



{ Who are the people you see every day? }

People We See

in downtown Los Angeles.

Meet Gloria Mack.



AGE: "I'm 38."
BIRTHPLACE: "Atlanta."
MARITAL STATUS: "Engaged a few times."
FAMILY: "I have three brothers and two sisters." She also has a son, Chris.
MILITARY SERVICE: "I signed up for the Army in Atlanta, however I went to community college instead."
WHEN DID YOU MOVE TO LOS ANGELES? "In 2008. I came to help with my daughter's court case. I was going to fight for her rights because she was falsely accused. The famous Johnny Cochran was going to represent her however, but before the case went to trial, he became ill and passed away. While she was waiting for the trial to begin, my belongings were stolen. I contacted another attorney, but unfortunately that did not work out. My daughter is still fighting and she has not giving up hope."
EDUCATION: "High school and some junior college."
DID YOU PLAY ANY SPORTS? "Basketball, volleyball, and tennis."
TROPHIES OR AWARDS: "Gold and silver ribbons for cooking in junior high."
FAVORITE CHILDHOOD MEMORY: "Being in the band honor guard and the 4H Club."
RELIGION: "Church of God in Christ."
FRIENDS: "My son, Chris, is always there to help."
WHERE DO YOU LIVE? "Different hotels. I'm in Long Beach three weeks of the month, then one week at Midnight Mission."
WHAT WAS THE LAST JOB YOU HAD? "Selling perfumes and DVD movies."
FAVORITE PLACE IN THE CITY: "St. Mark [Lutheran] church [near USC]."
FAVORITE ACTOR: "Denzel Washington."
FAVORITE ACTRESS: "Lucille Ball."
FAVORITE MOVIE: "Gospel movies."
FAVORITE CANDY: "Snickers with almonds."
FAVORITE FOOD: "Southern food."
FAVORITE MUSIC: "Gospel."
LAST BOOK READ: "Stephen King mystery novels."
ADVICE FOR EVERYDAY PEOPLE: "Don't judge. We are not all on drugs."
LAST THING EATEN: "Oatmeal, eggs, and O.J. at the Hippie Kitchen" [Catholic Worker soup kitchen downtown.]
ON MEDICATION? "No."
WHAT DO YOU CARRY AROUND WITH YOU? "A personal hygiene kit – shampoo, toothbrush, and soap."
WHO OR WHAT ORGANIZATION HAS BEEN THE BIGGEST HELP TO YOU? "None."
IF YOU WERE MAYOR, HOW WOULD YOU HELP THE HOMELESS? "I would get people into shelters and help people."
IF YOU COULD WISH FOR ANYTHING, WHAT WOULD IT BE? "I would wish for everyone to have God in their lives, and for people to get off drugs. The world would be a better place."
WHERE DO YOU SEE YOURSELF FIVE YEARS FROM NOW? "Hopefully, as a millionaire and out of this mess."
IF YOU HAD \$1 MILLION, WHAT WOULD YOU DO WITH IT? "Open two hotels, one for the homeless and the other for business."
MOST PRIZED POSSESSION: "God with me, by my side."

The Club gave Gloria a toothbrush and toothpaste, soap, two pairs of socks, shampoo, band wipes, some food, \$20 and bottled water.

The interview took place Aug. 31 across from City Hall.
 Photos by John Hawkins, Club CEO.



{ In this monthly feature, Club CEO John Hawkins, Director of Member Services Angel Gomez, introduce you to people you see every day, but you might not know who they are. }
 The Club reminds you that we all have names and stories to tell.