



GREETINGS FROM UNION GOSPEL MISSION IN DOWNTOWN WINNIPEG!!!

by Frank Ulrich, Executive Director

James 1:27 says, **“Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.”** Many of the people that we serve have not had good father figures in their lives and in fact, some do not even know who their fathers are. We serve people who come from brokenness and despair.

Thankfully, the ministries at Union Gospel Mission provide love and support to the fatherless, and most importantly, a relationship with Jesus through our children’s program, adopt a student program, as well as our camp program. For those people who are older and have struggled for many years with addictions and poverty, our Men’s and Women’s Addiction Recovery Centres and Street Ministry provide programs, which allow people to come to a relationship with Jesus and freedom from the bondage of addiction!

I would like to ask you to prayerfully consider partnering with us in our Mission of providing Christ-centered programs to the addicted, as well as the poor men, women, and children right here in Manitoba.



One way that you can partner with us is to be more aware of our seven different ministries by coming for a tour. Another way of engaging with us is to experience our ministries by spending one night, or a number of nights at one of our facilities. Finally, please consider volunteering your time to assist us in what we are doing.

Please see the center of this newsletter to find out how you can partner with us in this vital ministry.

WHY?

by Susan Kukkonen

A woman comes into the Charis Centre for a variety of reasons. Our hope is that she will stay the course of recovery and find freedom. The 30 Day and Heart Programs provide a solid Biblically based framework on which to lay the foundation of healing. She is loved, nurtured, supported, prayed for, instructed and mentored throughout her stay. Recovery from addictions is hard work and although many successfully navigate our programs, others choose not to stay the course.

So, why do some women choose to leave, long before they are capable of embracing the outside world again? The reality is, we often do not know the answer. We speculate, consider the red flags, gather opinions, surmise, and try to ascertain what prompted this illogical decision. Who would not want to get well? Some of the reasons could be a conflict with another resident, a boyfriend's release from jail, being

influenced by someone to leave, and many more reasons. The fact is, we are dealing with the stronghold of addiction. Our prayer is that our women will choose to surrender to God, rather than to succumb to the pull of addictions.

Jesus tells us, "I have come that they may have life and have it to the full" (John 10:10). Our hope and prayer for all the women in the Charis Centre is that each one would choose this life that Christ offers to each of us.

What can you do? Pray that more woman will seek recovery and that those already here will stay. Deuteronomy 30:19 tells us **"I call heaven and earth as witness against you that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curses. Now choose life, so that you and your children may live."** To this we say amen.



I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.
—Luke 5:32

I'M SO EXCITED THAT NOBODY IS A WRITE-OFF!

by Rev. Israel Izuakor, Senior Chaplain

What do you consider a big deal to you? During two of our recent chapel services, seven people gave their lives to Christ! If finding one lost sheep out of hundred sheep was so important to a shepherd, if finding one lost coin out of ten coins was so important to a woman, if finding one lost son that squandered his wealth and caused him much pain was so important to a father, and if the angels celebrate in heaven over one sinner that repents, then it is a big deal to me that not one, but seven souls gave their life to Christ!

In one of those recent services, the speaker went overtime, which is taboo in our street ministry. Even so, souls were still saved. Another chapel service fell on the “happy hour” moment (when the cheques come out). Despite this, some people still came to hear God’s Word, resulting in lives being saved. Please join us to pray for the spiritual growth of these seven souls.



The men that led these people to Christ are both pastors, husbands and fathers. But, before they met Christ, one was heavily involved in street life and the other was heavily involved in the occult. It is amazing how God uses anyone who surrenders to Him.

The same God that saved you and me, the two precious men and the seven they led to Christ at UGM, is still saving more lives today, that we may all bring Him glory with our lives and continue to point others to Him.

I’m so excited that nobody is a “write-off” with this awesome God!



“Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not unto your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.” –Proverbs 3:5-6

PERSEVERANCE

by Nelson Gonzalez, Principal

It is a fact of life that achieving good things requires hard work, sacrifice and effort. This was the experience of Candace, who finally graduated from high school at Faith Learning Centre. Candace had registered for Faith Learning Centre multiple times. During this time, there were self withdrawals and misses for various reasons. But, Candace continued to enroll each year and worked harder each time. Her efforts finally paid off this year, obtaining her high school diploma. She is now pursuing post-secondary

studies to realize her long-time dream of becoming a nurse.

