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# Nobody but Jesus

# Let the Son Shine

Our church family and supporters are very precious to us at UGM and we are so encouraged by your prayers and the thoughtful giving of your time, your provisions, and your finances. We are truly blessed. Thank you.

The booklet you are holding is one way we can bring you inside the inner workings of the Mission and give you a glimpse of just some of the hearts of those who serve here, either as full time missionaries or as regular volunteers. We are an eclectic, truly international group of brothers and sisters (at least 12 first generation nationalities). Each person brings a richness and uniqueness to the Mission and the Lord grants each one opportunity to express their 'giftings' in remarkable ways.

Our Executive Director, Frank Ulrich, beautifully expresses what motivates each servant here. His words are shared last, by way of summation to all that you will read. "The key is Christ centered". "I am much more concerned about sharing Jesus with each person that we serve so that they can spend eternity with Jesus." Literally, it comes as no surprise to me that the Lord immediately undergirds these words as I type with a message from our brother Nelson Gonzalez, Principal at UGM's Faith Learning Centre. He writes "Good afternoon, just an update of the souls that have come to the Lord in the scope of about one month." Nelson then lists nine names! To God be all the glory!!

The month of June is my personal favourite. The long days of light, the greenness and the sunshine, nothing can mask the wonder of the Lord. We are called to be light to the world. The greenness mirrors the fertility of constant prayer. The sunshine's warmth talks to the warmth of our fellowship with one another.

We do so hope that the content of this booklet thrills you and brings you closer to feeling a part of what God is doing here. We have special rates to facilitate the expense of this little publication and desire to honour the Lord by sharing what we do. The Lord is so busy with His seven ministries and accordingly, we desire to include you more closely. We are excited to serve Jesus any way we can. Thank you again for your love and support.

**– Martin Chidwick, Development Manager**



**Oh, and for those of you who tune in to CHVN 95.1 F.M., UGM has its first Radio-thon in its 87 year history!**

Our two days are June 16 & 17. We would love to hear from you by phone and take your prayer requests. Our primary aim is to honour Jesus first and take your prayer requests second. We hope to attract new supporters.



To aid us with our objective to honour Jesus first, we have two special phone numbers for the Radio-thon:

- 431 222 2636 (AMEN) and
- 431 222 7729 (PRAY) - a designated prayer line



We would also encourage you to visit our website at:

- [www.gospelmission.ca](http://www.gospelmission.ca)
- or to CHVN's website at [www.chvnradio.com](http://www.chvnradio.com)

## Called to Serve

Since I was a young girl I knew that God had called me to serve others. He had given me the desire to help those less fortunate individuals who were considered dangerous to society – individual's whose life path had led to addiction and the list could go on.

After leaving college, I began this work immediately and my desire grew stronger, but sadly my relationship with God grew weaker. I felt like a lost child going through a spiritual crisis in a big world that I no longer recognized. God began to feel very distant and became the one that I went to when I was desperately in need of something. The amazing thing was that God never once left me. Through all of my bad decisions and rebellion my Heavenly Father was right there, still protecting and guiding me.

The time came when I knew that I needed to start making God a priority in my life again. My relationship with Jesus was missing in my life and I began to miss His presence. I began to pray that He would lead me back. I remembered the days as a child when I had faith to move mountains and now as a broken adult, I seemed to not be able to muster up the faith to move a dust bunny! Our God is so amazing, because as soon as I started asking He started leading.

After some time, this Journey led me to Winnipeg where, unknown to me, God was prepping me for ministry. That's right!

Me! His wayward misfit of a child (in my eyes) was being prepped to begin a journey that would rock my world. He led me to work at an indigenous healing lodge. How is that prepping for ministry you ask? Good question! Here He would allow me to learn the details of indigenous spirituality. This being the major form of spirituality in Manitoba, I would need to know and understand the dynamics before God led me to a ministry where I would work with primarily indigenous ladies.

