering with The Mission by making us a consistent part of your giving. We are blessed by gifts of any size. **We want you to know that *you are loved and appreciated by all of us at The Gospel Center Rescue Mission.***

May the Lord bless you and yours with good health and prosperity in 2024.

Much love,

*David Midura*

David Midura, CEO  
GCRM



# 2023 YEAR AT A GLANCE



### Thank You Donors!

GCRM Students and staff held the annual Thank-a-Thon event – calling donors to thank them for their financial gifts.



### Blessed by their Service

Ripon Christian High School Students visited The Mission and helped clean out the basement for our Emergency Lodge guests.

### Award

The office of Assemblymember Carlos Villapudua presented GCRM with a Certificate of Recognition for all the work that we do here at The Mission.



## JANUARY

## FEBRUARY



### January Graduation

Keynote Speaker: Sister Abby Newton  
First Baptist Church of Stockton

*Back row: David Midura, GCRM CEO; Dennis Barrett; Sytra Fleming; Francisco Meza; Douglas Laform; Larry King; Anthony Dearaujo; Lindsey Pierzina, GCRM Men's NLP Director; Tyson Fite; Britton Kimball, GCRM COO. Front row: Tammy Nova; Tabatha Sherwood; Sherri Leavitt; Denise Valdez; Keynote Speaker Sister Abby Newton; Melissa Briggs; Yvonne Rodriguez; Treve Santelio.*



### The Jesus Saves gate gets a new look!

A new block wall and security gate were completed along Church Street. We kept the "Jesus Saves" section of the previous gate. Thank you, Simile Construction Service, Inc.



### New Life Students Baptized!

Five of the men in the first phase of our New Life Program (NLP) were baptized at His Way Church of Stockton.

*Back row: Britton Kimball, GCRM COO; Pastor Tyson Fite; Lindsey Pierzina, GCRM Men's NLP Director; David Midura, GCRM CEO; and Dante Ruiz. Front row: Robert Maldonado; Bailey Bye; Bobby Smith, GCRM Food Services Director; Terry Hanson; Matthew Ruiz.*





**March Graduation**

Keynote Speaker: Robert Rickman, SJC Supervisor  
Zion United Reformed Church, Ripon

Back row: 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: Kalliope Casaday; Shelly Stevens; Jackie Perez; Katherine Dickerson; Jamie Watson; Mohini Sharma.



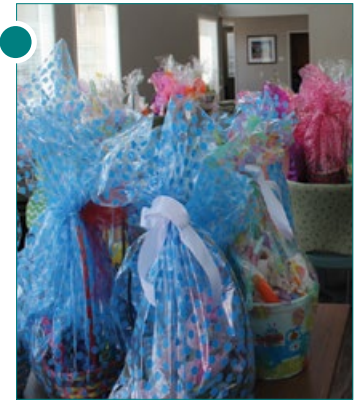
**Easter at the Mission**

The Mission Easter Sunrise Service provides opportunity to celebrate the Risen Christ.



**Community Service**

New Life Program Students delivered Easter Baskets from the United Way office to children living in Sierra Vista neighborhood.



**MARCH**



**Planting Day**

We were blessed to have members of the Stockton Garden Club, along with our New Life Program Students, plant shrubs, ivy and flowering perennials. Located between the Men's and Women's Recuperative Care Centers, it not only looks beautiful, it truly was a wonderful day.



**APRIL**

**Snow Day at QLBC**

Thank you, Quail Lakes Baptist Church, for hosting a snow day and inviting our Mission Kids.



**Street Cleaning**

Staff from Congressman Josh Harder's office joined our New Life Program students to clean the streets within proximity of The Mission. Twice a day, seven days a week our NLP students clean eight square blocks around the Mission.



### May Graduation

Keynote Speaker: Fritz Grupe  
Quail Lakes Baptist Church  
Back row: Britton Kimball, GCRM COO, Anna Villagomez; Dennis Barrett; Chris Gentry; Keynote Speaker Fritz Grupe; Phyllis Grupe; Carl Cates; Ronalie Haney; Timothy Lonnon; Monica Kimball; David Midura, GCRM CEO.  
Front row: Kerry Chitwood; Shalise Graves; Roseanna Chum; Michaela Mascarenas; Mellisa Pineda.



### Solar Parking Structure Ribbon Cutting

The solar parking structure was completed providing shaded parking and solar electricity to power The Mission.



### Baptism

Six of our New Life Program Students were baptized at First Baptist Church of Stockton.



## MAY



### New Kicks!

Tony Vice owner of Fleet Feet, and Katie Kishi of Saucony shoes, donated more than 150 pairs of shoes for our students.



