

Pacific Garden Mission

Domestic Mission Partner
Chicago, Illinois



Founded in 1877, **Pacific Garden Mission** (PGM) is the oldest continuously operating Gospel rescue mission in the country. PGM meets the physical needs of Chicago's homeless and hurting men, women and children 365 days a year — serving 2,000 hot, nutritious meals and sheltering more than 400 people each day.

PGM also nurtures emotional and spiritual well-being through transformational, Christ-focused programs and care that help people discover Jesus, beat addiction, restore families and move toward flourishing. Beyond Chicago, PGM makes an impact for Christ with TV and YouTube programming and the award-winning radio drama, "UNSHACKLED!"

Read:

[Matthew 25:31-46](#)

Watch:

<https://vimeo.com/539857603>

Reflect and Discuss:

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." Do you see Jesus in the faces of those in need? How would adopting that perspective change the way you interact with the people you encounter who need help?

"You can't fish in a bathtub," Pastor Phil said. *"You need to get involved with people. Whether it's a rescue mission, a church, a short-term mission project, your neighbor — get involved in somebody's life."* Are there people in your life who are in need of rescue, care and Christlike love? How is God nudging you to respond?

Relieving Suffering

The gospel is about the "GOD Samaritan" who came to help people lying beaten, down in a ditch, and without the resources to help themselves.

Having experienced this grace from God, we are moved to offer relief to people who have been ravaged by crises and need practical help to get back on their feet. Christ Church supports mission partners who come alongside suffering people with rescue and hope.

Pray:

- For the continuing health of PGM and the people they serve.
- That the homeless people of Chicago would find PGM and come to know Jesus there.
- That PGM guests would become a mighty force for God's Kingdom on the streets of Chicago.

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