We know that Jesus was there with her in her most difficult moments and all those times when she wanted to quit. Nevertheless, she conquered and she now has the satisfaction of achieving something greater than she ever thought possible. Staff and classmates told her to keep her eyes on Jesus, and that He would see her through.

All glory to the Lord; He was faithful and helped Candace to realize her goal by giving her faith and hope. Our students have a mighty Saviour and friend, the Lord Jesus!

VALEDICTORIAN!

by Gilbert Plante, Family Life Centre,
Ministries Manager

The 2016-2017 school year has ended, and the 2017-18 year is under way. We do not know what victories or defeats may occur this school year, however, may our Lord be glorified through all of it. I want to congratulate the class of 2017. The Adopt-A-Student program had five students that graduated this past summer - Patrick, Shaylin, Akeel, Tiana and Kaeziah. This was the first time that a sponsored student was voted in as Valedictorian! Kaeziah finished with a 90% average, earned \$10,000 in scholarships, as well as winning the Christian Character Award. Kaeziah will be going to the University of Manitoba doing an undergrad in economics this coming fall. She was interviewed by CHVN radio and when asked, "What was the number one thing you learned in school", this was her response.

"There are two things, actually - faithfulness and awareness. I think in every aspect of life, but especially

Kaeziah's favourite verse:

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

—Joshua 1:9



in a Christian's walk with the Lord, faithfulness to the cause of Christ is the key. It's difficult, you know. In James, it says 'Consider it all joy when you encounter suffering'. That's tough, but here in North America, we've got it so different. But even when we don't see fruit, even when we don't feel like the Lord is moving, He is, so we need to be faithful to that cause. Also, awareness. Being aware of other people and being aware of what's going on in the world and the brokenness and the healing that needs to happen in the school and in the World is also important. I think those are the two things I learned the most in school."

What a blessing to see Jesus working in the lives of our sponsored students. Please pray with us for all the students and family members in the Adopt-A-Student Program. For \$600 a year, the results can be eternal!!

Union Gospel Mission Urban Mission Aware Program



There are 4 options for you to get involved ...

OPTION #1 - TOUR 4 LOCATIONS

Join a Saturday afternoon tour. Groups up to 24 people can book a tour from 1 to 5 pm. We will transport you to our 4 locations, and in one afternoon you will see how Union Gospel Mission helps the least, the last and the lost through seven major ministries.

OPTION #2 - LEARN ABOUT INNER CITY MISSION

Come and stay over Friday night. Men stay at 320 Princess St. and women stay at the Charis Centre. Groups can also stay together at the Family Life Centre. Breakfast and lunch on Saturday are included, along with the tour of 4 Union Gospel Mission locations. We can facilitate groups of up to 12 men and/or 12 women for this option. Come and see how Union Gospel Mission helps the least, the last and the lost through seven major ministries.

OPTION #3 - EXPERIENCE INNER CITY MINISTRY

Dive in for a week (or longer) of inner city ministry. You will live in a private room for the length of your stay and eat with the men or women in our recovery programs. Women have a private room at the Charis Centre, while men have a private room at 320 Princess St. You will volunteer in one or more areas of ministry, according to your interests.

OPTION #4 - GROUP VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Bring a group for a few hours or a whole day. We have several different service opportunities for your care group, youth group, church or Christian school. See the next page for a few options on how you can serve.

For more information on becoming involved in Union Gospel Mission's Urban Mission Aware Program please contact:

**volunteer@gospelmission.ca
204-943-9904 - ext. 226
www.bemissionaware.ca**





GROUP VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Evening Soup Line

- Greet & usher guests
- Dining room set-up and serve meal
- Kitchen help
- Distribute food bags and bread
- General cleaning

Donations

- Sort donated clothing, linens and literature
- Pick clothing for the different ministries
- Bag up damaged clothing
- Load trailer with recycled clothing
- Bag soap, shampoo and conditioner

General Cleaning Indoors

- Sweep, mop and wash windows
- Wipe walls, doors and fridge
- Wash tables, chairs and cupboards

Spring/Fall Cleaning Out Doors

- Gardening, rake lawn and pick up litter
- Clean windows, parking lot & loading ramp

Outreach BBQ

- Help to plan and organize a BBQ
- Provide live music
- Distribute Christian literature
- Help promote UGM programs

Outreach Carnival or VBS

- Plan and run a VBS or Carnival
- Help with outreach in the North End & Point Douglas areas to bring the Word of God

