



A Celebration of Faithfulness!

Redwood Gospel Mission's 2021-2022 Annual Report

The Redwood Gospel Mission, in the grace and power of Jesus Christ, mobilizes our community to minister to the needy so that lives are transformed.





If there is one word that sums up the last year of life at the Mission, it would be faithfulness.

God has been faithful. You have been faithful. And in that faithfulness, our community has been mobilized and more lives have been transformed – including at our newest location in Ukiah.

Together, we have fed our hungry neighbors, housed the homeless and helped our neighbors overcome life-controlling issues, get jobs, reconnect with families, find their purpose and live transformed lives.

And this transformation hasn't only happened in the lives of our poor and needy neighbors. It's happened in the lives of Sarah, Geoffrey, Mary, Karen and Larry — faithful partners like you who have stood with the Mission by praying, learning, serving, connecting and giving.

My prayer is that as you look over your Annual Report, you'll be reminded of God's faithfulness, and you will know that you are making a difference.

In Christ's love,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jeff Gilman'.

Jeff Gilman, *Executive Director*

P.S. It looks like in 2023, we'll have the opportunity to expand into Rohnert Park and Petaluma. Please keep praying for God to open and close doors as He sees fit.

PRAY


Transforming Lives Through Prayer

This past year we made a significant breakthrough in our prayer ministry by forming group of people meeting monthly who have a heart to pray for our community and see lives transformed.

“When I think of the Redwood Gospel Mission’s prayer ministry, I think of us lifting up not only our community in prayer, but specifically our guests in prayer, our volunteers in prayer and our staff members in prayer, as well as the people who come to visit our thrift store,” shares Sarah, one of our prayer partners.

“It’s a really uplifting experience to pray for a wide variety of people. . .When we open ourselves up to praying for other people in the community who may not be a part of our specific neighborhood, we’re really blessing ourselves with these connections to people we wouldn’t meet in any other way.”

This group of men and women not only pray for all the people the Mission serves, but for all our volunteers, donors, ministry partners and other people in our community who are ministering to those in need – including you!

A portrait of a woman with long brown hair in a braid, smiling. She is wearing a dark blue top. The background is bright and slightly out of focus.

“This is a huge opportunity for us to pray for people’s conversions, to pray for them to get a personal relationship with Christ or to pray for them to maybe get a job or to be able to get off the streets.” – Sarah

