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 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 Martin Chidwick at 204-943-9904 Ext. 237.

## HUNGER FOR THE BREAD OF LIFE

By Frank Ulrich, Executive Director

Recently one of our missionaries, Jo-Anne, went to a detox facility in the inner city of Winnipeg. Jo-Anne visits with women who are coming off using alcohol and/or drugs, for the purposes of ministering to God's children by way of listening, encouraging and praying for people. These women are also made aware of our wonderful long-term addiction recovery program at the Charis Centre.

On one particular Wednesday, five women were encouraged from God's Word about how they are very special in the eyes of God. Jo-Anne went on to share

**And Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst." John 6:35 (NKJV)**

that regardless of which recovery program they go to once they finished at detox, it is imperative that they put "good food" in their souls. Praise God in that these five people requested a Bible, understanding that they need the Bread of Life. The following day, Jo-Anne and her husband delivered five Life Recovery Bibles, along with essential clothing for each of these dear women.

There is a hunger and thirst for Jesus, who is the Bread of Life. Please pray for the men and women in detox, that they would continue to be open to receiving Bibles and ultimately invite Jesus into their hearts.

## STREET MINISTRY

*Drop-in – Chapel  
Soup-line – Meals*

## JESUS, OUR ONLY DELIVERER

BY CAREL CLOETE, CHAPLAIN

**"And leaving Nazareth, He came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the regions of Zebulun and Naphtali, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by Isaiah the prophet, saying: The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, By the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles: The people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, And upon those who sat in the region and shadow of death Light has dawned. From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Matthew 4:13-17 (NKJV)**

Anthony (60+) has been coming to UGM for several years. He once had a good life

stemming from an unconditional upbringing, which came to an abrupt halt when he lost his parents in a tragic accident many years ago. Anthony has since struggled to steer back his life to a place free of heartache, ever searching for love and acceptance. The loneliness brought him to the UGM family.

"UGM has been my salvation. A place that puts out food and prayer, that simply says; you are welcome and God loves you".

Like many others struggling with past trauma resulting in drug abuse, Anthony makes use of UGM's facilities. Our drop-in area seats 10 people at a time and after serving food and clothing, they move to the chapel where they can watch Christian media and documentaries.

Please pray for our guests, that the Lord will reveal the root of their problems. Pray that the chaplains will be effective when ministering to these individuals, that they will be sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit. The majority coming through UGM's door needs deliverance and Jesus is the only One that can truly deliver!

GOD is our refuge and strength



## FAMILY MINISTRY

*Family Life Centre*

### A CHALLENGING YEAR

BY MARLENE WIEBE, WOMEN'S MINISTRY

It's been a year since the government announced a pandemic. This is how Family Life Centre journeyed through:

- March 2020 brought challenging changes as the number of women we could have in our facility were reduced and we needed to be six feet apart.
- Tuesday and Thursday Bible studies continued and we gained a volunteer Bible teacher. It was very good to be part of each other's lives twice a week, sharing God's Word and praying. One of the women graduated from Faith Learning Centre Adult Education Program and we were able to bless her with a little celebration party in July.
- Wednesday Ladies Day saw greater changes - we shared the Word of God while women and men were fed a warm meal.
- In June 2020, government restrictions lifted a bit. Bible study and chapel resumed on Wednesday and our numbers grew. We could again bless our guests with food, fellowship and clothing.
- Government lockdown in November was challenging - no church services. Wednesdays we were able to feed our guests food and the Word of God

at the same time. We brought in TV trays to social distance (as you can see in the picture).

- We discovered we could still support our guests through an Addiction Recovery Support Program. This drew some ladies that had not been to our programming previously and we came alongside them with the Word of God and prayer.
- Our emergency food program continued to provide food for the hungry. God blessed us with an abundance of food to bless the community. In each food hamper we put a portion of the Word of God and we pray God will use it to speak to hearts.

As the song says, "His truth is marching on."

**"It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'" Matthew 4:4 (NKJV)**

## ADULT EDUCATION

*Faith Learning Centre*

### THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE LORD

BY NELSON GONZALEZ, PRINCIPAL

**"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; but fools despise wisdom and instruction." Proverbs 1:7 (NKJV)**

Being a Christian school has its advantages and disadvantages; one disadvantage is that mainstream general curricula takes precedence and therefore competes with the teachings of the Bible. With most expectation added to prepare individuals for the 21<sup>st</sup> century, it may seem that Christian essential knowledge is less relevant. However, even if we cannot share the gospel the same way because of COVID-19 in relation to daily Bible instruction, God continues to honour what we are doing. As a result, a high number of students have come to the saving grace of Jesus Christ and have given their lives to Him in 2021.

