

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.” – John 3:16 (NKJV)



THANKSGIVING

By Frank Ulrich, Executive Director

We are so thankful to God that He gave us His Son Jesus so we can have the hope of spending forever in heaven with our Creator.

As the Thanksgiving season approaches, we have so very much for which to be thankful. On October 1st of this year, Union Gospel Mission will have been providing Christ-centered programs to addicted and poor people in Manitoba for 85 years. Thanks be to God for sustaining this ministry and for the hundreds of thousands of lives that have been touched by Christ through the Mission.

We are thankful for the seven ministries that God has allowed us to provide: men’s and women’s addictions ministries, street ministry, Christian education, adult education and youth and family ministries. Through these ministries, hundreds of people each year make spiritual commitments and are freed from the bondage of addiction.

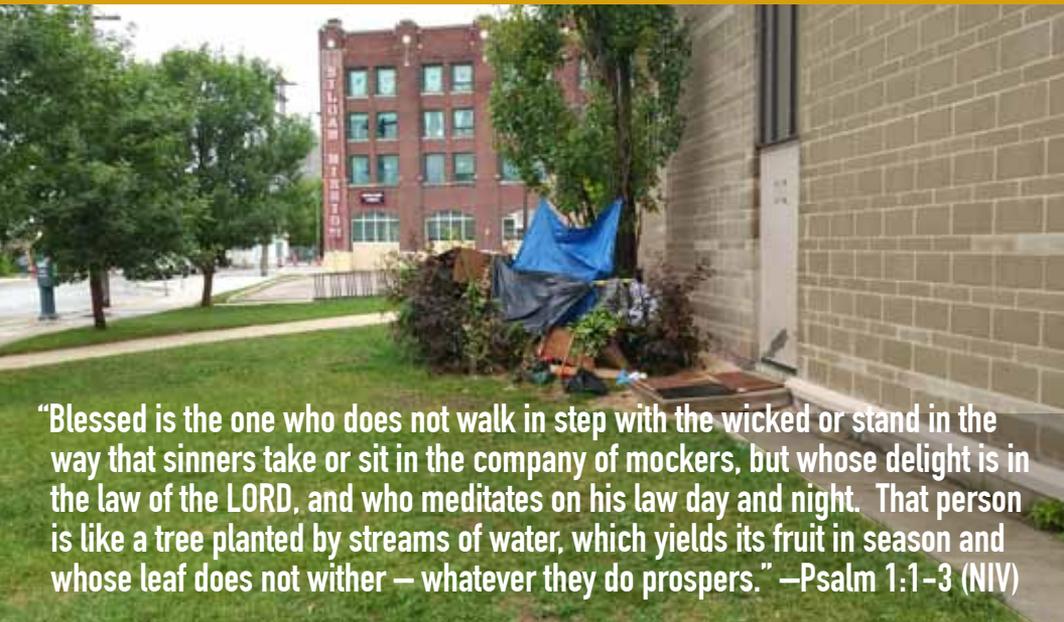
Thank you to all of you who are a valuable part of our ministry. Thank you for praying for the ministry, for volunteering and for providing the goods and funds needed to operate the Mission.

Thank you for helping to support Union Gospel Mission through our Summer Appeal. You helped raise over \$60,000 not including the \$20,000 match, that is over \$80,000 in support of meeting the needs of the Least, the Last and the Lost. Thank you, we are so blessed to have partners like you!



STREET MINISTRY

Drop-in – Chapel – Soup-line – Meals



“Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, but whose delight is in the law of the LORD, and who meditates on his law day and night. That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither – whatever they do prospers.” –Psalm 1:1-3 (NIV)

PLANTED BY STREAMS OF WATER

By Mark Kelm, Senior Chaplain

John has been on the street for most of his life. He’s led a hard life and you can tell by his bushy, greying beard and the wrinkled, weathered look to his face. But John always has a smile and a pleasant, mild-mannered demeanor about him. Despite all the hardships, he has a joy that seems always to be present. One day I complimented him on his positive attitude. He responded that it comes from being able to spend one more day with Jesus. He said he learned to live that way by spending time with Christ, and said the chapel services and the meals were an important part of his time with Jesus. It was like coming to a cold stream of water on a hot day, he said—like that stream of

water in Psalm chapter one. I knew immediately what he was talking about and I was humbled at how well John knew Jesus in his heart.