Deliver Fliers

- Help deliver 10,000 fliers throughout the North End and Point Douglas areas of Winnipeg
- Canvas door-to-door to help people 'Clean out their closets for Christ' in clothing donations

INDIVIDUAL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Street Ministry

- Kitchen helper
- Drop-in ministry
- Food bank helper
- Chapel speaker

Family Ministry

- Kitchen helper
- After school kids clubs helper
- Summer children's day camp and VBS
- Women's Bible study helper
- Ladies day helper

Women's Recovery Program

- Kitchen helper
- Receptionist
- Mentor for women in recovery
- Bible study instructor
- Driver

Men's Recovery Program

- Bible study instructor
- Job coach
- Mentor for men in recovery
- Driver

Operations

- Maintenance helper
- Dock helper
- Clothing sorter
- Janitorial helper
- Driver (cargo van)
- Gardener

Adult Education

- Adult education tutor
- Teacher's assistant
- Receptionist

Public Relations / Development

- Pulpit supply
- Group host
- Grant writer
- Pastor visitation
- Newsletter editor

Whoever welcomes this little child in my name welcomes Me, and whoever welcomes Me welcomes the one who sent me.” –Luke 9:48



HOW DO YOU GET INTO HEAVEN?

by Ron Albo

I have been in the position of Children’s Ministry Leader since early March. During this time, I have delivered a Bible lesson five days a week. I have gone over what Jesus did on the cross countless times, and how belief in Jesus will give us eternal life. Then, one day, I decided to ask the question, “How do you get into heaven?” To my dismay, not one child knew the answer. Some thought it was just a matter of trying to be good, and others thought that one only must believe in God.

Flabbergasted, I told them the only way to heaven is through Jesus. I followed this with an explanation of what I meant. The incident shook me up because I thought that there was at least one child in the group who was aware of what the Bible taught regarding salvation.

I thought a lot about it and then something hit me. Despite hanging out with Jesus during His ministry, the apostles were out of touch with how the Messiahship of Jesus was going to work. Three years they listened and watched Him, and at the end they weren’t even sure of His divinity.

Sometimes teaching people about Jesus takes more than just several months. Even so, I’ve decided to buckle down and mention the way to salvation each and every time a Bible lesson is taught. The real amazing thing is that hearts are opened in God’s time. I’ve also decided to pray for the children more than I had been. Please pray, as often as the Holy Spirit puts it on your heart, for the precious souls of the children who come into the Family Life Centre!

Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. –James 4:8

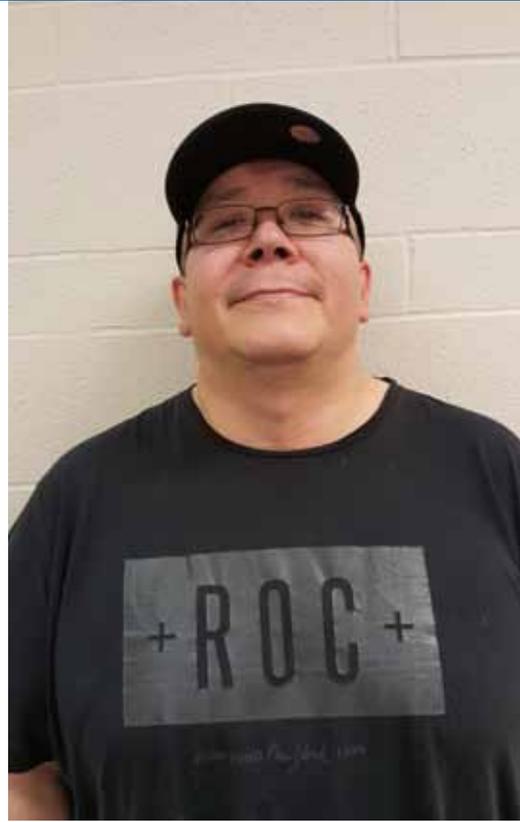
KEITH FOR GOD, GOD FOR KEITH!

by Rev. Israel Izuakor, Senior Chaplain

Each person recovering from addictions has a story as to how his recovery journey started. Keith's started the day he told himself the hard truth about the effects that his addiction to drugs and alcohol had on him and his loved ones, especially his young children. Resolving to regain his life back and to be a good father, he went to detox - Main Street Project.

