



Voices & Prayer Warriors

Summer 2022

Pray for the Street!

Please pray for Chris.

He has travelled much of Europe with his guitar in hand. He will regale any listener with stories of sights seen and people met.

Yet what went wrong? Here he sits on the curb side by my vehicle. Changing footwear too small and putting sore and bloodied feet into shoes two sizes bigger than the ones he had forced his feet into. He is from Winnipeg, but is homeless. His guitar no longer accompanies him. A cost of the lifestyle my new friend had adopted. "Can you find me a guitar?" he asks. I listen as he goes on to tell me his spiritual beliefs and his theory on how we come to exist. None of it lines up with the truth that is only in Jesus.

He allows me a brief moment to share. Then he is gone. I may not see him again, but I can sure ask you dear readers to pray for this man... (probably mid 30s in age).

Please pray for those living on the streets.

Drive downtown between 6 and 7 a.m. on any day and see the increased numbers sleeping on sidewalks or occupying bus shelters. Shopping carts packed with possessions, empty cans, and garbage bags of 'treasure'. One man recently with two carts tied together, pulling along Henry Street as he seeks an unknown destination.



Another conversation with a man who lives for his cat ‘Baby’ under a makeshift ‘tent’, reveals a man who is pragmatic about his life and who “wants nothing from anybody”! He needs Jesus. (No name given). In his backpack was a bag of dried cat food. “Baby comes first”.

Please pray for the addicted.

The sight of a discarded needle is common place on the down town streets of Winnipeg. When we hear sirens, don’t we often stop and pray for the safety and deliverance from whatever the person or persons being carried to or being fetched from, that the paramedics are rushing to aid? Similarly, every time we see a needle, we wonder if the injected person has survived the poison, is in a state of psychosis somewhere, or is abusing or being

abused, somewhere hidden away in the dark recesses of a Winnipeg back alley, or behind the hidden murky places of dumpsters.

Every time we see a discarded needle, it hurts. Please pray for these lost souls.



Pray for Recovery

Two men on fire for the Lord, both in our men's recovery program. One freed from anger, hatred and overwhelming sadness by virtue of forgiveness. Shaun has learned to forgive the perpetrators of murdering/executing his stepmom, stepsister and stepbrother on Christmas Eve, 1987. A weight that he has carried since the age of 12.

Paul was adopted. He remembers the pain of being coloured in a white household. Never heard "oh, you have your father's eyes or your mom's nose". He recalls at age five or six, a red haired boy telling him to "go home and paint yourself white, before you can play with me and my train set". He remembers being introduced to alcohol as an 11 year old by his older brother. He remembers acting like a drunken outcast for the amusement and acceptance of others.

Their stories are moving, traumatic, sad and yet joyful and uplifting. They both know their scriptures and are desirous of sharing their stories and more importantly Jesus' story. (See Frank's article for more details)

To quote Paul, "Shaun can pull scripture from his head but it takes me to remember the 'addresses' of those scriptures!"



Preaching the Gospel

BY FRANK ULRICH

And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature." (Mark 16:15 NKJV)

The other day, I was so encouraged to hear from a couple of gentlemen in our men's addiction recovery program about what they are planning to do. The two men, with smiles on their faces, passionately shared that they would like to walk around the vicinity of Higgins and Princess to share the gospel message with those who they meet on the sidewalks and green spaces.

Wow, when I heard this, I was so thankful to Jesus for the work He is doing in their lives, such that they feel in their hearts that they want to tell others in the community about the free gift of salvation and how Jesus can also free them from the chains of addiction. They also wanted to give back to UGM by being an ambassador for us. I was

also humbled and encouraged to be used by the Holy Spirit to share with those in my networks about my relationship with Jesus.

Please pray that the Holy Spirit would go before these two men as they preach the gospel in the core of Winnipeg.



Adopt a Student Program

BY GILBERT PLANTE

I believe that I have the best job in the world; no two days are the same, and one never knows what kind of day it will be.