Psalm 1:3 says this about someone who walks with God daily and has Him as his strength: “He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither.” John found the streams of water he needed in Christ at Union Gospel Mission through the chapel services and the meals. This, and being able to chat with people who love Jesus as he does, has given John the strength and joy he needs to get through each day. John’s pleasant demeanor is the fruit that is yielded through those streams of living water found only in Christ. May we all drink from that stream of life in Jesus today!

Meal-a-Day

\$1.99/meal

WOMEN'S ADDICTIONS

HEART Recovery Program – Charis Centre

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” – Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

THE JOURNEY

By Bev (Graduate) and Marlene Wiebe, Recovery Chaplain

Bev graduated from UGM’s Charis Centre on June 12, 2018. Here’s a bit of her story, first in her own words and then from Recovery Chaplain, Marlene.

Bev: I grew up in a Christian family and attended Sunday School and church. My home life was difficult. I pretended to follow Jesus and was even baptized at age 16.

I developed an eating disorder when I was 14. Anorexia took over my life and gradually led to bulimia. For the next 20 years my eating disorders ran my every thought and I was in bondage. I never believed I could ever be normal.

I had my first drink at age 17 and got drunk. After graduating from high school, I immediately got involved in the bar scene and started smoking pot. My abuse of food and alcohol continued for the next 17 years. Then I was introduced to crack cocaine. During the next 15 years I crossed every line I said I would never cross. My life consisted of lies and schemes and I became a master manipulator and thief.

Though I ran from Him, God never stopped pursuing me. I was a bit like Jonah in the Bible, but instead of a fish,



God used treatment centres to get my attention.

In 2004 I made the decision to follow Christ and surrendered by life to Him. I was filled with love for Jesus and studying God’s Word became my passion. However, I made a wrong choice and went back into the drug scene until I got very ill in 2016. After that I turned back to alcohol. In 2017 I decided to enter treatment for the tenth time.

Marlene: Bev was held captive by the evil one for many years. The life style brought darkness, depression, hopelessness, anger and resentment into her heart. Bev sought God and found Him. She surrendered all to God and the Light shone into her darkened heart. She experienced God’s love, forgiveness, joy, hope and peace.

God longs to bless and reward His children, but it is essential that they be willing to turn to Him and repent of their unfaithfulness and disobedience. God enjoys bestowing benefits on those who turn to Him in dependence and trust.

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CHRISTIAN SCHOOL *Faith Academy*



HOPE IN JESUS

By Gilbert Plante, Family Ministries
Manager

Upon one of my regular home visits, I was encouraged when a mother asked me to be her sponsor. This mom lost custody of her two children a couple of years ago. She has laboured to jump through the hoops and red tape of regaining custody of her children. There have been many hours of self-help groups and secular counselling to achieve the return of her family.

Adopt-a-Student
\$50/month or
\$600/year

This mom knows that in the past she made many poor choices, which led to her children being placed in foster care. She suffered from drug addiction and a lack of self-esteem. By God's grace the children were able to remain in the Christian School Program while they were in foster care. During this time, I continued to minister to the mom and take her through the Scriptures, showing her the hope she has in Jesus.

When this mother asked me to be the sponsor, she said it was because "you're a straight shooter and say it the way it is."

This family, a single mom and two children, has come a long way in the last year. Addiction affects the entire family, not only the addict.

The children suffer some emotional scars from their mom's addiction. However, the Lord will restore the years the locusts have eaten. Life's journey will not be an

easy one for this family and the many other families that have been turned upside down by addictions. My encouragement comes from the fact that even when it appears someone is at the point of no return, there is hope. His name is Jesus.

**"But I have trusted in Your steadfast love;
My heart shall rejoice in Your salvation." – Psalm 13:5 (ESV)**

ADULT EDUCATION

Faith Learning Centre

“Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize.” 2 Corinthians 9:24 (NIV)



GRADUATION

By Nelson Gonzalez, Principal

Four students graduated from our Learning Centre this June. Graduation isn't often mentioned while they study Math, English, and other subject areas, but it's understood that at some point the students will graduate from mature high school. At no point in our curricula and daily work do we pause to believe we won't see our learners achieve their goal.

