

*"I have purpose!"*

~ Laurie Ann Holloway

Just imagine being left behind by both your mother and your father, separated from your siblings and being put into foster care. That is what Laurie Ann Holloway experienced at the early age of five. The next fourteen years she spent bouncing from foster home to foster home. "I never belonged anywhere. I never had a home, or a crew of friends," said Laurie. Since then, Laurie has rekindled her relationship with her dad and her siblings.

Aging out of the foster system, Laurie had nowhere to go. "So, I hit the road - hitch hiking across the United States." She had made it through life on her own and she was determined to not let life get her down. Traversing across the country she would stop, find day-labor, working just long enough to get back on the road again. Just like her childhood, she couldn't stay anywhere very long before life was closing in on her and she moved on. Fending off commitments and relationships, her feet took her wherever she could, trying to find comfort and peace that just couldn't be found.

She thought she had found her ideal life with a new boyfriend. He had a home, a job, and a dog. Although he was a functioning drug addict, paranoid and extremely abusive, she felt she had stability. It was a time when she was experiencing what she thought was 'normal', and had settled in. Then one day he flew into the house stating they needed to leave immediately, and they were on the run again. First to Florida, then to California. Chased by federal authorities they were eventually found in a vineyard. By the grace of God, he was taken by the officials, and she was sent to the Gospel Center Rescue Mission.

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### Our Mission

*Gospel Center Rescue Mission, Inc. is a ministry to the people of San Joaquin County where the homeless and addicted in our community are presented the opportunity for spiritual, physical, emotional restoration and equitable inclusion through the love of Jesus Christ.*

## A MESSAGE FROM THE CEO



## The Big 5

You may have heard of the Big 5 before. And no, I'm not talking about the sporting goods store. The Big 5, based on Scripture, is as follows:

1. "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment." Matthew 22:37-38
2. "Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments." Matthew 22:39-40
3. "Do to others as you would have them do to you." Luke 6:31
4. "Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen." 1 John 4:20

5. "The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love." Galatians 5:6

As you may have noticed, love is a big theme in the Big 5. Here at The Mission, we strive to treat everyone with love, respect, and dignity. Our goal is to love God and love our neighbors. One of our words for this year is loving kindness. I want to pray loving kindness over everyone who steps foot through our Jesus Saves gate this year, and over everyone reading this; may the Lord overwhelm you with an abundance of loving kindness in this season and this year. Amen.

Much love and kindness in Christ Jesus,

*David Midura*

David Midura, CEO  
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That first night at The Mission, she laid there in her bed, totally exhausted, and so relieved. "For the first time in my life I slept peacefully," said Laurie. At The Mission she began to take the classes, absorbing life lessons that she had never been taught. She embraced the Bible Studies and the chapel services. "I never really knew that Jesus knew me. I thought I was invisible. Yet I learned that God was with me through my whole life, from foster care to that day the officials found us in the vineyard. By His grace I was found and sent to The Mission."

Showing a strong interest in getting involved in The Mission programs, Laurie was part of the crew that started Church Street Coffee – The Mission's coffee roasting business. "I learned to roast the coffee beans, bag them and prepare for shipping. My team goes out into the community to sell coffee at events and churches. We are a small start-up but we are starting to grow. This work makes me feel important, especially since the proceeds go right back to the student programs. I care about the students. No one should be left behind and these programs give everyone a second chance in life! I know through Christ I am needed and important to Him."



Lindsey Medina, David Cicileo, Laurie Holloway, and Shelby Cordova.

Laurie shared, "Running Church Street Coffee has given me such purpose. I love learning and it keeps me busy. This has also given me the motivation to complete my GED, and the opportunity to be an example to others that God changes lives."

She continued, "I am grateful to be alive and to be at The Mission. I am thankful for the programs and the growth I have experienced. During my 39 years, I have walked a long, horrible road. Yet, I know that because of His love for me, right now, I am here – just where He wants me to be."

## AROUND CAMPUS



### The walls are going up!

Construction of the New Life Program Multi-Purpose Center continues. Each day we see more and more progress.



### Thank you for your time and generosity!

Members of Quail Lakes Baptist Church volunteered to tear out the old flooring in the chapel and dining area and replace it with beautiful new flooring. The new floors have transformed the entire room. Thank you so much.



### Studying God's Word

Every Thursday, GCRM Board member Pam Regan leads a Bible Study for the women in the New Life Program. What a blessing. Thank you, Pam.



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CAMPUS MEMORY VERSE

*“Therefore, since we also have such a great cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let’s rid ourselves of every obstacle and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let’s run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking only at Jesus, the originator and perfecter of the faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.” Hebrews 12:1-3, NASB*



### Men enjoy a Kings game

*Enjoying quality time and creating great memories, some of our students in the Men’s NLP enjoyed an unforgettable Kings Basketball game. Thank you to the generosity of our sponsors who provide opportunities such as this.*



### Pastor Cody Walker

*What a blessing! Cody Walker, our GCRM Men’s NLP Case Manager, has been ordained as a pastor! It has been a joy witnessing his spiritual growth and dedication to the Lord. Congratulations Pastor Cody.*

## GRADUATION



### New Life Program Graduation

*Bottom Row (L–R): Pastor Tyson Fite, Men’s NLP Asst. Dir.; Britton Kimball, COO; Tommy Jones; Randolph Rogers; Kyle Porter; Jim Mathis; Adrian Heredia-Cornejo; Shaun Ripoyla; David Midura, CEO; Carrie Williams, Woman’s NLP Dir.; Pastor Brad Stahl, First Baptist Church. Bottom Row (L–R): Carla Rogers; Margarita Perez; Shelby Cordova; Keynote Speaker Pastor Grant Hawes; Amanda Etzler; Tabitha Treadway; Terra Tupper; Brianna Henning.*

## UPCOMING 2025 GRADUATION DATES

### Sunday, March 16

*Calvary Reformed Church, Ripon*  
Keynote Speaker:  
Supervisor Robert Rickman

### Sunday, May 18

*Quail Lakes Baptist Church*  
Keynote Speaker:  
Mayor Christina Fugazi

### Sunday, July 20

*Location is TBD*  
Keynote Speaker: TBD