I received a frantic call from a mom early one warm sunny morning. She was upset about how her son had missed the bus, and it was field trip day! I told mom that I would pick up her son and drive him to school, however, there could be an issue; I was riding my Harley Davidson motorcycle that day. Without hesitation, she said that Johnny (not his real name) would take the ride to school. I pulled up to the home on my very loud Harley and Johnny

came running out of the house with a huge smile on his face. I carefully put a helmet on his head, helped him on the back of the bike and then prayed that our Lord grant us travel mercies. I told Johnny that we must consult the Lord on all things, great and small. **“Seek the Lord and His strength; Seek His face evermore.” (1 Chronicles 16:11 NKJV)**

At this point, mom is outside with her camera taking pictures of Johnny and me riding away on the motorcycle. As we pull up to Faith Academy School, the students are all lined up outside waiting to gain entry to the facility. The students turn their heads to sound of the rumbling bike and notice it’s Johnny on the back. Johnny leaps from the bike and is removing his helmet when the students start cheering and giving each other high fives at his presence. When Johnny realizes that the students are impressed with his arrival, he takes a bow as though he is some type of dignitary. I take this opportunity to once again consult the Lord with thanks on a safe arrival, reminding Johnny that God gets all the glory.

Colossians 3:17 NKJV “And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.”

Please pray for the children who are new to the School Sponsorship Program:

Kingston	Kadence	Jose
Leandro	Rory	Noah
Dekohta	Kasiyana	Princess

FLC WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Babes in Christ

BY MARLENE WIEBE

“As new born babes, desire the pure milk of the word that you may grow thereby, if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is gracious.” 1 Peter 2:2

“Newborns are capable of nothing but desire.” Bengel.

Babies crave nourishment; they ardently express their need to be fed regularly. They act as if their life depends on the next feeding. This attitude should be true of new believers in Christ Jesus also.

At Family Life Centre, we share the way of salvation at every opportunity. Every Wednesday is Ladies Day; when we host up to 50 ladies from the community. The program consists of coffee time, Bible study, Chapel, a great lunch and an opportunity to get clothing and groceries. We present the gospel every Wednesday and some days we are planting seeds and some days we reap. Some ladies have indicated they have made a commitment repeating the prayer with the chapel speaker. Since January, six women have prayed with a volunteer here to accept Christ as Savior. We rejoice with the angels on these occasions.

But heavy on my heart is that these newborn babes grow in the Lord. They always leave here with a Bible and tract so the ‘food’ goes with them. We consistently invite them

to Bible studies at FLC on Tuesday and Thursday, as well as to return on Wednesday.

Some of them come back to FLC to be fed, some of them accepted Christ the day they walked in the door and we haven't seen since. Others have not indicated to us that they did make that decision. Please pray for them with us, especially for those who we know:

Dej, Des, Gle, Lac, Sam, and Van (these are the first three letter of their name to protect their privacy).

Lord Jesus, please nourish and nurture each of these precious newly born-again ladies!

WOMEN'S RECOVERY PROGRAM

Celebration of Recovery

BY LORIANN TULK

We have so much to thank the Lord for right now. During the summer months our intake numbers usually go down, but this summer we are getting higher admission than we did this past winter. We are so thankful that women are continuing to enter our program where we have the privilege of getting to know them and minister to them.

We are also excited to have TWO graduations this summer. That means that two of our ladies are completing over a year of programming. This is a HUGE celebration! We are so proud of

their accomplishments and growth. Please pray for Amanda and Mandy as they begin their next phase of recovery and life.

Charis Centre is also excited to welcome on a new counsellor to our team. Please welcome Cassandra and pray for her as she starts her new adventure in ministry.

Pray For the women in recovery:

Amanda, Alana, Mandy, Martha, Angie, Angela, Delanie, Linda, Laura, Nicole, Tonya, Amber, Kimberly, Allison and her children Ariana & Malachi, Desiree, Danielle, Natalie, Crystal, Jasmine, Darlene, Shannon, Carleigh, Katlin.

Galatians 5:113: “For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.”