### Ground Breaking

The groundbreaking of the New Life Program Multi-Purpose Center was held with many dignitaries, staff, and supporters in attendance. The new 3-story facility will house 130 beds in 12,400 square feet. It will include classroom and common areas, shower rooms and laundry.



### Jesus loves the little children

What a blessing to have our Mission Kids dedicated to Jesus Christ at First Baptist Church of Stockton.



# Summertime



## JUNE

## JULY

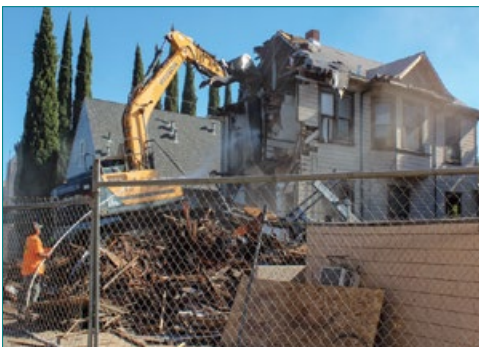
**Demolition of the Victorians**  
Making room for the construction of the New Life Program Multi-Purpose Center.



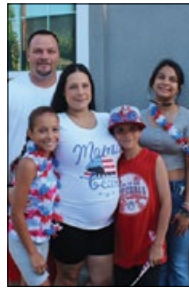
### July Graduation

**Keynote Speaker: Judge Barbara Kronlund**  
First Baptist Church of Stockton

*Back row: Frank Rayfield; Terry Hanson. Middle row: Britton Kimball, GCRM COO; Lindsey Pierzina, GCRM Men's NLP Director; Tyson Fite, GCRM Assistant Men's NLP Director; Anna Villagomez, GCRM Women's NLP Case Manager; William Bates; Quentin Verdun; Dajuan Jones; Richard Hayes; Kyle Porter; Dennis Barrett; Jessica Machado; GCRM Women's NLP Case Manager; David Midura, GCRM CEO. Front row: Felipa Martinez; Crystal Joy; Elizabeth Brown; Keynote Speaker Judge Barbara Kronlund; Kaylah Jenkins; Treva Santelio.*



# Fun Time!



## AUGUST



We continue to be blessed by Health Plan of San Joaquin, who presented to The Mission a check for \$3 million dollars to help fund the New Life Program Multi-Purpose Center.



**Baptism**  
New Life Program Students baptized at His Way Community Church, Quail Lakes Baptist Church, and First Baptist Church of Stockton.





**Dennis Barrett Retirement**

We celebrated the retirement of Dennis Barrett, Men's New Life Program Counselor, who served for 13 years. Thank you, Dennis for your commitment to The Mission.



**Season of Harvest**

Thank you to Van Groningen & Sons for providing pumpkins and haybales to create a festive, fall atmosphere on The Mission campus.



**Thank you to The Raymus Foundation**

They presented a check to The Mission, helping us to continue our work with the addicted and homeless.

**SEPTEMBER**

**OCTOBER**



*Carrie Williams*



*Gabriel Silva*



**Cuddle Up**

While Phyllis Grupe sews these Mimi Blankets that she donates to our Mission Kids, she prays for each child and family, for safety, love, and the opportunity to live a fruitful life.



**September Graduation and Homecoming**

Keynote speakers: Distinguished Graduates Carrie Williams and Gabriel Silva  
Gospel Center Rescue Mission Campus



*Back row: David Midura, GCRM CEO; Carrie Williams, GCRM 2023 Distinguished Graduate; Allen Sells; James Flauta; Bailey Bye; Paul Reed; Gabriel Silva, GCRM 2023 Distinguished Graduate; Britton Kimball, GCRM COO. Front row: Jamie Watson; Melissa Gist; Naomi Jeter; Reyna Hernandez; Beverly Reed; Sequella Price.*







### Harvest Celebration

We held our first Harvest Celebration on the Mission Campus – complete with Pumpkin Pie, Hot Apple Cider, and a Pumpkin Painting Contest. During the festivities, we held a ribbon cutting and celebrated, along with many local dignitaries, the ADA upgrades in our Chapel and Dining Room.



### Harvest Parties!

New Life Students enjoy “Candyland”, a Fall Festival event hosted by First Baptist Church of Stockton.



On Halloween, our Mission Kids had so much fun dressing up and Trick or Treating in each department at The Mission.





**November Graduation**

Keynote Speaker: Greg Helland  
Lincoln Presbyterian Church

Back row: Jessica Machado, GCRM Women's NLP Case Manager; Britton Kimball, GCRM COO; Jon Hathorn, GCRM Board President; Sytra Fleming, GCRM Women's NLP Case Manager; Courtnie Perez; Kimberly Collins; Juliana Albarran; Lindsey Medina; Shalise Graves; Misty Shobert; Angela Higazi; Ronalle Haney; Bobby Smith, GCRM Food Service Director; Della Fite; and Pastor Tyson Fite, GCRM Men's NLP Assistant Director.