LEARN

Transforming Lives Through Learning

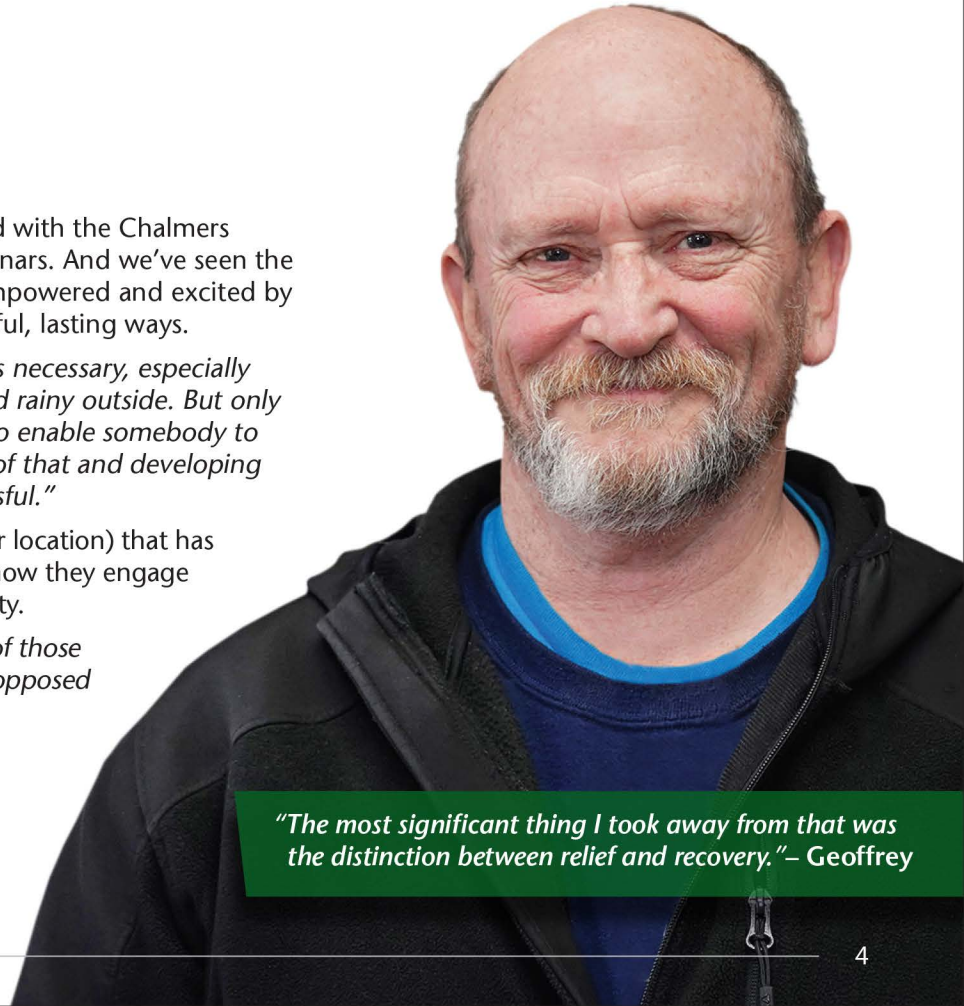
For the past few years, the Mission has partnered with the Chalmers Center to provide Helping without Hurting Seminars. And we've seen the people who attend these seminars walk away empowered and excited by the knowledge they now have to help in impactful, lasting ways.

"Relief is good, and there are times when relief is necessary, especially when somebody needs a jacket, and it's cold and rainy outside. But only focusing on instant relief also has the potential to enable somebody to stay stuck in their ways, instead of growing out of that and developing skills that make it possible for them to be successful."

For each church (churches are a common seminar location) that has participated, it's made a significant difference in how they engage in caring for the poor and needy in our community.

"You have to have outreach in order to make all of those things available to begin to really restore lives as opposed to just relieving the symptoms at the moment,"
Geoffrey says.

There have been several Helping without Hurting seminars over the past few years. They are only one of the many ways we invite people to learn as a part of our ministry.



"The most significant thing I took away from that was the distinction between relief and recovery." – Geoffrey

SERVE

Transforming Lives Through Serving

As a ministry, our goal is to equip people to serve, as well as connect them to the service opportunities that will have the biggest impact on their own life. This year God allowed us to do that in a big way!

We had hundreds of volunteers, providing thousands of hours of service, valued at hundreds of thousands of dollars (really priceless!).

But best of all, lives on every side were transformed! More times than we can count in the last 12 months, people like Mary told us they volunteered because they wanted to make a difference in people's lives, but they were the ones who were changed in the process.

"I get a lot of life out of serving here. It gives me a sense of purpose," Mary says.

"I think on the days that I feel like I have the least to give is often when God uses me the most. So we need to not let the fear and anxiety keep us from moving forward, because when we do, then we realize those aren't even real and healing comes through serving."

This year we plan to have even more opportunities for friends like you!



"The more I serve, the more joy I have and the more sense of purpose. It's really saved me in a lot of ways and continues to save me." – Mary

CONNECT

Transforming Lives Through Connecting

Sometimes, as a society, when we look at homeless people we see a problem instead of seeing people.

But when people engage in ministry with the Mission – when they connect to the people they are helping in deep and meaningful ways – eyes and hearts are opened. We see our hurting neighbors closer to how Christ sees them.

Then, we are able to see their hurt in new ways so that we can love them in new ways. More often than not, we find that we have more in common with our poor and needy neighbors than we ever thought possible.

