

Spring Newsletter

Serving Troubled Youth Since 1981

My To Do List

The year began with a list of tasks floating around inside my head. One by one they were completed and the year is off to a productive start.

2025 Ministry Stat Totals

Video Newsletter about the stats

Annual Report to the Chief

Annual Report for Supporters

Volunteer Training Presentation

CMCA Workshop PowerPoint

Present the Workshop on Zoom

Speak at my cousins funeral

New Volunteer Training Powerpoint

New Volunteer Training Notes

Plan the Easter Outreaches

Recruit help for Easter Outreaches

My next big project is to finish editing Chaplain Steve's New Testament Living class and upload them to YouTube.

An unwanted task that got added to my list was fixing a water leak in my condo. Three plumbers took three weeks to locate it, fourteen appointments with ten workers came by to fix it, and I took four hours of painting to get things looking almost normal.

Continuing to stay healthy so far this year is something I continue to thank the Lord for daily.



I was worried about the training room being half empty at our annual PCM volunteer training night last January. A few of my volunteers were going to be out of town so I came up with the idea of inviting church staff members and some of my supporters. Everyone I invited was able to attend and we had to put up an extra table in the back. The training presentation was videotaped and everyone who missed being there in person was able to watch it later.

Our two newest volunteers came and when Ray announced that he had just picked up his identification badge from probation that day, everyone broke out in applause. It had been over a year since any volunteers had been added to the team.

Last September, a lecture on complex trauma by Tim Fletcher was recommended on my YouTube home page. Tim Fletcher lives in Canada and is a pastor who became a recovery counselor. His YouTube channel is filled with training sessions about everything that would help someone recover from addiction or anxiety. When I went to his website, I notice a faith-based course which I paid to take and have been working through the material at my own speed.

A year ago I shared about becoming less patient with rebellious youth but the material explains why youth act the way they do and I am back to being more understanding. As I meet with youth one on one, I can clearly see the effects trauma has had on their lives. The volunteer training was entitled, "Why Are the Youth More Difficult?" and you can watch the edited 22-minute presentation on my YouTube Channel.

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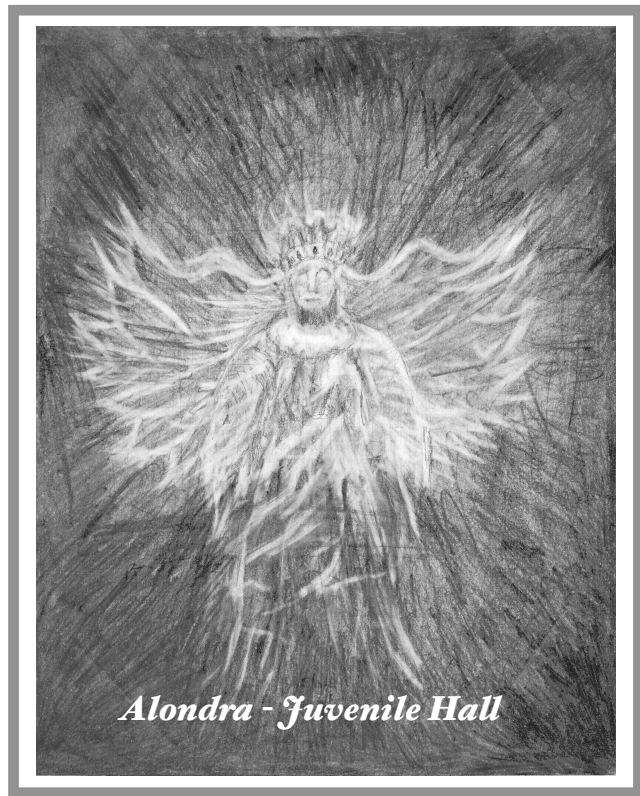
Para-Chaplain Gwen

Gwen Stanga met one of our past volunteers while working together at Biola University many years ago and decided to serve. A few years later, she and her husband decided to adopt a baby boy. At that point Gwen stopped volunteering and became a stay-at-home, soccer mom.

As her son neared adulthood, Gwen returned to the ministry while finishing a Masters Degree in Pastoral Care and Counseling at Talbot School of Theology. One of her classes required her to provide intern hours so for almost a year, Gwen gave the ministry a lot of extra involvement.

After 13 years of being a volunteer, she felt called to come on staff with Pacific Youth Correctional Ministries as a Para-Chaplain. Gwen is also a full-time Christian Preschool teacher so we are blessed to have someone like her who other Christian organizations would also be happy to have.

Gwen teaches a Monday evening bible study in YLA, assists at some JH church services, and does discipleship.



Alondra was in foster care since the age of two and has just begun to participate in our ministry.

One of the things that makes Juvenile Hall a mission field is it's language barrier. The barrier is trying to figure out all the acronyms. I use them all the time without thinking so let me clue you in on a few of them.

- JH: Juvenile Hall
- YLA: Youth Leadership Academy
- YGC: Youth Guidance Center
- YRC: Youth Reporting Center
- HA: House Arrest
- GPS: Ankle Monitor Tracking System
- LME: Large Muscle Exercise
- ADD: Assistant Division Director
- DPCO: Deputy Probation Correctional Officer
- RS: Restricted Status

So it's possible for a youth to be at YLA, waiting to go to the YRC, on RS, and unable to do LME.

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