



A Mission of Rescue Established in 1940

Imagine being part of a legacy that began post-depression in 1940 by a few individuals – and that legacy is still changing lives more than 84 years later. The story of the Gospel Center Rescue Mission began with the growing concern for the homeless population in the community. A few individuals were brought together to put their faith into action, and on April 6, 1940, a non-profit was established, and a mission of rescue was initiated. Additional people of faith from the Ripon area joined in to introduce programs to ensure the homeless were fed, clothed, sheltered, received addiction treatment, medical care, and introduced to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

At the very root of The Mission, you find the engagement of people from the churches in Ripon. They are quiet, but faithful and steadfast prayer

warriors and supporters of The Mission. It is because of the solid foundation they laid that lives continue to be renewed through Jesus Christ.

To celebrate our gratitude for the history established by the people of faith in Ripon, a group of Staff and Students from The Mission spent their day marching in the Ripon Almond Blossom Parade, boldly proclaiming the history of 'the Mission of Rescue' and to thank the people of Ripon for their kindness to us.

All these years later, as our broken world still has homeless and addicted people, the Gospel Center Rescue Mission continues to serve, utilizing and providing the services the founders established in 1940 – with sharing the Gospel of Jesus being the very foundation of their gift to all in need.



The Fruit of the Spirit is....

Our 2024 GCRM New Life Program Gala is April 25th. Our theme for the evening is Celebrating the Fruit of the Spirit. "The fruit of The Spirit is love. Which manifests itself in joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

God is love - so it is not surprising that the fruit of the Spirit would be love. Jesus wants us to love Him so that we will be faithful to Him - and obey His command to love one another as He has loved us. He knows that if we love Him, we will be faithful. Let's put our love and faith in Jesus Christ.

Our God is always faithful and we can be faithful to Him. Did you know that our faith is worth more than gold? 1 Peter 1:7 (NIV) says, "These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed."

Would you be faithful to further God's Kingdom? There are many ways you can continue the work of Jesus as we change lives at the Mission. First, you can pray with us, that God's will is done and His glory shines through our lives and the work we do. Secondly, celebrate with us at our Gala on April 25th. Call Carrie Sass at 209-957-7277 for sponsorship and ticket information. And thirdly, consider blessing The Mission through a monthly contribution. See below for a variety of ways to give.

In the spirit of faithfulness, thank you so much for your faithful support of The Mission. You are truly a blessing. We hope you know how much we love and appreciate you.

God Bless,

David Midura

David Midura, CEO
GCRM

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GRADUATION



Back row (l to r): Carrie Williams, GCRM Women's Program Director; Lindsey Pierzina, GCRM Men's Program Director; Aaron Amigable; Ivan Arias; Ruby Valentin; Lesley Miller; Seth Massella; Paul Reed. Front row (l to r): Martha Robles, GCRM Women's Case Manager; Britton Kimball, GCRM COO; James Flauta; Cole Jackson; Richard Cavazos; Shemika House; Pastor Brett Dood, Keynote Speaker; Windy Qualls; Bianca Valenzuela-Walker; Ashley Massella; Selena Pasillas; Beverly Reed; Pastor Tyson Fite, GCRM Men's Program Assistant Director; David Midura, GCRM CEO.



Arbor Day Celebration at The Mission

To celebrate Arbor Day, the Stockton Garden Club held a Planting Day at The Mission. The morning program included comments by State Senator Susan Talamantes Eggman, and Stockton Mayor Kevin Lincoln.

Over the past year, Stockton Garden Club (SGC) has been actively involved in helping teach the NLP residents horticulture skills by working together – adding plants to their Recuperative Care grounds in eight raised beds, and planting creeping fig vines along the perimeter, and orange trees for future shade and fruit. This year they added a peach tree, donated by Burchell Nursery in Oakdale, along with other plantings to “refresh” the eight raised beds. This area creates a peaceful, and calming garden for residents. “Our Garden Club knows the power gardening has in enriching lives and improving one’s environment,” said Carol Burns, SGC VP and organizer of the event. Earlier in the week Garden Club members enjoyed drawing pictures with the Mission Kids, and displayed their art at the celebration.



State Senator Susan Talamantes Eggman presents Carol Burns, Stockton Garden Club Vice President, and David Midura, GCRM CEO with certificates of recognition for Arbor Day.



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He is Risen! "Then Jesus came to them and said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the 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.'" (Matthew 28:18-20).

AROUND CAMPUS



Thank You Amazon

More than twenty Amazon workers visited The Mission and helped our Men's New Life Program Students clean the grounds around the Mission – 14 blocks in total! Thank you, Amazon!



Mission Paints

We are launching Mission Paints, a Gospel Center Rescue Mission paint company. The men shown here are in training. Mission Paints will be open to do business soon!

DONATIONS NEEDED

- Towels
- Sheets (Twin Size)
- Hygiene Products
- Men's Clothing

We thank you for any donations. For donation drop-off, call (209) 464-2138.

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