



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

## **Redwood Gospel Missions' 2022-2023 Annual Report**

# A Celebration!

**From Jeff Gilman, Executive Director**

When I think about last year, the word that comes to mind is “normal.” We didn’t have major fires or floods. There wasn’t a new pandemic. For the first time in seven years, things felt, well, normal.

Now, when I say “normal,” I don’t mean that it was boring because our 2022-2023 was extraordinary. This Annual Report is a celebration of that – it’s a celebration of what God allowed us to do by coming together to pray, learn, connect, serve and give.





## Transforming Lives Through Prayer

Because we came together to pray, lives were saved, men and women met Jesus, people overcame life-controlling issues, our ministry expanded by opening a new Thrift Store in Rohnert Park and people escaped homelessness in lasting ways.

Prayer truly is the engine that drives our ministry and in the last year I've met several people who have told me that they have been committed to praying for us daily for years. What an incredible gift.

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that drives our ministry..."***



# LEARN

## **Transforming Lives Through Learning**

This year we have continued to see that many of the people in our community want to help their homeless neighbors, but they don't know how.

Knowledge frees people to serve without fear. By partnering with local churches, we've worked to expand our Helping Without Hurting seminars. We now have quite a few partner churches in both Sonoma County and Mendocino County.

If you're interested in joining the next group – or having your church become a host – just let us me know.



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## Transforming Lives Through Serving

Serving is one of the best ways to not only bless others, but experience blessing yourself. Here's one example: We recently brought in a safety instructor for mandatory workplace training who happened to be the man who helped launch our mobile shower ministry. As he went through the curriculum, he couldn't help but share stories of people he'd met through the shower ministry who had impacted his life. It didn't take long for tears to start rolling down his face. He had started out wanting to meet people in their deep need – and he did – but while he was intent on changing their lives, they changed his. He was blessed more than he could have ever imagined.

Don't worry, we finished the training curriculum, too, but what stuck with me the most was the fact that as we seek to serve, we are the ones who end up most blessed. The same thing often happens through giving.



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# CONNECT

## Transforming Lives Through Connecting

I love seeing the connections that happen at the Mission and one that I was incredibly moved by recently was when one of our partners came into the office and asked to see Malikka. She had been so moved by Malikka's story that she had brought her 2024 Redwood Gospel Missions Calendar and wanted to ask Malikka to autograph it for her!

We focus on relationships. It's that level of connection that makes this ministry so different and so life-changing for everyone involved, including those who serve here. If you're looking for new ways to connect, let me know.



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## Transforming Lives Through Giving

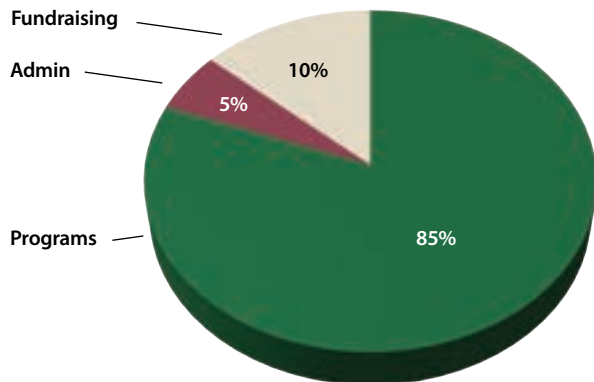
Here at the Mission, we believe in full transparency – you can see all the financial breakdowns on page 7 – and that includes the fact that we believe that nothing we own is truly ours. Instead, we believe that it is God's and that He has shared it with us so that we can steward it for the goodness of His children and the growth of the kingdom.

And as the rest of your Annual Report shows, that's what happened this past year. I hope you find the numbers as encouraging as I do.



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# 2022-2023 Total Revenue and Expenses



**Total revenue and support**                      **\$8,488,783**

Expenses:

Programs:    \$6,934,635

Admin:    \$403,881

Fundraising:    \$820,259

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**Total expenses:**                                      **\$8,158,775**

\*Pie chart reflects expenses. Financial information is drawn from an independent audit of finances from October 1, 2022 – September 30, 2023. 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](http://srmission.org/financials-and-policies).

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# Look What You Made Possible!

By praying, learning, serving, connecting and giving throughout the 2022-2023 fiscal year, God brought us together to touch thousands of lives in Sonoma and Mendocino Counties!



**122,566**

**Meals Served**



**1,641**

**Families Assisted by  
Outreach Events**



**37,163**

**Nights of Shelter Provided**



**113**

**Jobs Secured**



**20,952**

**Classes Attended**



**411**

**Decisions for Christ**



**1,716**

**Coaching Sessions**

# Redwood Gospel Missions 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.

**THE CENTER FOR HOPE, UKIAH:** Our day center in Ukiah is open Monday – Friday providing breakfast, coffee, showers, clothing, encouraging Gospel message, Bible study and more.

**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 our new Mobile Kitchen, which launched in the spring of 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.'"

## ***Redwood Gospel Missions Ministries cont.***

**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 STORES AND INDUSTRIAL MINISTRIES:** We've had our Thrift Store in Santa Rosa for nearly 40 years and we are opening a Rohnert Park location early this summer. Donated items are sold to support the Missions' ongoing programs and ministries.

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

**JOB-SKILLS 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.



***“We love because He first loved us.”***

– 1 John 4:19

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



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