It's challenging for them to pass all courses the first time, but completion is the end goal. Soon after, a well-earned reward awaits them—their high school diploma. Graduation happens primarily by the help of the Lord, who with His Spirit encourages, helps and provides what the students need to attend school.

Other agents also participate in this process: teachers, UGM donors, the Department of Education, our partner Faith Academy, UGM Managers and too many more to mention. Everyone has a reward, which the Lord will give them for being His followers and for doing the work that He inspires them to do.

The graduates are excited! It's the beginning of a new life for them. They have opportunities to improve and to enjoy the good things in life through finding a job or by training for higher education. They have opportunities to serve Jesus.

The students at our Centre work hard to learn and to earn their courses. Nothing is just given. Please help us pray that they will make a difference through their knowledge and devotion to the Lord.

UGM Urban MISSION AWARE Program

5 options for you to get involved:

Tour 4 Locations

Groups can book a tour. We will transport you to each location and in a few hours you will see how UGM helps the least, the last and the lost through our ministries.

Learn About Inner City Mission

Come and stay overnight. 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 the UGM locations. We can facilitate groups of up to 12 men and/or 12 women for this option. Come and see how UGM helps the least, the last and the lost through our ministries.

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.



For more information on becoming involved in Union Gospel Mission Urban Mission Aware Program:

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

Group Volunteer Opportunities

Bring a group for a few hours or a day. We have several different service opportunities for your care group, youth group, church or Christian school. No group is too big or too small.

- Evening Soup Line
- Compassion Warehouse
- General Cleaning Indoors
- Spring/Fall Cleaning Outdoors
- Outreach BBQ
- Outreach Carnival or VBS
- Deliver Fliers

Individual Opportunities

Have you thought about volunteering, but do not know where to start? There are many ways in which God can use your talents at UGM.

- Street Ministry
- Family Ministry
- Women's Recovery Program
- Men's Recovery Program
- Operations
- Adult Education
- Public Relations / Development



CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Family Life Centre



SHOW & TELL

By Ron Albo, Children's Ministry Leader

Show and tell is a popular and fun activity for young school children. Typically, a child brings in an object to show the class and then talks about it for a minute or two. Recently, a boy who attends the Family Life Centre Kids' Club brought an unusual object to his class for show and tell day. His mother knew I'd be interested in this and gave me the written text of what he said as he displayed the object.

The object was a framed Bible verse that he was awarded a few months ago. The verse is John 14:6, "Jesus said...I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."

He started by telling the class where he received the framed verse, that he believes in the Lord and that he felt excited when he got it. He read the verse to the class and finished his presentation by telling the class that he kept the framed verse in his dining room so he could always see it when at home.

"My special object is special to me because it reminds me that God is with me," he said.

In a school where talking about Jesus Christ at the front of the class is not allowed by staff, this young boy stood up and spoke some truth. This is just an ordinary little guy who did something extraordinary. I don't know what effect his talk had on the class—that is God's domain and for God to decide—but I do know it confirms the on-going need of the Family Life Centre in this community. We proclaim the Gospel to a community ravaged by poverty, crime and brokenness. Adults and children need to know there is hope, and the only hope possible is found by putting our faith and trust in the Saviour Jesus Christ.

God chose to use a nine-year-old boy to say something important about Jesus. If this lad can muster the courage to stand up and talk about Jesus, then the rest of us should follow suit whenever we get the same privilege. Everyone should hear what this boy declared: that Jesus said,

"I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." – John 14:6

THE GOD OF ALL COMFORTS

By Mark Kelm, Senior Chaplain

Joseph lost his father ten years ago. His father had spent years in a chronic care facility after suffering a stroke. Joseph had done his best to look after his Dad and he thought he had more years left with him. Then one day he received the painful news by telephone: his Dad had passed away. This news sent Joseph into a downward spiral of depression and drug addiction that would last for years. Joseph found the grief over the loss of his Dad overwhelming. He didn't have the help he needed to deal with that grief in a healthy way so he turned to drugs and isolation.

Last winter Joseph finally reached the bottom of his despair. He knew he needed help before he lost his own life. He heard about the Christ-centered men's recovery program at Union Gospel Mission and decided he would give it a try. As a result, Joseph has finally found the peace and healing he never thought possible after suffering from so much grief and addiction. He found that Jesus was able to fulfill the promise made in Matthew 5:4 where He said, "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted." Joseph also found that Jesus is indeed the God that



the apostle Paul called the "God of all comfort," in 2 Corinthians 1:3. In Jesus, Joseph has found a much better way to deal with his grief.

