



Your Gospel **RESCUE** Mission of Manitoba

Prayer Praise AND OUR Merciful God

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Voices & Prayer Warriors



We Are Very Thankful

Frank Ulrich, Executive Director

"Therefore know that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments;" Deuteronomy 7:9 (NKJV)

As of October 1st it has been 88 years that UGM provides Christ-centered programs to men, women and children in Manitoba. I am thankful to God for His faithfulness to UGM over those many years. I am also thankful to the many stakeholders who have sustained the ministry in the eight decades. These include board and corporation members, missionaries (our staff), volunteers, those who pray for us and our donors.

Everyday we serve hundreds of people who desperately need to know Jesus personally so that they can live a life free from addiction and most importantly that they can spend eternity in heaven. Thank you for being a part of what our Lord would have us do!

Two pictures tell different stories.

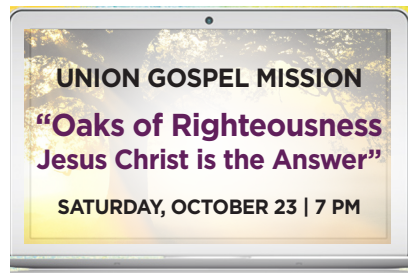


The locks on our doors and all electrical outlets were recently 'glued' by a street person to keep us out. Inside at 320 Princess St. there is a peace and the power of the Holy Spirit at work among all who cross the threshold.

The mathematics for 'social distancing' at our

Winnipeg Banquet were meticulously underway when new health orders obliged us to cancel the event.

These two 'hurdles' serve to remind us that no matter what, we must keep our eyes fixed on Jesus. In fact, James 1:2-4 is super encouraging. We are to "Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything."



The Lord had prepared us in advance with a new video, "Oaks of Righteousness – Jesus Christ is the Answer", which was released on our YouTube channel (you can find it via www.gospelmission.ca) on October 23rd this year. A virtual banquet, a feast of only some of what Jesus is doing in and through the Mission!

Destiny's Story

As a child I came from a broken CFS system, where I was passed from foster home to foster home. During this time I was introduced to various illegal activity such



as gang life and illegal drug use. At age 25 I realized that I was entrenched in addiction. I came to know Charis through a friend of my mom so I applied to the program from detox. This is my second time in the program and during my time here I have learned to grow and come to know God. I have come to know the importance of spending quality time with God, in His word and in prayer. The classes are great. They are teaching me new life skills and I am a part of study

groups with the other ladies. The program and my counsellor are helping me work through my trauma and grow as a person. My goal as a mom is to be reunified with my children as I move further along in my recovery.

Resident Follow-up

CHARIS CENTRE

Freda Klassen, Chaplain

I keep a follow-up list of residents who want to stay in touch after they leave Charis and I call them from time to time. In one phone call this week I asked how I could pray for a past resident. I was excited that she first gave praise to God for answered prayer of renewed trust in a family relationship and for help to not let her addiction have control over her. She also gave several struggles that I could pray for. After I prayed, she also prayed for me and the other staff.

It was such a blessing to me to see this woman continue to grow in her faith, dependence and praise of God, and then to have her also pray for us. Please praise God with me for His continued work in this woman's life and pray that God would continue to give her victory in Christ. Thank you.

Adopt a Student Program

Gilbert Plante, Family Ministries Manager

In Matthew 19:14 Jesus said, **“Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them: for of such is the kingdom**

of heaven.” We know that children have a special place in our Lord's heart. We too here at Union Gospel Mission place a special emphasis on the little ones.

The inner-city is riddled with homes full of addiction and dysfunction. One can look down Pritchard Avenue on a school day and see a number of children wondering the neighbourhood. I think to myself, why are these children not in school? Sometimes these little ones, in future years, turn out to be the adults with addictions that are roaming our city streets with nowhere to go.

This is where the Adopt-A-Student program becomes such an invaluable ministry. We register children from North End families that do not need a hand out, but rather a hand up. From as early as kindergarten right through to grade 12 we invest the time to root students and families into the family of Christ. This is not always an easy challenge getting into the homes of families to speak the Word of God into their lives. **“For we know that the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.”** (1 Corinthians 1:18). As I enter the homes of sponsored families, I know I'm not going in on my own strength; it's the strength of the Lord that carries me through. The seeds of truth are planted in the hearts of the little ones, which gives them a fighting chance to persevere in the adult years of life. The mission field is large and we are working on pointing people to Jesus to get saved, one soul at a time!