Fast forward three years, when I got a message from a friend that Union Gospel Mission was hiring a manager for their women's addiction treatment program. She thought I would be the perfect candidate, so she passed on the information. Once looking it up and realizing that it REALLY was a Mission and they actually called their employees missionaries, I quickly threw the information aside *knowing* that this wasn't for me. There was NO WAY I was worthy enough to be given that title. Three months later, I again got a message from my friend that Union Gospel Mission was still looking to fill this position and she really felt this was the job for me. Feeling amused at first, I began to inquire. What I soon realized was that God was navigating me down the path that I was so unwilling to go down. He was about to show me that the job that I *knew* wasn't for



me was in fact His plan and path for my life. A month later I would begin my new Job in ministry as the Manager of Charis Centre. Through many sleepless nights, fighting many anxious thoughts, questioning God on why He would ask ME, I finally took the biggest leap of faith I had ever taken. I accepted the job.

Now let's fast forward two years and nine months. I can now see how by leading me to a ministry that I felt so ill-equipped to manage (on a spiritual level), God was answering my prayer from years back to bring me back to the faith I once had as a child. God used my skills that He had allowed me to acquire over the past number of years to manage an addiction treatment program and He used the Mission to lead me back to an amazing relationship with Him where my faith grew rapidly. God not only restored my childhood faith, but He brought me further than I have ever been before. That's the God we serve – continually faithful...continually full of grace and mercy. – **Lorianne Tulk, Charis Centre Manager**

*Psalms 139: 8-16*

*“Where can I go from Your Spirit?  
Or where can I flee from Your presence?  
If I ascend into heaven, You are there;  
If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there.  
If I take the wings of the morning,  
And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,  
Even there Your hand shall lead me,  
And Your right hand shall hold me.  
If I say, “Surely the darkness shall fall on me,”  
Even the night shall be light about me;  
Indeed, the darkness shall not hide from You,  
But the night shines as the day;  
The darkness and the light are both alike to You.  
For You formed my inward parts;  
You covered me in my mother's womb.  
I will praise You, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made;  
Marvelous are Your works,  
And that my soul knows very well.  
My frame was not hidden from You,  
When I was made in secret,  
And skillfully wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.  
Your eyes saw my substance, being yet unformed.  
And in Your book they all were written,  
The days fashioned for me,  
When as yet there were none of them.”*

# The Walk Speaks Louder

**Psalm 34:8 - "Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Blessed is the man who trusts in Him!"**

One of the few people who had a tremendous impact on my life was my grandfather. As a young boy, I often remember walking by his home office to find out that he was on another journey and not home. His office was always fascinating to me, actually somewhat mystical. I saw many souvenirs, including a fish that looked scary to me. I found out it was a piranha with sharp teeth. I remember looking at a world map with all these dots on it, which seemed like other locations in different countries. I started counting and came up with a number of around 68. I understood that these must have been the countries he visited. I found foreign pictures of many different people he met. I did not understand who these people were, but it seemed to me that grandpa had many friends.

One of them was an astronaut. One woman from Japan was carrying her paralyzed husband on her back for a few decades. One man called brother "Andrew" from Open Doors. Another man was Richard Wurmbrand. I remember giggling about his last name- a "worm". None of these people grandpa met made sense to me, but it was interesting to me anyway. Hearing stories how grandpa grew up in Russia, travelled to preach the word in underground churches, which made him disappear for months without anybody knowing where he was, persecuted for his faith, suffered hunger, shared their last meals with people in need and yet many times were miraculously saved through angels God sent, seemed to me like "cool" stories.