We pray that these decisions were done sincerely on their part as these adults said the sinner's prayer at the moment of salvation. God's grace to save also extended to other individuals outside the Faith Learning Centre, where five people came to the Lord. We give the glory to God for what He is doing in the midst of us.

Please continue to hold us up in prayer, as we could not be here without them. Your prayers have a lot to do with many people coming to the Lord.

## WOMEN'S ADDICTIONS

*BREATHE & HEART Recovery Program*

*Charis Centre*

### A GOD WHO DOESN'T RUN FROM THE MESS

BY LORIANN TULK,  
CHARIS CENTRE MANAGER

On International Women's Day, we at Charis decided to do a special devotional time with our residents. We took various women in the Bible who Jesus used to help in His ministry. Two of these were; the Samaritan woman at the well and Mary Magdalene. What do these women have in common? They both had what we would consider messy lives; yet God used them to fulfill His purpose.

What is the second thing they had in common? Neither of them questioned what God had done for them. Rather they responded with thankfulness in response to what they knew Jesus had done for them and who He was in their lives.

Mary, we know, anoints Jesus with a very expensive perfume. John tells us that she anointed Jesus' feet and then wiped his feet with her hair. This act of Mary showed such great love and admiration for her Lord. Jesus stated in Matthew 26:13, "Assuredly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is preached in the whole world, what this woman has done will also be told as a memorial to her." When I read this passage, it causes me to reflect on the relationship that Mary had with Jesus. I believe that this genuine love and admiration came from her experience with Jesus. She knew without a doubt the radical change that a relationship with Jesus had on her life.

The Samaritan woman at the well is the first to begin to proclaim Jesus as the Messiah. Jesus tells her all of her sins and then offers her living water. She runs back to town not being able to contain her excitement that she had just met the Messiah and He knows all about her life. Notice how she did not go back and get her life organized before doing what Jesus asked of her? She did not let the opinions of others stop her from proclaiming the great news of the Messiah. She knew that she had been forgiven because Jesus said she had. Again, another story of this woman's experience with Jesus that caused her to know without a doubt that it was His opinion of her that mattered. Not the people in her town who were very familiar with her sins.

As Christians who are raised in the Church, we so often think that we need to look perfect in everyone else's eyes in order to do what God has called us to do. I personally struggled with this for a long time. Feeling that I wasn't "good" enough to be in ministry, I defined myself by my

past and limited God's grace in my life. Since coming to Charis Centre, the residents have taught me not to limit God's grace. After all, this is not what God wants for us and by doing this, we are stopping His work that He wants to do through us. Every day I see our ladies, who also have "messy lives" develop a stronger relationship with Jesus and like the Samaritan woman and Mary Magdalene, they know the amazing transformation that Jesus makes in their lives. They do not hesitate to let Jesus work through them to proclaim who He is to them.

I thank God for the amazing women that He has brought into my life to teach me about His love and Grace! I too, like the Samaritan woman, Mary Magdalene and our residents can assuredly proclaim that what Jesus says is true, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness."

**"And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me." 2 Corinthians 12:9 (NKJV)**

**CHERISH CHARIS:**  
**\$100/MONTH OR \$1200/YEAR**

## **MEN'S ADDICTIONS**

### *New Life in Christ Recovery Program*

## **RECEIVING THE PEACE OF JESUS**

BY MARK KELM, SENIOR CHAPLAIN

When Randy first came into the men's recovery program, he did not trust anyone, including God. He was mad at the world for how his life had been difficult. There were many counselling sessions with chaplains and a few setbacks, but the Lord Jesus Christ would not give up on him. There were many issues and wounds that only Christ could settle. But the road to recovery from addiction and pain had begun.

Randy found that what Jesus said in Matthew 11:29 was true where He said, "Take my yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls." Randy learned that he could trust Jesus and that he was learning to accept the love and forgiveness from Christ that he needed for peace in his own soul. Today, Randy is in a much different place in his life. It is all due to giving his life over to Christ and letting Him bring the healing to his heart and soul that he so desperately needed. Praise God that Christ can heal the deepest wounds and bring peace where there once was so much turmoil.