Revelation 22:17, **“And the Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” And let him who hears say, “Come!” And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires let him take the water of life freely.”**

Good Grief!

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Marlene Wiebe, Women's Ministry

Is grief good? Life is filled with losses and grieving our losses is good; it is necessary for one to live a life of peace and fulfillment. Isaiah 53:3 tells us that Jesus was **"A man of sorrows and acquainted with grief."**

I have been pondering this in the last 24 hours as two ladies who came by FLC to get Emergency Food shared about the loss of a child. One lady lost her 20 year old daughter 13 years ago in a car crash and she is stuck in her grief. As we talked it became apparent she had not dealt with the sudden death of her daughter and she feared falling apart should she begin the grief process. She was raised in a Christian foster home; she knows about God and has faith, but can she trust Jesus to carry her through this? That was my challenge to her – entrust this huge loss to the One who knows it. I prayed with her and advised her to get into a grief group where we come alongside each other. She was very thankful to be able to share some of her grief with me. She plans to come to FLC Bible studies and have fellowship with other ladies who are going through difficult experiences.

The other lady was grieving the recent loss of her partner and the loss of her kids' dad. On top of that, her 23 year old son was murdered eight years ago and she found it very difficult to recount the loss she felt. She also was invited to our FLC programs, to hear about Jesus the Savior from sin and the Wounded Healer.

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort." 2 Cor 1:3 (NKJV)

Thankful Guests

FAMILY LIFE CENTRE

Marlene Wiebe, Women's Ministry

I am thankful to God that Family Life Centre was able to continue serving the people in need during the government lockdown and that I had a place to come and serve, rather than be isolated at home.

Women's Gratitude List:

- God's forgiveness
- knowing the Lord
- Family Life Centre, a place to fellowship with people
- the opportunity to learn the Bible
- being sober
- my Saviour, Jesus Christ, for His undying love and His strength
- Jesus dying on the cross for my sins. The Holy Spirit changing me from the inside out putting my feet on solid ground and all the blessings God has given me in my life and the blessings to come in the future for me and my children and their children.
- clean, sober life and my children and grandchildren
- learning to forgive and to love myself again
- people at Family Life Centre praying for Heather while she was in the hospital
- each day I wake up
- for the family God gave me
- mostly for Jesus dying on the cross for our sins

To our Wonderful Prayer Warriors

Martin Chidwick, Development Manager

In an address (at “The Future of the World”) given by former Bishop of Durham and now fellow at Oxford University in England, N. T. Wright said these words:

“We are called to be the people who stand in agonized prayer at the place where the world is in pain. That is the primary way in which, in the present we exercise the glory and dominion, which we are given over creation. Prayer is the ultimate image-bearing activity for us at the moment and often it is very painful prayer.”

At UGM we are so grateful for your heartfelt prayers!

Romans 8:22-27: **“For we know that the whole creation groans and labors with birth pangs together until now. Not only that, but we also who have the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, eagerly waiting for the adoption, the redemption of our body. For we were saved in this hope, but hope that is seen is not hope; for why does one still hope for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we eagerly wait for it with perseverance. Likewise, the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. Now He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.”**

Prayer Requests

FAMILY LIFE CENTRE

Loni and her family have been in Canada for 11 years. They came to Winnipeg from greater Toronto in February, 2019. Her husband struggled with his job here in Winnipeg and decided to go back to greater Toronto for a more suitable job. He and their son (17) left on August 1; to get a job and housing for the family. He got a job and is on probation but no home yet. Pray for Loni as she takes care of the three children here and that God’s will be done for them.

Olga has just left a long term, unhealthy common-in-law relationship. She is struggling emotionally, mentally, physically and spiritually. Please pray that in her broken hearted, depressed state she would ‘Pour out her heart before the Lord; and find God to be a refuge for her. To trust in Him at all times, with everything.’ (adapted from Psalm 62:8). The cycle of abuse has continued throughout their 12 year relationship. Father, give her discernment and strength to break off this relationship permanently.

Nasy is in the midst of chemo treatments for cancer. Initially diagnosed with colon cancer, there is now a cancer spot on her liver. She will be undergoing harsh chemo treatments now. Some days she has energy and strength and some days her body aches and she has very little strength. Her prayer request is for peace of mind, and freedom from anxiety. Also, pray for the salvation of her husband.