“You fall in love with the women,” says Karen, who is one of the mentors at Manna Home.

“You fall in love with the person that you’re mentoring or you’re coaching. And you want to see how the Lord writes the rest of the story. You want to stay connected and watch what the Lord does in their lives. Who doesn’t want to be a part of that?”

Connections that happen through the Mission often turn into long-term lasting relationships that change families, our neighborhoods and our entire community.



“You want to go with them on the journey.” – Karen

GIVE

Transforming Lives Through Giving

All of the wonderful things that happen at the Mission happen because God provides through giving partners like you. Your generosity keeps the lights on, keeps the roof from leaking and keeps staff employed so that lives continue to be transformed.

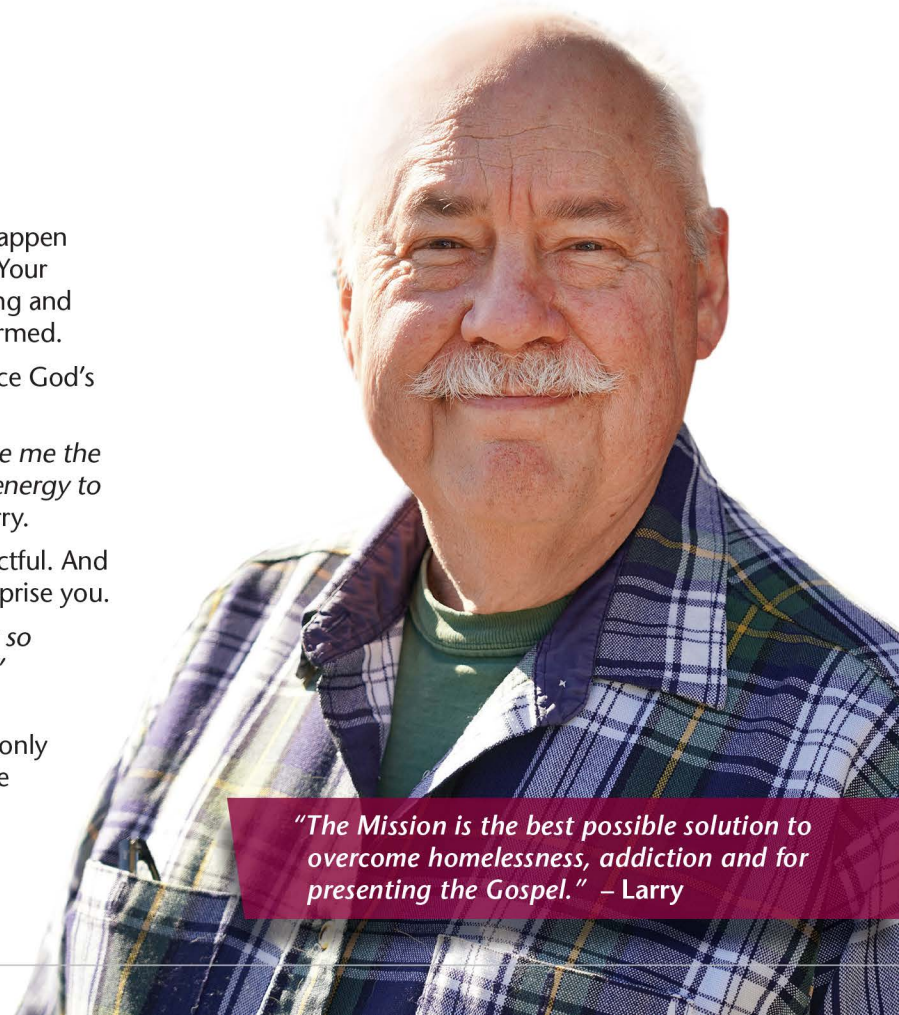
But more than that, giving is a way for you to experience God's goodness in your own life.