**"Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you." John 14:27 (NKJV)**

**NEW LIFE IN CHRIST:**  
**\$100/MONTH OR \$1200/YEAR**

## **CHILDREN & YOUTH**

### *Family Life Centre*

## **A LOST LITTLE BOY**

BY RON ALBO, CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Let me tell you about an eight year-old boy who comes almost every day to the Kid's Club. For confidentiality purposes, I'll refer to him simply as "Dylan." Dylan is eight years old and very undisciplined. By his behavior, I'm surmising that Dylan doesn't get the type of love and attention at home that every child desperately needs.

Dylan does not play well with the other kids. He gets angry quickly and is prone to want to punch the other children. When he's angry he uses vile language. Often, the other boys shun him. They try to get away from playing with him, but he follows them around and almost forces himself on them. He wants to fit in so much, but does not know how to go about it. He doesn't realize his behavior turns other kids against him. He's been suspended from participation in the Kid's Club on several occasions. However, he likes it here and hangs around outside of the building, even if he can't join in.

There is something else you should know about Dylan. Most of the time he is paying attention during the daily Bible lesson. When a question about Jesus is asked, Dylan often has his hand up and he is able to give a good answer. I have actually been amazed at some of the things this young boy has said to me regarding Biblical truths. Despite his shortcomings, I find Dylan loveable. I know for certain God's love for him is unmeasurable.

The Holy Spirit has placed Dylan on my heart to pray for. I have prayed for him more than I've ever prayed for any other child at Kid's Club. Now I am here to ask you to also pray for him. The Holy Spirit can touch anyone in an eternal way. We all know this to be true. One day I would like to see Dylan proclaim Jesus as his Lord and Saviour.

**"(He) desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth."  
I Timothy 2:4 (NKJV)**



**Too often we see scenes like this. How many of us could fit all we owned into a shopping cart? Food for thought!**

**"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."  
Matthew 6:19-21 (NKJV)**

## CHRISTIAN SCHOOL *Faith Academy*

### LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED

BY GILBERT PLANTE,  
FAMILY MINISTRY MANAGER

Being the overseer of the Christian School Program, it is part of my job to register students for the new school year that starts in September. We have a very good percentage of returning students each year. However, there are always a couple of students that don't return in the fall due to a variety of reasons. Some families move out of the catchment area or out of province. There are times when a student is taken out of the sponsorship program because parents want their child to explore other religious options.

This year is no exception; one student who has been going to Faith Academy since Kindergarten and is now in grade five, will not be returning in September. It troubles me that he may be exposed to things that are not like minded as those spiritual lessons taught at Faith Academy. I'm concerned that he will be exposed to

Jesus not being the Way, the Truth and the Life. My fear is that things of the world will be incredibly enticing and he may forget the teachings of our Lord!

In these days of uncertainty and with the world being so liberal, it is easy for someone to lose his or her way in life. As I was in prayer for this student and his family, the Lord reminded me that it was good for me to be in prayer for this family. I also heard very clearly, "Be still, and know that I am God." I was instantly comforted, knowing the Lord of hosts will be with him; the God of Jacob is his refuge. Seeds have been planted in this young man's life, they have taken root and the Lord will increase them.

What a privilege it is to be able to come before the Throne of Grace, not on our merits, but on the merits of Jesus, to pray for whomever He places on our hearts....and there are many! I will continue to pray for this family, but I am assured he is in the Lord's wonderful hands.

**"Train up a child in the way he should go, even when he is old he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6 (NKJV)**

**ADOPT-A-STUDENT:  
\$50/MONTH OR \$600/YR**

### JUSTIN-TIME!

BY DANIEL GLAWATZKY,  
OPERATIONS MANAGER

**"Dear brothers and sisters, we can't help but thank God for you because your faith is flourishing and your love for one another is growing." 2 Thessalonians 1:3**

I have once heard it said that our journey is not only *to* God but also *with* God!

This is so true about Justin and the way God led him into our Maintenance Department. We are very grateful for him and how God worked in his life.

Over the last couple of years, Justin's faith in God was tested and challenged many times, but with God's grace and the help of our wonderful missionaries at Union Gospel Mission,

his faith grew stronger and started to flourish even more. We had the privilege of Justin living and walking through the men's recovery and internship program. God gave Justin the strength to keep on moving forward and promises in HIS Word to work in his life to transform him more into what Ephesians 5:1 is referring to as being "imitators of God" and "offering to God as a fragrant aroma".

Justin is so gifted and passionate about fixing things. He is such a blessing to all of us! We cannot thank our Father in Heaven enough for guiding Justin to us "just-in-time", when we needed to fill the position at the Mission.

All Glory to God as He is transforming lives and giving purpose through the power of the Holy Spirit!