God has given us the process of grieving as the way to heal from the loss of loved ones. Grief is painful and unpredictable, but when we walk through that grief with Jesus, as we are supposed to, we are able

to eventually find the peace we need. Jesus weeps with us as He did at Lazarus' funeral in John 11:35. He gives the hope of no more mourning, found in Revelation 21:4.

Praise God for the comforting peace that can be found in Jesus!

New Life in Christ

\$100/month or

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"He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." — Revelation 21:4 (NIV)

FAMILY MINISTRY

Family Life Centre



“For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. Therefore, put on the full armour of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.”

— Ephesians 6:12-13 (NIV)

THE ARMOUR OF GOD

By Gilbert Plante, Family Ministries Manager

At one of our recent Ladies’ Day Bible studies, we talked about the Armour of God found in Ephesians 6. I was surprised to find how many ladies walk around unprotected and as vulnerable as sheep going to the slaughter.

The Whole Armour of God is a way to describe some of the blessings of God in the life of a Christian—the tools with which He has equipped us with to stand firm against Satan and have spiritual victory. Many of the women coming to the Centre want spiritual victory in their life but have no idea how to claim it.

In the North End, there is a Jewish Synagogue, a Muslim Mosque, a Buddhist temple and a variety of denominational churches within a few short blocks. One of the tricks of the evil one is to confuse people. He has done this very well with all the

different spiritual activity in the North End.

The Bible study that day talked about waking in the morning, putting on your armour and using discernment to cut through the spiritual lies and attacks we face every day. In Jeremiah 29, we are told if we seek the Lord with all our heart we will find Him, and when we are in a personal relationship with Jesus, all of heaven’s resources are at our disposal.

The final word of the day came from Proverbs 3:5-6: “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight” (NIV). The ladies were told to put on their armour, have both hands on the plow, and keep marching forward. Then they will have spiritual victory in their lives.

CLOTHING TOSS BOX PROGRAM

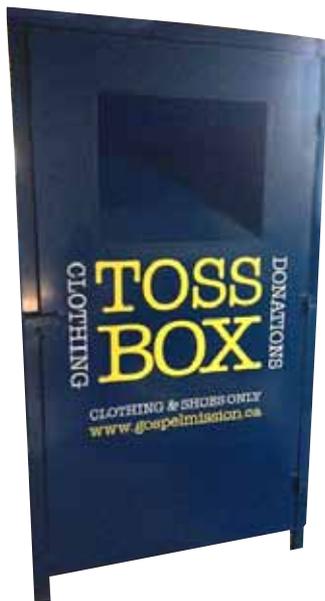
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FALL NEEDS FOR OPERATIONS

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- Clock radios
- Gift cards for fuel purchases
- Cereals



Thank You!

UNION GOSPEL MISSION FALL FUNDRAISING EVENTS



SAVE
THE
DATE!

Gladstone Dessert Night

Sunday September 30, 7:00 pm
Gladstone Christian Fellowship

Altona Fall Banquet

Friday October 5, 6:30 pm
Rhineland Pioneer Centre, Altona

Winnipeg Fall Banquets

Saturday October 13, Noon & 6:30 pm
North Kildonan MB Church, Winnipeg

Carman Dessert Night

Date TBA, 7:00 pm
Friends Community Church, Carman

Niverville Dessert Night (NEW)

Sunday October 21, 7:00 pm
4th Ave. Bible Church, Niverville

Thanksgiving

Community (Street) Meal

Saturday October 6
320 Princess St., Winnipeg

50 Volunteers Needed:

Call Rosanne at
204-943-9904 Ext 226

Food Needed:

Turkeys, Potatoes, Pumpkin Pie,
Whipped Cream,
Frozen Vegetables, Juice

Union Gospel Mission has a variety of guest speakers for your next event, whether that be a Men's Breakfast or a Ladies Tea, a youth rally or concert or a focus on mission's event.

We will even come and speak to a small group such as a pot-luck with a purpose, a Bible study or a missions committee.

We are still available to help with pulpit supply as well.

To arrange a special speaker please contact Jeff Gilfillan at
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