"The Redwood Gospel Mission was an avenue that gave me the ability to focus and funnel my resources, my time, my energy to be much more productive in a godly manner," says Larry.

Giving isn't always easy, but it's always – always – impactful. And sometimes that impact happens in ways that might surprise you.

"Sometimes I look forward to opportunities to give just so I can see God work in my life and see what He can do," Larry adds.

We pray that as you've given this past year, you've not only seen the lives transformed in our community – there are some really exciting numbers on the next page – but you've seen and felt God working in your own life, too!



"The Mission is the best possible solution to overcome homelessness, addiction and for presenting the Gospel." – Larry

The Ministry Outcome Numbers You've Been Waiting For

By praying, learning, serving, connecting and giving throughout the 2021-2022 fiscal year, God allowed us to impact thousands of lives in Sonoma and Mendocino Counties!



106,160
Meals Served



1,519
Families Assisted by Outreach Events



32,988
Nights of Shelter Provided



153
Jobs Secured



16,224
Classes Attended

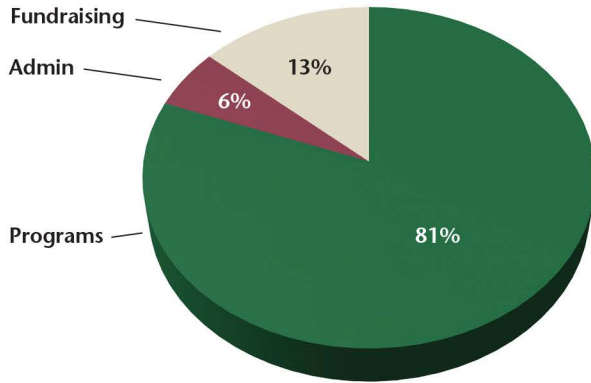


386
Decisions for Christ



1,352
Coaching Sessions

2021-22 Total Revenue and Expenses



Total revenue and support	\$6,810,418
Expenses:	
Programs:	\$4,794,453
Admin:	\$ 338,214
Fundraising:	\$ 803,880
Total expenses:	\$5,936,547

*Pie chart reflects expenses. Financial information is drawn from an independent audit of finances from October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2022. Redwood Gospel Mission has independent audits conducted on an annual basis. Audited financial statement is available on request or online at: srmission.org/financials-and-policies.

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Redwood Gospel Mission Ministries Include:

EMERGENCY SHELTER: Men, women and children experiencing homelessness are provided with warm nutritious meals, clothing, a safe place to sleep and an opportunity to hear the Gospel.

NEW LIFE PROGRAM: A faith-based residential recovery program for women with life-controlling issues who wish to put their issues behind them and start a new life.

MOBILE MINISTRIES: Mobile Ministries includes Nomadic Shelter, Search and Rescue efforts, Mobile Shower and Mobile Kitchen (launching May 2023). The focus is on Luke 14:23, *“And the Lord said unto the servant, ‘Go out into the highways and hedges and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.’”*

JAIL MINISTRIES: Authorized volunteer teams go into the county jail to facilitate chapel services, Bible studies, one-on-one biblical support and provide preliminary interviews for inmates looking to be released into the New Life Program.

THRIFT STORE AND INDUSTRIAL MINISTRIES: Donated items are sold to support the Mission’s ongoing programs and ministries. Through the Thrift Store, we also provide necessities to our community.



OUTREACH MINISTRIES: Outreach events, such as the Great Thanksgiving Banquet, Back-to-School events and more happen throughout the year to allow you to connect with and minister to the poor and needy.

JOB SKILL TRAINING PROGRAMS: Training programs change lives, giving men and women valuable training and experience in Catering, Coffee Roasting, Retail Management, Truck Driving and Forklift Operation.



*“This is my commandment: Love each other
in the same way I have loved you.”*

– John 15:12

With the help of friends like you, the Redwood Gospel Mission has been loving and serving the poor and needy in Sonoma and now Mendocino Counties for over 60 years.



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