

God Has a Greater Purpose



Lindsey Medina's journey to The Mission began in high school. Although stepping through the 'Jesus Saves' gate would come later in life, she started on a path that took many twists and turns. In high school, like most teenagers, she just wanted to fit in. She experienced social anxiety yet found herself getting involved in things to earn acceptance. Lindsey had control issues and a poor body image that led her to become anorexic. Upon graduating from high school, she moved in with her older sister and was able to get a job and bought a car.

It was then that she began using marijuana and got into a relationship with her dealer. Soon she became pregnant and attempting to keep peace in the relationship, she chose to stay. Lindsey had always wanted to be a mom, but she knew this was not the path she wanted to take – and keeping this baby was not fair. In the early stages of her pregnancy, Lindsey began seeking out options for adoption. She wanted to provide her daughter with a stable and loving home like the one she was given growing up. She prayed for guidance – and for God to send her a sign that this was the right decision. When she stepped into the office of Bethany Christian Services, her favorite Bible Verse, Jeremiah 29:11 was on the wall behind the reception counter. At peace, she sat down, she chose her family and knew this couple should raise her baby girl.

Lindsey could straighten out her life, or go back to what she had known.

Unfortunately, she chose the latter and was soon drinking and using drugs. Her life was spiraling. Feeling guilty for not being able to raise her daughter, she was



Men's New Life Program Camping Trip!

Swimming, hiking, and nights spent under the stars – these are a few of the things the Men's New Life Program (MNL) students and staff enjoyed on our first Men's New Life Program Camping trip. Cody Walker, MNL Case Manager, and I took eight of our MNL students up to Inyo National Forest near Yosemite for the weekend. It was so nice to get away with Cody and our students in the beautiful outdoors.

Our time was spent in fellowship with each other, focused on walking with Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Surrounded by God's beautiful creation, we shared meals, had long talks around the campfire, and just enjoyed being in nature.

Publicly declaring his faith in Jesus Christ, one of our students, Devarian, was baptized in Saddlebag Lake. Currently on parole, he went from being considered a criminal to being free in Christ. We are so proud of him!

Devarian jumped at the opportunity to minister to a man from Idaho, who happened to be in the campsite right next to us. In 2 Timothy 4:2 we read,

"Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction."

In addition to the camping trip with the guys, we have a lot going on. Our Mission Kids are enjoying the summer fun programs that are funded by you, our generous donors. The weekly activities are much appreciated by the Mission Kids and their moms and dads. Summertime is fun but can also be financially challenging. Would you consider giving a summer gift to The Mission? We would appreciate a gift of any size. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

I hope you know how much we love and appreciate you here at The Mission. You are such a blessing to our staff, students, and children. Enjoy the remainder of your summer.

God Bless,

David Midura

David Midura, CEO
GCRM

God Bless America

Students participated in the Downtown Stockton Fourth of July parade, enjoyed a firework show at The Mission Campus donated by Ron and Bonnie Barber, and enjoyed watermelon and doughnut eating contests. The kids cooled down on our new Kings Kids Splash Pad and the Blowup Waterslide!



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CLEAN SLATE PAINT

GOSPEL CENTER RESCUE MISSION



The crew completed their first job on a rental property. They were able to paint an entire house, more pictures to come when the floors and carpets are installed.

Clean Slate Paint is now OPEN FOR BUSINESS! The crew has recently completed their first project, and we could not be more proud of their quality work! Thank you to those who hired and entrusted our Clean

Slate Paint crew to get the job done! Board member and mentor Bill Stoermer has been working with the crew, preparing them to learn the ins-and-outs of running a business. Bill shared, "To work with our New Life Program Students as they continue to grow in their everyday lives, has been wonderful. While learning a new trade, the crew is enthusiastic, prepared for making good business decisions and providing excellent customer service," Bill continued, "From developing estimates, to providing quality service, to keeping the job site neat and tidy, the crew is prepared to take on any painting project." If you would like Clean Slate Paint to paint the inside or outside of your home or business, call 209-937-3938. Profits from Clean Slate Paint helps The Mission continue to change lives.

Our second venture, Church Street Coffee, is coming soon! We are working on building a website where you can purchase the coffee that is roasted, bagged, and sold by our New Life Program students. Please help us spread the word to your friends, family, colleagues, and church that Church Street Coffee will be savored and enjoyed soon!



ADAPT PLUMBING



Thank you to Adapt Plumbing for partnering with The Mission. Their commitment to helping us serve the homeless and addicted means so much to us and

our students. We know they care for people, and it shows! On the Adapt website you will find "We treat you like family," and it's true. Adapt has provided for every plumbing need at The Mission. They have helped us with small tasks like snaking drains, to bigger projects, such as hydro-jetting the kitchen pipes. We appreciate all that Adapt Plumbing does to keep The Mission running smoothly. We value our partnership and look forward to continuing to work with Adapt Plumbing for years to come. Thank you!



Telling The Mission Story

Thank you Mayfair Christian Church for giving David Midura, CEO, the opportunity to speak about The Mission on Sunday, July 7th. God is moving in so many ways – new programs, campus improvements and workforce opportunities. Please contact The Mission if you would like David to come to your church to talk about how God has His hand on our staff, students and families.



In the Spirit

The Spirit Club – a St. Joseph's employee-led organization – donated hygiene products to the men and women students in the New Life Program.

DONATIONS NEEDED

We are in need of Men's and Women's Clothing in Plus Sizes (2X and above).

We thank you for any donations.
For donation drop-off, call (209) 466-2138.



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“The Lord your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves. He will take great delight in you; in his love he will no longer rebuke you, but will rejoice over you with singing.” Zephaniah 3:17 (NIV)

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spiritually broken. On her 29th birthday she attempted to take her own life. This was the turning point for Lindsey. She moved in with her mom, began therapy and took the advice of her therapist to get into a program. And that’s when she entered the Jesus Saves gate of The Mission on Church Street.

She realized that God had a greater purpose for her life, not constant anxiety, or fear, or the need to always be in control. “The counselors at The Mission told me what I needed to hear, pointing out things I needed to change. Making me aware of trauma symptoms that needed to be addressed first - then the addiction!” stated Lindsey. At The Mission she realized that the people all around her recovered both physically and spiritually. Lindsey continued, “God has a greater purpose for my life. He has taken away my constant anxiety, my fear, my need to be in control. God’s got this!”

Shortly after graduation from Phase I of the New Life Program, Lindsey was able to see her beautiful daughter for the first time since she was born. Her daughter has wonderful, supportive parents. And although Lindsey had had a lot of guilt and shame, God has released her from that. She knows that she can look forward to a healthy marriage and being a mom - at a later time.

Today, Lindsey is working in The Mission office as Administrative Assistant. She handles the scholarship program, processes donations, keeps records, and keeps the candy jar filled! She is a vital part of The Mission staff.

In closing, Lindsey shared “Our volunteers and donors are important and vital. If we don’t keep The Mission doors open, there’s another Lindsey out there that can’t get help.”

GRADUATION



Left to right: (top row) Britton Kimball, GCRM COO; Kaila Rightnour; Amy Chaney; Dalila Martinez; Amy Sanchez-Torres; Eric Rue; Francisco Meza; David Midura, GCRM CEO. Left to right: (bottom row) Randolph Rogers; Carla John; Vanessa Reyes; San Joaquin County Supervisor and Keynote Speaker Steven Ding; Mamie Wilmer; Margarita Perez; Terra Tupper.