**Serving Our Community**

Stockton Mayor Kevin Lincoln and his team blessed our students by serving dinner in late November.



**In the Community**

David Midura represents The Mission at community events



David speaking to the guests at the Feed the Children Food Distribution event.



At the Power of One Luncheon: David Midura; Orion Jean – Keynote Speaker and Author; and Kristen Birtwhistle, CEO United Way of San Joaquin.

**NOVEMBER**



**Turkey & all the fixings**

We are thankful! Students enjoyed a delicious Thanksgiving lunch prepared by our amazing kitchen staff!



**Mike Viss Retires**

After 20 years as CFO of The Mission, Mike Viss retired. He was a good and faithful employee and will be greatly missed. Thank you, Mike, for your service to The Mission.



**Giving Tuesday – November 29th**

Thank you to everyone who generously donated to The Mission through the Giving Tuesday Campaign. We raised more than \$2,900.



# Christmas Toy Drive

## Merry Christmas!

Each year our students and Mission Kids are the recipients of generous donors who give coats and socks at the Lincoln Center Coat & Sock Drive; followed by the Christmas Toy Drive where an abundance of toys are wrapped by SASS! Public Relations and delivered by Santa via Journey Transport.



## DECEMBER



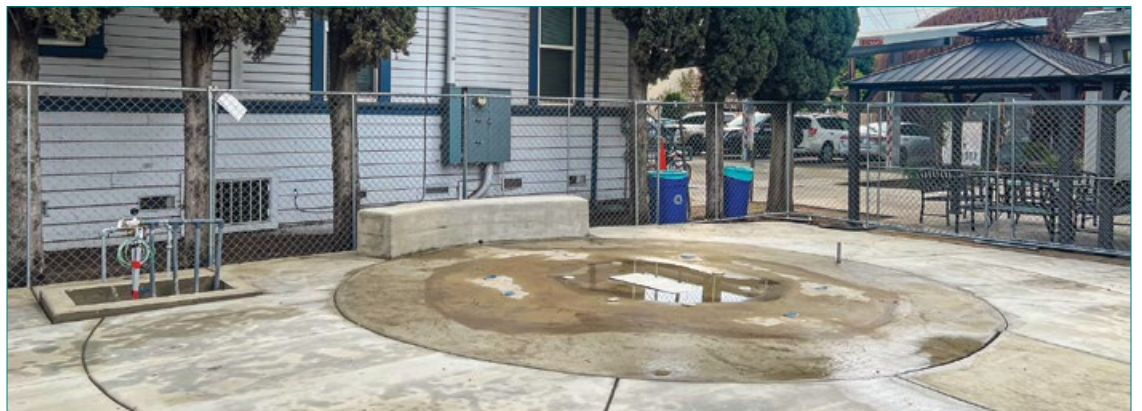
## Celebrating at The Mission

The GCRM Board of Directors and staff gather at The Mission to celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. *David Midura, GCRM CEO; Bill Stoermer; Gary Daniel; Pam Regan; Bill Conley; Rev. Fred Jantz; Janet Watts; Sharon Benninger; Lindsey Randolph; Rev. Jon Hathorn; Paul Kozlow; Rev. Bradley Stahl; Rev. Marc Maffucci; Lynette Marston.*



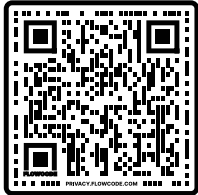
## Mission Kids Sprinkler Park

The final permits were received to complete The Mission Kids Sprinkler Park. Our goal is to be up and running after the new year.





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CAMPUS MEMORY VERSE

*“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”* Jeremiah 29:11, NIV

2024  
GRADUATION DATES

Save these dates. As our speakers and venues are confirmed, we will keep you informed.

**Sunday, January 21**

*First Baptist Church of Stockton*  
Keynote Speaker: Mayor Kevin Lincoln

**Sunday, March 17**

*His Way Community Church*

**Sunday, May 19**

*Quail Lakes Baptist Church*

**Sunday, July 21**

*Calvary Reformed Church*

**Sunday, September 15**

*Homecoming Graduation Celebration*

Keynote Speaker

2024 Distinguished Graduates

**November 17**

*Lincoln Presbyterian Church*

**DID YOU KNOW?**

**15.2 million**

meals served

**11,156**

Students have graduated from our New Life Program since 1995 and counting

**48,268**

Occupied beds in our Bill Brown Building, serving women with children, since December 2019

**793,382**

Occupied beds in our Emergency Lodging Program to anyone that needed a bed over the past 23 years

**109,322**

Occupied beds in the ONLY shelter to provide a Recuperative Care Program in San Joaquin County since 2010

**4,934**

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!**