

For the past 30 years, I've had the honor of serving as Gateway Mission's Executive Director. During those years, I've seen God at work in the lives of countless men, women and children who came to the Mission for relief services or to overcome the devastating effects of drug and alcohol abuse. It's been a joy to watch God at work, transforming lives through hope in Jesus Christ.

Over five years ago, I started an open and transparent conversation with our Board of Directors that we needed to prepare for a leadership transition at the Mission. The Board has been a wonderful support in this process, and they have blessed my desire to retire at the end of this calendar year on December 31, 2022.

Since the announcement of my retirement, the Board has been working diligently to develop a succession plan to ensure that Gateway Mission continues to operate with stability and efficiency. I am supportive of their decision to appoint Jay Riemersma as Interim Executive Director.

Gateway Mission stands on the threshold of an expansion to reach more homeless, hungry and lost individuals and families than ever before. Our new restaurant, Gateway Spoon Café and Grill, will open in 2023 and plans to expand housing and services are in the works for the future. You have been a partner in our efforts to meet the physical, emotional and spiritual needs of the hurting in our community, and I hope you will continue that partnership in the coming years.

Our Board of Directors feels as I do ... confident in a bright and hope-filled future for Gateway Mission and eager to take on new challenges and growth! I pray with all my heart you will come alongside us to offer the gospel of Jesus Christ through compassionate services to those who need them most.

May God bless and keep you.

With Gratitude,



Darryl Bartlett  
Executive Director