As impressive as it was to me, nothing spoke louder to my heart than his joy in the Jesus who saved him! I knew that grandpa was a preacher as I always saw his Bible open on his desk. He was very gentle in nature, loving and humble and yet preached the Word of God with power and passion like I have never seen anyone do. I know he loved Jesus because I could feel, see and taste his walk with the living God, which drew me to get to know this Jesus as well. I knew that this Jesus is grandpa's friend. I wanted to meet

this Jesus. At the same time, my parents modelled what it means to love the addicted and poor, which we saw many times in our home. Dad who was a subway driver for some years, picked up the broken and wounded souls and brought them home for a warm meal and a warm bed. Their “walk” had a significant impact on my life, and by God’s grace, HE found me at the age of 13. I tasted the goodness of God through their walk. Casting many years forward, when God graciously blessed me with a wonderful God-fearing wife, we knew that we needed to leave our home country, Germany, and follow the call to Canada. Never in my dreams would I imagine coming to the Winnipeg area. I cannot count the many times my wife and I laughed about the thought of going to Canada, especially Winnipeg. Who wants to go to Winter-’pack’? It was not possible in our wildest dreams! The problem was that God heard our laughter and called us precisely to the place we never wanted to go. Thank you Lord! HE knows what’s better for us! I cannot express in words how thankful we are that God moved us from Ontario, where we spent ten years, to Winnipeg in December 2019 to introduce us to Union Gospel Mission.

UGM is a place where people seek to honour God, stay bible-based faithful to the call to minister, love and bring the wounded to the foot of the cross where only Jesus can heal them! God is glorified through so many people supporting the Mission! You do not realize how many souls are being touched by Jesus! Thank you! May many more people experience, taste and see the transforming power and goodness of God!

– **Daniel Glawatzki, Operations Manager**





*A lovely women called in just the other day and donated a few loaves of bread. Every little loaf is making a difference! We are very thankful! Taste and see how good the Lord is!*

## God's Leading

In 2008 UGM Voices from the Street featured a poem written by Greg Stetski, *A Million Tears*. That poem touch my heart and I began praying for Greg's vision and UGM.

Up to that point my life journey with God had been very interesting.

I accepted Jesus as Savior as a child at Bible camp and later sensed the call from God to be a missionary as a camper at the age of 12 years. During the summers as a teenager, I worked with CSSM (One Hope Canada) in camps and Vacation Bible School. Following graduation from Millar Memorial Bible Institute (now Millar College of the Bible), I spent a summer with Operation Mobilization in Europe. Not convinced that was for me, I pursued a degree in Education and taught five years in remote First Nation communities. During that time I fell in love with the First Nations people.

I did remember the commitment I made to God at camp and in 1990 at Mission Fest, I picked up a pamphlet from Child Evangelism Fellowship. After prayer and research, I decided to attend the CEF

Leadership Institute in Switzerland. I joined CEF Manitoba in 1993 as an outreach worker to First Nations people, doing Good News Clubs, 5-Day clubs and teacher training in First Nation communities and in Winnipeg north end and throughout the province.

In 2000, the First Nations church I attended hired me as their Ministry Associate (that means doing whatever is needed – Sunday School, Kid’s Club, Youth, Day Camp, women’s activities). During my time there, I volunteered at UGM Family Life Centre. Vida Bend was the Women’s Ministry Leader and her passion for the women of the North end was so evident.

I was also given the opportunity to attend SALTS – Survivors of Abuse Leadership Training Seminar. I met Jesus, the Wounded Healer and experienced healing from past issues and was taught how to facilitate healing in small groups. We started Open Hearts groups at the church and watched as God transformed lives. I became passionate about introducing women to Jesus, the Savior and Wounded Healer.

Then at Christmas, 2008, I read *A Million Tears* and I said, “God if you want me involved in that vision, then I’m willing.” The Lord took me up on that.

From 2011-2018, God opened the door for me to introduce Jesus the Savior and Wounded Healer to the broken women I was privileged to mentor/counsel at UGM Charis Centre. There were many highs and lows, but oh the thrill of participating in the healing journey – I will treasure it always!