Verna is a young gal and a new believer who is struggling with addiction. For a number of months she was consistent in attending Bible studies at FLC. Then we

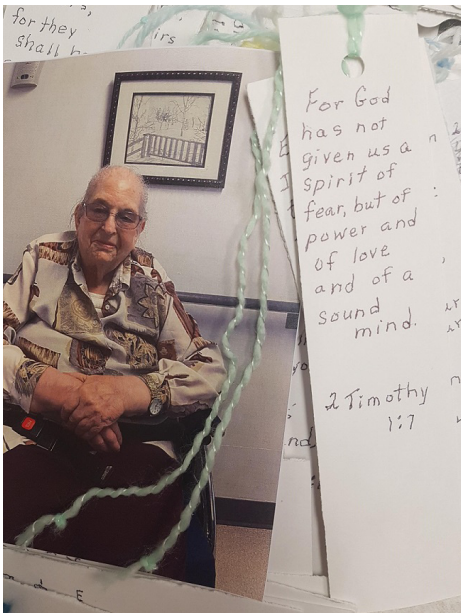
did not see her for a month. At this time we have not seen her since August 18th. Please pray for her life and for victory over the addiction through the LORD Jesus Christ.

Sarah ... An Inspiration

Let me introduce you to Sarah from S.E. Saskatchewan. An amazing supporter of UGM.

Sarah is over 90 years old. She has been 'house bound' for 18 plus months, yet she is industrious, prayerful and creative.

We have now received over 175 bookmarks she has made. Every one has a Bible verse she has written in shaky hand, with painstaking determination. Each one has some kind of decoration on the reverse side from pictures she has cut out from all sources including food packaging!



A Spiritual Tug of War CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Ron Albo, Children's Ministry

There is a competition going on between what is taught during Kid's Club at the Family Life Centre, and what is taught in the world around us. We teach the Good News Jesus brings to humanity, the Gospel. The world, as you know, has no use for this type of teaching. It is very evident that there is a struggle happening within each child. It is like a tug of war between the forces of God and the forces of the world, led by the evil one. As the children grow older, it is apparent the influence of the world is having a steadily increasing impact.

These children are so beautiful and having them not decide to follow Jesus, but rather the ways of the world, is so troubling. To combat feelings of concern over this, it is good to remember that God's sovereignty rules over every aspect of life. The Holy Spirit is active and working hard to do what God has ordained.

So then, Jesus will continue to be proclaimed at the Kid's Club! The children will continue to be loved. Prayer for the children's souls will not merely continue, it will increase. To increase prayer for the children, everyone reading this is urged to spend time asking God to intervene. Please ask God to open the blind spiritual eyes of the children. We want them to possess eternal life through Jesus Christ.

"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is good and acceptable and perfect will of God."
Romans 12:2

Pray for

ADOPT A STUDENT PROGRAM

These students listed are all new to this school. Please pray for them as they adjust to a brand new school and as they learn about Jesus: **Zyren, Dominic, Deklan, Holden, Jorome, Ryza, Jean and Lovely.**

Answer to Prayer

ADULT EDUCATION

Nelson Gonzalez, Adult Education Principal

"Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them."

Mark 11:24 (NKJV)

God is actively answering prayer! Two weeks ago, a student in the process of accrediting credentials at our school passed an entrance examination to be admitted into college. Earlier she had asked for prayer anticipating taking the exam in mention in the weeks ahead. Not many students pass this exam and she had tried twice before. She is a professional and a graduate from university from another country.

The Bible tells us that with God there is nothing impossible. We have always believed these words at Union Gospel Mission, Faith Learning Centre. We prayed for her in expectation of a miracle. She studied hard and took the step of faith to take the exam for the third time.

We are praising the Lord for helping her to pass the exam. She will continue with us to secure learning in other areas for some time before entering college.

Praises be to Jesus! Help us with your prayers for the school, the staff and the students.

Pray for

WOMEN'S ADDICTION PROGRAM

Loriann Tulk, Charis Centre Manager

Please pray for the ladies in the program:

Martha, Alana, Danielle, Amanda, Jacqueline, Christina, Carole, Amanda, Destiny, Deanna, Kate, Holly, Valarie, Kimberly, Brittney.

We are thankful that we are beginning to see an increase in applicants into the program. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will lead ladies to the Charis Centre.

A brother of one of our residents committed suicide just yesterday. Please pray that she receives the strength to get through this tragedy without relapsing and that she will learn to rely on God's love and strength during this time.