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY PRAYER WARRIORS

**Alyza, Shantaya, Arcadia,
Angel: Pray for these
children. Please pray
they take Bible teachings
seriously, and start paying
attention.**

**Roslyn & Sierra: These two
girls don't attend Kid's Club
as much as they used to.
Pray the Gospel has taken
root in their hearts.**

**Cameron.....Please pray
this boy's spiritual eyes be
opened by the Gospel.
Christian.....This boy can
easily be lead into life's
dark areas. Pray Jesus, the
light of the world, is the
one he ultimately follows.**

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

God is Sovereign Over All Matters

BY RON ALBO

I often wonder how effective the ministry to the children is in the North End. The outreach program is mostly done through the Kid's Club, which operates Monday thru Friday from 3:30 to 5:00 P.M. Relationships are created between the staff (and volunteers) and the kids. The most important aspect of the program has always been sharing the Gospel with the children. We want them to have an eternal relationship with our Father in heaven, through Jesus Christ.

I see children who have an understanding of what Christ did for us on the cross, but I do not see changed lives. The message doesn't seem to have taken hold in a tangible way.

This is where my thinking needs adjusting. In the last few weeks, people have dropped by the Family Life Centre for a variety of reasons. Four of those who visited had a smile on their face and a gleam in their eyes, when they told me that as youngsters they came to the Kid's Club. They have fond memories. Those I talked extensively to about this, tell me they attend church services.

We know attending church doesn't mean a person is an authentic Christian, but it does indicate the

Holy Spirit is at work. Could it be those seeds planted in childhood have now blossomed into salvation? I think it has. It surely demonstrates the importance of continuing to proclaim the good news of our Saviour to the little ones. We teach Christ crucified, and the Holy Spirit does the rest. It's all up to God, and for the glory of God. God does His work in His time, not our time.

“The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us, not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.”
2 Peter 3:9

Hope in Jesus

BY MARK KELM

Raymond came into the UGM men's recovery program in October of 2021. When he came to the Mission, he had lived a life full of dysfunction and physical pain as well as emotional pain. Raymond is a big man who has an innocence about him that makes him a gentle giant. During his time at the Mission, he had many questions about why God allowed him to go through the difficult things he went through in life. The more he understood that we live in a fallen world where pain and heartache is a reality and Jesus is the only one who can give us real hope and strength, the more hope he began to have in his own life.

Raymond worked hard in the recovery program and gave his life

to Christ. He has a joy and a hope that he did not have when he came to us last fall. He struggles with pain from a medical condition, but the peace he finds in Jesus helps to keep him going so he can persevere and give the glory to God for the strength to get through each day. More and more, Raymond is learning to give his cares to God. He holds on to passages like 1 Peter 5:7 where it says that we need to give our worries to Christ, **“Casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.”** Raymond has found the greatest source of hope and peace that there is in the Lord Jesus Christ. May the Lord continue bring people into the UGM men's and women's recovery programs so that others can find the same hope in Jesus!

Pray for the men in residence:

Greg, Matt, Joseph S. Paul, Arthur, Cory, Raymond, Ken, Jonathon, Brendon, Ruy, Josh, Rob, Kirby, Daryl, Dennis, Joe R, Brody, Chris, George, Shaun & Craig.

Street Ministry

BY PASTOR ED BULLER

Walking into work can be an interesting experience. The moment I walk into the doors of Union Gospel Mission every day, I face an interesting and welcome barrage of questions ranging from “Where is the bathroom?” to “Do you have any Bibles?” Yet one Tuesday I received the best question of all.

I walked through the front door and

just inside, wandering around as if he was lost was a middle aged bearded man. “May I help you?” I asked. “Yeah.” He said. “I want to ask Jesus into my life but I don’t know how!” We sat together for 30 minutes. We prayed together. That man will join me in eternity with Jesus.

Since then we have met together many times. There have been triumphs and tragedies. Yet he continues to walk with the Lord as for the first time in his life he has learned to trust in Jesus.

Just another AWESOME day at Union Gospel Mission. Thank you for supporting us and please continue to lift us up in prayer. God is at work here!!



The Light of the World

BY TODD LANGE

As we move past another summer into an exciting new autumn, we as a ministry are once again adapting to the world’s fickle tides. Watching our once sweets-laden shelves grow barren in tandem with a fallen world’s foibles, our clientele have grown in their understanding of what we really offer. In the words of the classic hymn, “strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow” is found within our walls.