Then God called me to UGM Family Life Centre, to do what Vida had once done - Women’s Ministry Leader. I do not feel capable of filling Vida’s shoes, but I commit each day to God, asking for His strength to help me meet whoever comes in the door where they are at. Not everyone that comes into FLC wants to know about Jesus. They usually just want their physical needs met, but our hope is to make them thirsty for Jesus, the Savior and Healer. There is also the privilege of teaching Bible studies and meeting with women one on one and introducing them to Jesus, the Savior and Wounded Healer.

**– Marlene Wiebe, Women’s Ministry**

## ***A Million Tears***

***She came crying, trapped in her addictions,  
wrenched from her children, deep in  
despair.***

***My wife listened, and cared, and loved, but  
where could she go?***

***Who would take her in, with her three children?  
There was no room.***

***\* No room at UGM.***

***No room anywhere to bless her, and care for her,  
and bring her to Jesus.***

***No room for her and her children to grow into all  
God desires.***

***Addicted women are coming to prayer meetings  
at inner city churches, and crying out to  
God to help them, to deliver them.***

***By now they have cried a million tears.***

***Who is listening?***

***There are loving Christians  
... ready to help.***

***There is a godly program  
... waiting to begin.***

***\* There is a building  
... for sale now.***

***A million dollars are needed  
... to stop a million tears.***

*\*This poem was written by then director Greg Stetski, before the Charis Centre building was acquired. Now, UGM has room for the “addicted women”. Praise God.*

### **COMMUNITY DINNER PREP**



# The Journey

I am so thankful to have some part in the work at Union Gospel Mission!

Not only does the Mission serve and help the community, but it has also been such a blessing to me personally. The support, prayer and encouragement from the staff and volunteers has brought about many miracles, both at the Mission as well as in my own life.

There have been many challenges in my life's journey. My father passed when I was seven years old. My siblings were already out of the house, so it was just my mother and me at home. I felt like I was 'in this alone', trying to figure things out on my own and felt like I was merely surviving, rather than living abundantly.

I had a faith in Christ since I was young and have grown up in church. After high school, I met my husband through Child Evangelism Fellowship, doing 5-day clubs all across Manitoba. He has a beautiful heart and passion for serving the Lord. Together we served in various areas of the church, in youth programs and in a worship team.

After a few years, we longed to start a family. It took several years and two miscarriages to discover that I had an autoimmune disorder. With the guidance from the doctors, we were blessed with two beautiful children. We were extremely thankful! However, difficulties began to develop when the children were quite young. Terrible memories came back from my husband's traumatic childhood, so that took a toll on his mental health. It was about that time when my autoimmune symptoms began to cause problems as well. Chronic fatigue and Fibromyalgia had introduced such severe pain and weakness that I could never have ever imagined possible. It was arduous to manage so many strange symptoms. On top of that, we each lost our mothers a few months apart during that trying time. We went through many tough years while crying to the Lord for help. The Lord carried us through and provided for us. He has answered our prayers and continues to do so.

One answered prayer was finding a full time position at Union Gospel Mission. I had many years of experience working in an office prior to having children, so I was excited to have even a small part at the Mission. A few years ago, my family moved out to

southern Manitoba. The commute to the Mission each day began as a challenge, but the Lord turned that into a time where I could spend in prayer, praise and worship. Many tears have been shed as I drove back and forth to work, but the Lord was working on mending my broken pieces. The music that came over the radio touched my heart and gave me His peace, comfort and strength. God has brought me to a deeper relationship with Him through life's challenges. He was healing me and I trust the Lord for continued healing, strength and peace that only He can provide! Psalm 28:7 "The LORD is my strength and my shield; My heart trusted in Him, and I am helped; Therefore my heart greatly rejoices, And with my song I will praise Him."

I am privileged to see Jesus at work at Union Gospel Mission in so many powerful ways. I could not ask for better co-workers than my fellow missionaries. Hearing testimonies of lives being drastically changed is such an amazing part of working at the Mission. I love watching Jesus weave His beautiful tapestry of so many things coming together to the glory of God!