Please pray against spiritual demonic attacks both on the residents and on staff. Satan is determined to prevent the Lord's work in our Centre and there's a constant spiritual battle. Thanks to our Heavenly Father for always going ahead of us.

Pray that the residents will experience a real authentic relationship with our Heavenly Father. Through His love, the chains of addiction will be broken.

Ephesians 6:12: **"For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places."**

Donor's Prayer

FOR THE MISSION

Tilly

Heavenly Father, I lift up Union Gospel Mission before Your throne. I pray for protection for them as they do battle on the front lines. I ask that You would give wisdom and much grace as they minister to the lost, broken, addicted and such precious people who You died to set free. Father, in the most precious name of Jesus, Lord I pray that many will come to know the freedom that You died to give them. May the hearts of the ones on the streets be prepared by Your Holy Spirit to receive Your Word, Your deliverance and Your healing. Bless all who labor in this field that is so ripe for harvest. In Jesus' holy name, Amen!

True Greatness in the Kingdom of Heaven

Daniel Glawatzky, Operations Manager

One of the most valuable things we can share is ourselves: our time, our prayers, our talents and our energies in serving others to bring them closer to Jesus. Someone once said: "True greatness in the Kingdom of heaven consists in serving one another."

Jesus stated it this way, **"... whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant" (Matt. 20:26).**

This is true of our wonderful volunteers. I am very thankful to God for each volunteer walking through the UGM

doors, working and serving sacrificially and joyfully in the kitchen preparing food and in the dock area sorting and organizing the merchandise. I am also very thankful to the volunteers sorting clothing and giving out only the best as well as cleaning and sanitizing the floors and other areas.

This is indeed true greatness: in serving, pointing to the ONE who can heal and give hope to this broken world.

Pray for

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Please note we are protecting the identity of each precious child with a different name. The Lord knows who you are praying for.

Violet: This young girl is new to our kid's program. She knows more than most kids about the Bible and is quick to memorize and retain Bible verses. But she needs to put Biblical knowledge into action and she has to learn how to get along better with the other girls. Pray for her, please.

May: May has been attending Kid's Club for about two years. She has continuously tuned out the Bible lessons. Pray the Holy Spirit opens her to Jesus.

Varian: He's become a frequent participant to the after-school program. He listens well to the Bible lessons and memorizes Bible verses. But he doesn't get that the Gospel is meant for him personally.

Anna: She's having some gender identification issues. Pray that God prevails in her life.

Rachel: She's one of the older girls and

is becoming increasingly less receptive to the Kid's Club. She was at one time amazed at the Gospel, but that seems to be fading. Pray Rachel puts all her trust in Christ.

Kinesa: She is Rachel's younger sister, and likes to think as her older sister does. Please pray the thoughts of Kinesa revolve around Christ.

Denise: She doesn't say very much. She certainly does not seem to be interested in anything having to do with the Bible. She needs prayer.

Carlton: He is an energetic and loveable boy who does not understand that to follow Christ means you must change your spiritual mindset.

Thankful

Freda Klassen, Charis Chaplain

Here are a few of the things I am thankful for:

- I thank God for touching the hearts of others to give to the ministry of UGM so that I can focus on the things God calls me to do here.
- I am also thankful for the Bibles that are donated; I wish all the donors could see the look on the residents faces when they get a Bible of their own. They are so thankful.
- I'm also thankful for the food donations that come in, especially the fruits and vegetables which bring nutrition and health to our residents.

Directing to Family Life Centre

Gilbert Plante, Family Ministry's Manager

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18: "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

My friend Marlin dropped by a few days ago. Marlin is a recovered Heroin addict; he drops by once or twice a year for prayer and encouragement. He says he is very thankful for the Family Life Centre, because he feels safe and knows he will hear words of truth (God's truth). Marlin tells me he speaks with the Lord all the time and he knows it's God directing him to FLC to receive fellowship and prayer.

Drop-in Street Ministry

It was weekend drop-in and a stranger to UGM came by for some sustenance. He wore a bandana of sorts around his head, was carrying some kind of shoulder bag and was covered in dirt. He reminded volunteer Joanne of an archeologist. He approached Joanne and mumbled 'yes' in response to her offer to give food and tea.



Moments later he shuffled over to her and placed a diamond cut piece of glass on the counter and gestured she receive it. Minutes went by and then our guest reached for his bag and poured it's contents on to the table in front of him. Dirt, earth, pebbles and rocks covered the table. Joanne's first impressions of her new friend were not far off.