Two of our contracted missionaries have experienced just such salvific deliverance under our roof. For what feels like a year, these two recovered addicts have given their weekends back to their community, sharing what God has done for them with a city that is hungry for answers and thirsty for truth. By making use of their own painful experiences, our parish is brought prayer, counselling, gospel, shelter, refreshments, relief and love.

He is a graduate of the New Life in Christ and Faith Learning Centre ministries and is studying to be a teacher and a preacher. She is a grandmother and homemaker, and strives to create a sense of belonging for the lost girls who come

through our doors. Together, with the men in our recovery program and the wider body of believers, not to mention parfaits and peanut butter sandwiches, Union Gospel rescue Mission is made a bright light atop the hills of Winnipeg's downtown.

We don't always get to see the fruit that springs up from the seed of God's Word, but here, in the past year, we have. The lives of a few choice regulars have been turned around and transformed before our eyes! This doesn't happen overnight, so we keep planting that seed. Pray for us that we have both the bread of today and the bread of tomorrow.

"For ye have the poor with you always, and whensoever ye will ye may do them good: but me ye have not always." Mark 14:7

Radiothon Thanks

Just before summer officially got underway, CHVN 95.1 F.M. hosted UGM's "Nobody But Jesus" Radio-thon. Team CHVN came and joined us and broadcasted live from 320 Princess Street. For two full 12 hour days, radio hosts, Mike Thom and Sylvia St Cyr, aided by Vanessa Friesen, interviewed and shared, many, many, exciting stories and testimonies to the wonderful work of Jesus through the Mission that you support! We were on an adrenalin rush as the glory we desired to give to Jesus, kept building.

We have a living Saviour who is so busy transforming, healing, restoring and saving lives among those we serve in Jesus name! Our Lord is totally awesome! Totally!



Gratefulness

BY NELSON GONZALEZ, PRINCIPAL

“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.” - 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

We at Faith Learning Centre rejoice always praying continually with thanksgiving; knowing that during the three years of the pandemic, God sustained us.

Literally, we were not to have graduates or even enrollment, as severe as the situation was. But God, has seen us through in a mighty way. We give Him all glory for what He has done in the midst of us.

This year, four precious students have graduated; they can discover a world of possibilities for their future, only because they have the skills by the access post-secondary education. Without God, this could not have been possible. Another graduate joined the celebration since there was no in-person graduation get-together the previous year.



Listeners were asked to call our praise and prayer lines. Many of us, who staffed the phones, had the privilege to pray with listeners and had the privilege to receive donations to the Mission. Such a delight to interact in such a personal way. Weeks later, we are still basking in the glow of a Saviour who cares and we are still bringing prayer requests of our supporters to the throne of Grace.

This little report cannot be complete without thanking all of you who participated, thanking our amazing radio hosts (what special and gifted people they are), and thanking our great God. Nobody But Jesus!!

(By the way, the call sign CHVN means “Christ Heaven”)



Please continue to pray for us, for more enrollment for the 2022-2023 school year.

UGM FALL FELLOWSHIP EVENTS

Please pray that after a two-year absence, we shall finally have in-person events again. Please consider attending the following events:

**FRIDAY
OCT 14**

**WINNIPEG
FALL BANQUET
YOUTH NIGHT**

For the first time we will hold a special youth night on Friday, October 14th. Guest worship band from Millar College; Guest Speaker, Radio host Mike Thom, and live testimonies from recovering addicts.

**SATURDAY
OCT 15**

**WINNIPEG
FALL
BANQUET**

The main event on Saturday October 15th will have our usual Noon & 6:30pm meals. Special Music by Mic Martens, Mike Thom as our Guest Speaker, with live testimonies.

RSVP

Please call Rosanne at 204-943-9904 ext. 226 to reserve your seats.

**FRIDAY
OCT 28**

**GLADSTONE
FELLOWSHIP
EVENING**

This will take place at the Gladstone Christian Fellowship, featuring special music and testimonies.

Please consider having your community host an event. We are hungry to serve Jesus by encouraging His people, to give opportunity to have UGM share the brilliance of the work of Jesus among the seven ministries He has given us to serve. Only Jesus makes a life changing difference!

If you would like to host an event, please call Martin at 204-943-9904 ext. 237.

Watch for more information as we get close to these events.

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