***– Rosanne McLellan, Administrative Assistant***





# Volunteers

*Provisions* We heard Andy's friendly voice when we initially phoned to see if UGM was open during COVID and needed extra bedding. We rejoiced to hear they would receive donations 24 hours a day, "as the need was great".

We were warmly welcomed upon bringing our donation, and staff member, Martin, gave us a tour of the clothing area. A large mountain of bags of donations filled one end of a room and neatly arranged shelves were filled with blankets and clothes designated to children, men and women. What really stirred our interest is the rapport of a staff member and volunteer, Pearl, and the joy and care she brings to the work.

In the new year after filling out our volunteer applications, Jim and I started coming to UGM on Tuesday mornings. As we sorted clothing, if it was not good enough to give to Jesus, it was not given out by the Mission to street people coming asking for clothes. (Love expressed by careful selection!)

A story told to us was of a female staff member opening a door one early wintery morning to find a sad and very cold lady at the door, wearing running shoes on her feet. She welcomed her in, rubbed her feet, gave her warm socks and found her some warm boots. The compassion showed touch our hearts.

One day while I was sorting, I heard one of the young men being disciplined in the Bible classes, excitedly tell a volunteer how he was studying the Gospel of John and how certain verses were so precious to him. His desire to learn and grow in his walk with Christ was contagious. He also needed a pair of boots with a certain size. In a box of mostly unpaired footwear was a pair of boots just his size! God provided! – **Lauren Pattison**

# Passion for Jesus

I have been a volunteer at UGM around a year now, for what has been the most enriching and edifying ministry experience by which I have had the privilege to be blessed. The power of Jesus and ministry of the Holy Spirit is what drives the function of this great Mission. The reason that I serve as a volunteer is first and foremost because God has called me here to serve and secondly, because of the desire to be in the presence of the power of the Holy Spirit that is so deeply embedded within the very essence of this ministry. The staff, right from the front desk, all the way to the executive staff, clearly have a passion for Jesus and to see His kingdom built here in the core of the city of Winnipeg.

In the men's addiction recovery ministry, you see men come in broken and lost, but through the program and through the constant exposure to the Gospel, both directly and indirectly, (and as being lived out through the staff) the men transition to hunger for the truth and then eventually to hope in Christ. Union Gospel is faithful to the great commission found in Matthew 28:19 and does not compromise in any way regarding this commission. It is this unwavering commitment to the proclamation to the Gospel that sends the message to the ears of those who frequent and live at UGM. This allows God to take that message from the ears and bring



it to the heart and have it change lives. God is truly at work and there are plenty of amazing testimonies to back up this statement.

One of the results of the testimonies was shared to me by the senior Chaplain Mark. He was telling that one of the ways God has moved with His power in “Union” (UGM) is through the number of individuals that have come into the recovery program who have been miraculously healed from their addiction to the drug crystal meth. Mark told me that this caused secular addiction counsellors and therapist to call UGM and ask them what they are doing to help these men be cured from their addiction. Of course, this led Mark to inform them that it is only through the power of Jesus and the work of the Holy Spirit that they are being cured, thus opening up the door to share the gospel and glorify our amazing Saviour and God (Nobody but Jesus).

UGM is easily the most powerful ministry that I have ever been a part of. There is revival happening through the faithful proclamation and unwavering commitment to the Gospel. It is only because of this commitment to Christ and unwillingness to compromise to the ways of the world that there is room for His powerful testimonies to be told. Please continue in prayer. – **Alex Hansen**



# Freedom in Jesus

My name is Fred Tippett. I am a retired Maintenance Electrician. I live in Winnipeg with my dear wife, Linda. We have been married for 48 years.

I became a volunteer for Union Gospel Mission in 2011. Shortly after, I joined the Overcomers Program. I discovered, though the program is written and designed in aiding people to find freedom from their addictions, it is an excellent framework for basic discipleship.