He began sorting stones to one side. As he did this, he started to cry and then weep. Joanne, moved by the sight and sound, went over to him. She sat with him and asked him about his treasure. In his world, he was sorting treasure. The responses were muted. Joanne asked if she could pray with him and despite another muted response, she placed a gentle caring hand on his shoulder and prayed.

Then something extraordinary took place. Under his breath the visitor muttered over and over, 'the least of these, the least of these'. Joanne was struck by the poignancy of these words and later that day re-read what Jesus had spoken, as recorded in Matthew 25:42-45. It says, **"for I was hungry and you gave Me no food; I was thirsty and you gave Me no drink; I was a stranger and you did not take Me in, naked and you did not clothe Me, sick and in prison and you did not visit Me." "Then they also will answer Him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see You hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to You?' Then He will answer them, saying, 'Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.'"**

No longer does Joanne need to wrestle with the value of her serving, for truly she serves our Lord Jesus every day.

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Street Ministry

Chapel services for our street guests prior to a meal are often moving and powerful. Recently Chaplain Carel shared the story of a few minutes spent with a guest in a wheelchair. He was a man who had lost a leg in recent times. Carel was sensitive to the Holy Spirit's leading and could see he was struggling and that this man had unforgiveness in his heart. As Carel shared the Lord's own beautiful and freeing example of forgiveness, he could see that this man's eyes and heart were connecting and receiving what Jesus had for him.

The two men were together moving in the moment, unknowing that the words of Jesus were exactly what were needed to be heard. Here was a man, probably in his 60's; a man who had been through the school of life; a man with a heart of stone, receiving words of life and insight and the beginnings of the Master Potter reshaping one He loves. Isaiah 64:8 **"But now, O Lord, You are our Father; We are the clay, and You our potter; And all we are the work of Your hand."**

OH, how Jesus loves!

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Men's Addiction Program

Mark Kelm, Senior Chaplain

Please pray for the men in the program:

Greg, Jeremy, Dorian, Jerrick, Kamil, David, Sunny, Calvin, Kirby, George, Dennis, Joe, Ray, Peter, Chris and Howard.

George came to UGM asking to come back into the men's recovery program.

He was in the program before but personal issues made it difficult for him to continue, so he left before finishing the program. One of those issues was pride and not really being focused on finding recovery in Christ. But the Lord has a way of humbling people so that the pride issues are no longer a problem. That is what happened to George. He finally reached the point where he realized that he could not handle his addiction to drugs on his own. He needed the Jesus who he heard about the last time he was at UGM.

George has been back in the program for a few months now and he is much more focused on the program and finding recovery in Christ. He serves faithfully as one of our morning cooks and attends classes regularly. He also visits the chaplains for prayer and counselling on a regular basis. George has found that what it says in James 4:10 is true, **“Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.”** May the Lord continue to walk with George in the recovery program as he humbly seeks the healing and peace that only the Lord Jesus can give.

Community Thanksgiving Dinner



Union Gospel Mission recently held its yearly Thanksgiving chapel services and meals. This is a special time for the missionaries and volunteers who serve during this special event. The main reason why it is so special is because some of the poor and homeless in Winnipeg's inner-city get to hear the gospel message. Every year there are a number of people who accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior. This year saw 14 people give their lives to Christ! That means 14 more individuals will now know what it means to have the joy of the Lord's salvation and what the apostle Paul in Philippians 4:7 calls **“... the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding.”**

For many in the inner-city who struggle to get by each day, this is huge in that even though they are going through whatever daily struggles they go through, they can now have the strength and hope that only God can supply through Christ. Peace from God surpasses all understanding in that the Holy Spirit can bring this peace in Christ even in the midst of a great crisis. This is a supernatural working of God through the cross of Christ that brings us peace with God and peace in our soul no matter what our circumstances.

In John 14:27, Jesus said this about the peace He can give, **“Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.”** May the Lord add many more to the 14 who now know the peace that only Jesus can give.



Christmas Gift Bags

It is traditional that we share the blessings of giving at Christmas. For those of you who feel led to contribute to gifts for those whom we serve.



Some suggestions include:

- Mitts/gloves
- Toques
- Hygiene items (shampoo, razors/shave cream, deodorant, toothbrush/toothpaste, comb, etc)
- Socks
- Bible, Christian book or CD

Especially For Children:

- New unwrapped toy
- Children's Bible

Please label the gift to indicate if it's for a man, woman, boy or girl

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