UGM Chaplaincy holds a weekly Bible study at detox and uses the chance to spread the news about our recovery program. In one of the meetings, Keith first heard of UGM and how Christ is the true source of freedom. He gained admission into our recovery program in January this year as soon as he left detox.

"Christ has been healing Keith ever since," said his faithful chaplain, Mark. I see the fruits of continued healing in Keith. It blesses me to see how he takes God's Word to heart. In the Bible classes, he listens and asks questions, because he sincerely desires to learn and grow in Christ. God's Word has also been convicting him of things



in his life. In a meeting with him, he made me so proud when he shared "I ran into an old friend today on the street and he tried to offer me bad stuff in order to win me back to my old life, but I said NO WAY and ran back to the Mission!"

In another meeting, he remorsefully told me, "Please pray for my mom! God's been showing me lately how much pain I caused my parents growing up. I'm now realizing how much they sacrificed for me and I'm learning to be more thankful."

Please continue to pray for Keith and the men in recovery.



*He heals
the broken-
hearted and
binds up their
wounds.*

—Psalms 147:3

SHE JUST SHINES

by *Connie Pattie*

When Amanda comes into Ladies Bible studies and Ladies Day, she just shines. The Lord has done such a transformation in her life. When she started coming to the Family Life Centre about four years ago, she was really downtrodden and discouraged. She is a single mother of six children who came to the city from a reserve and left an abusive relationship with the father of her children.

Since that time, the Lord has built up Amanda's self-confidence, and she has gone through so many trials, but has persevered and is now doing so well. She has a beautiful home and she is a good mother to her children. She is always willing to learn new things and is even taking training so she can buy her own home and have her own job. She says "The joy of the Lord is

her strength." She attends all the Bible studies and Ladies Days here at the Family Life Centre. She loves to help out and she is such an encouragement to the other ladies. In her home church, she participates in praise and worship, and goes out to win souls to the Lord. It's amazing what the Lord has done in her life.

Last year, Amanda's grandmother was very sick, and the doctors said she would not make it. Amanda trusted God's Word and prayed fervently for her grandmother to come off life support and recover from the effects of the heart attack. She put in a prayer request here at the Centre. Her grandmother, Myrtle, recovered and is now regularly attending our Ladies Day on Wednesdays and has accepted the Lord in her life.

What a wonderful and mighty God we serve!

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- Canned meats (chicken, tuna, ham etc.)
- Beef, Poultry, fish (Donations from a farm has to be killed and processed at a government inspected facility)
- Eggs
- Bacon
- Breakfast Sausages
- Produce
- Dairy products
- Frozen veggies
- Winter Clothing
- Toilet Paper
- Laundry PODS
- 30x38 garbage bags
- 38x50 garbage bags
- 6oz Styrofoam cups



Thank You!

UPCOMING

EVENTS



7 Ministries Under God

ALTONA BANQUET

- Friday, October 6, 6:30pm
- Rhineland Pioneer Centre, Altona
- Special Music: Glorybound Quartet
- Guest Speaker: Frank Ulrich, Executive Director
- Tickets: (204) 324-8329

UNION GOSPEL MISSION THANKSGIVING STREET MEAL

- Saturday, October 7
- 320 Princess St., Winnipeg
- 50 Volunteers needed - Call Rosanne at (204) 943-9904 ext.226
- Food needed: Turkey, Potatoes, Pies, Frozen Vegetables, Juice

WINNIPEG BANQUETS

- Saturday, October 14, Noon & 6:30pm
- North Kildonan MB Church
- Special Music: Ed Wayne & The North Border Band
- Guest Speaker: Frank Ulrich, Executive Director
- Tickets (204) 943-9904 ext.226

GLADSTONE DESERT NIGHT

- Date: Friday, October 20, 7:00pm
- Gladstone Fellowship Church
- Special Music: Marvin & Darlene Kehler
- Guest Speaker: Frank Ulrich, Executive Director
- Everyone Welcome - no tickets required

CARMAN DESERT NIGHT

- Date: Sunday, October 29, 7:00pm
- Location: Friends Community Church
- Special Music: Jayme Giesbrecht
- Guest Speaker: Frank Ulrich, Executive Director
- Everyone Welcome - no tickets required

If you would like to host an event in your church or community to help raise awareness and/or funds for Union Gospel Mission, please contact Jeff Gilfillan at (204) 943-9904 ext. 237

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