As a young man, I struggled with my own pain of growing up in a family that suffered through the hardships of poverty and rejection. Like most young men, I centered the blame upon my father, who had his own burdens of past memories. In those days, alcohol was the pacifier of broken hearts and it was the drug of my choice. But, in 1972, the Lord in His mercy and amazing grace saved me, through the prayers of my family.

I soon became aware that although I knew Jesus as my Saviour, I still had no freedom from my past, when I was challenged in areas of forgiveness and past rejection. These things ate at me and caused a sense of depression and anger; pressing me back into temptation that I didn't seem to have strength to resist.

Even graduating from Bible College and serving as an elder in the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church didn't provide me the freedom I knew I was so greatly lacking in my life. In 2006, I was involved in an industrial accident which left me with several broken ribs, a collapsed lung and my pelvis cracked in three places. The next morning after my accident, I was just waking up, in the hospital, into that state of semi awake and semi asleep (I was not yet feeling the pain of my injuries), when I heard a voice within my consciousness saying, **"Apart from Me, you can do nothing!" (John 15:5)**. I knew it was the Lord and I knew He was speaking His Word to my soul.

Linda brought my Bible to me from home and I read those Scriptures as if I were reading them for the first time. Not long after I was given a book entitled "the Agape Road" by renowned teacher

Bob Mumford. The book teaches the utmost importance of a life in an abiding relationship in Jesus Christ our Lord. This is the doctrine that makes every principle of discipleship in Christ a reality of living the victorious Christian life. The way to freedom in Jesus is the journey of abiding in Him on His way to the Father. **“This is the Way; walk ye in it!” (Isaiah 30:21)**

It is a real joy to serve at Union Gospel Mission and to fellowship with the resident members and staff. It is the motivation the Lord has put in my life to stay in the scriptures, to continue to learn and to share. I thank everyone at the Mission for trusting me in their ministry, which in turn ministers to me.

God Bless You All. – **Fred Tippett**

## The Call

I have been volunteering for the last few years at UGM by calling donors, thanking them for their support and gathering their prayer requests. Talking with donors has allowed me to share in their lives and I count it a blessing and a privilege to do so!

My interest in working with the homeless ministry started quite a few years ago. I lived in northern Manitoba with my wife and family for over 30 years and was able to see first hand the results of addiction as many homeless people walked the streets in Thompson. Every day as I drove to work I could see the ever-growing population of homeless people wandering the streets. As this problem grew, I could not resist the urge to somehow help these people who were trapped in their addictions. There was no formal ministry to homeless people in Thompson that I could join to help, but I could not resist the Lord’s ever growing call. Not really knowing what to do, I just jumped in with both feet! Armed with a backpack full of sandwiches, tracts, Bibles and clothing, I sat in front of the Thompson homeless shelter every night and would talk and pray with whoever would care to listen. I turned part of my garage into a clothing storage area so I could distribute donated outerwear to

those I met. This hands-on ministry to homeless people had given me the opportunity to inject the hope of the gospel to my street friends.

As a young person, my life had also drifted off into the world of drugs and alcohol. Hopelessness is always the end result of addictions and I could see this playing out in the lives of those I ministered to every day. Thankfully at age 21, **“God called me out of darkness into his marvelous light”, 1 Peter 2:9**, and I was set free from those addictions.

When I retired from my job and moved to Winnipeg, I wanted to continue in this type of ministry to the homeless, so an opportunity to help came up at Union Gospel Mission. One of the things that attracted me to UGM was their emphasis on helping people not just with food and clothing, but with the life changing message of the gospel! Every year through our seven ministries we see many people come to trust Jesus as their Lord and Savior and set them free from their sin laden lives.

On the UGM website ([gospelmission.ca](http://gospelmission.ca)) we have a link to our Vimeo channel where you can listen to the testimony of those who have their lives transformed by the Lord! One of the timeless truths that we see working its way out everyday in the lives of those we serve is found in **John 8:32,36, “And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.” – Bill Lennox**



*The following is a transcript of a recent interview that the writer was privileged to hear directly from one of our recovering addicted men at Union Gospel Mission. We will call him "Victor" for the purposes of anonymity.*

**The Whole Mix** "I'm Just a resident at UGM and I've been here about ten weeks now. I was incarcerated for a while and I guess things started to change for me in my heart my mind and in the way I used to think about things. Always looking down at people and now, not thinking of myself as not being better than others and, you know, since I've been here, I've been helping a lot of people. Just like little things at the drop-in and stuff, even like looking at people and feeling for them and not just saying 'oh, they are just a drug addict or just losers'. I feel something in my heart and when I pray and things like that, I feel that I have more caring for people than I used to. You know what I mean? Before, it wasn't like that and maybe that's the Holy Spirit working in me. I am all new to this and I've never reached out to Jesus in my life."

"It's even for my family and friends who are stuck in the whole mix. When I think about them, I think of them as lost and they don't really have anything else. I hope one day they will come to realize how I am starting to feel. It's not like something is going to happen at a snap of a finger, but you know when you start working with Christ, He starts changing your heart. You start looking at things and you start feeling for people I've known since a young guy and they are still doing the same thing. But when they see me, they are like 'oh really you are helping out, you are trying to own it. Never would I have thought that I would see you there!' I say 'yeah, you know I am sick of the lifestyle and I don't want anything to do with it any more because it ruins peoples lives.' I just hope that anyone who hears this knows that it is possible, even where I come from, to change your heart and feel for others and not looking down on people and think you are better than everyone. Everyone's equal in the world and Christ can help you with your heart, as long as you just be real and you feel it in your heart, you know. Thanks for listening".

My new friend and brother Victor has spent over 75% of his still young life incarcerated, but from the outset, he has been a

blessing to all of us at 320 princess Street. Recently while serving in the drop in he saw a young guy and his girlfriend, looking sad and dishevelled. Feeling empathy, Victor ran up to his room and came back with a 'snazzy' Nike outfit of his own to bless the man. On another occasion when we ran out of juice for guests in the drop in, Victor raided his own supplies to bless our homeless community.

Jesus is at work! He is busy answering your prayers. He is busy surprising us with answers. He is never still, always on the move. Our Lord is dynamic and we are so blessed to be witnesses on a daily basis to His wonderful works! Please pray hard for Victor. The enemy isn't pleased to see this transformation. We love Victor and the Lord has plans for this young man!! Thank you.

– *Anonymous*

## *She Has a Name*

By the time I was called to help, my young "friend" was in the UGM drop-in shower and refusing to leave. I encouraged her to dry herself and put on the clean clothes UGM had provided. I barely got the shower turned off and her wet clothes picked up when she quickly turned the water back on and jumped in, clothes and all. It took several attempts and many towels to get her out of the shower room. Throughout, I tried to connect with her, "What's your name?" I would ask her. Met with a short cold stare and abusive words, I tried a different approach, "My name is Jo-Anne". This young woman was very agitated and had no desire to connect with Carel, one of UGM's chaplains, or myself.

In concern for the safety of those in the drop in, we knew we needed to move her out of the building. With food in hand, I coaxed her outside while Carel followed behind to keep her from going back in. Once outside I gave her the food, which she flung back at us. I tried to make sure she had all her belongings with her. It was evident that my presence was causing her to be more agitated so I returned inside, knowing that she was not dressed for the weather, without footwear and in need of healing. I asked the Lord to protect her and bring healing to her soul.

An hour later, I left the UGM building on Princess. Every Wednesday I share the Gospel and pray with the women at the Main Street Women's Detox. As I walked down Main Street, I wondered if I would bump into my "friend". As I approached the Sscope's Thrift Store on Main Street, I saw her sitting on the ground, shoeless, her back against the building and writing in a notebook. Compared to an hour ago, my "friend" looked very serene – not the same person whom we had tried to help. I approached her, got down on my knees in front of her and asked her if she remembered me. Her demeanour changed at the sound of my voice. She never even looked at me. Again, it was evident that my presence was agitating her. I felt that it was best that I left her alone. I said a quick prayer over her and continued on to Detox. As I walked and continued to pray for this young woman, the words from **John 1:5** came to me; **"And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it"**. "Darkness", that was not my "friend's" name, but it was the name of the tormenting spirit within her. I prayed then and continue to pray, that the spirit of darkness, in the name of Jesus, would leave this woman.

As I reflect on this story, I wonder if the shower incident was a vain attempt at cleaning off the demonic. Many of you will recall how Naaman was cleansed of leprosy (physical sickness). He tore his clothes, he was angry; he needed convincing before he plunged seven times into the waters of the Jordan River to be healed. This woman was symbolically crying out to be washed free of the evil that possesses her. In her case, it's her soul, her very essence that needs to be washed, not with water, but in the blood of the Lamb of God. His light will drive away darkness. It is impossible for dark to exist where there is light. Darkness will flee at the sound of His name, Jesus.

This young woman has a name also. The Lord knows it. He created her. He watched her as she was formed in her mother's womb (Psalm 139:13). Please join with me in praying for this lady's soul to be saved and for her name to be known to us as our new sister in the Lord. "Darkness be gone". Victory in Jesus. Praise His name! – **Jo-Anne Scott, Finance Assistant**

LUNCH IN CHAPEL



FORMER PROGRAM PARTICIPANT, NOW STAFF MEMBER, RICHARD SHARING HIS TESTIMONY

# Nobody but Jesus

I was very blessed, and am very thankful, that I grew up in a loving Christian home. My Mom and Dad loved each other and they loved me, one of four sons. I grew up in a home where I was taught how to relate with other people and a strong work ethic was instilled in me. Faith was an integral part of my upbringing and is very much a part of my heritage. My Dad is a huge part of who I am today. A man of few words, I learned from my Dad by observing him. He was a great listener, very patient, and wise.

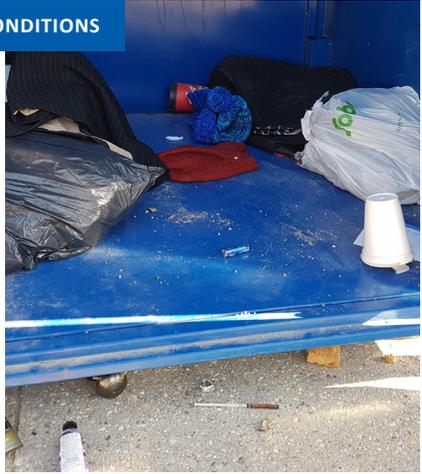
When I started working for another inner city agency in 2008, for six years as the Human Resources Manager, I soon realized that the home that I grew up in was not at all like the home that many other people grew up in. Most people that struggle with poverty and addictions in our province do so because of growing up in a home (or homes) where they did not have a mom and dad who loved them and taught them how to live.

I knew many years ago that I wanted to be involved in work having to do with helping people. What has really been growing inside of me, and led me to serving at Union Gospel Mission is a passion for men, women, and children to invite Jesus into their hearts and to grow in their relationship with Him.

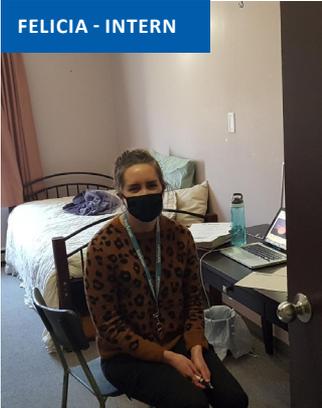
I love the fact that through our seven ministries we provide Christ centered programs. The key is Christ centred. It's great to love people and provide for their basic needs, but I am much more concerned about sharing Jesus with each person that we serve so that they can spend eternity with Jesus in heaven. Thank you for being a part of sharing the gospel message with those who we love to serve.

**– Frank Ulrich, Executive Director**

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