

MAINTENANCE

BY ANDY HEIN

Being in the maintenance department, when things in our buildings break or are damaged because of someone's "oops" or "deliberate" moments I fix them, because by the insight and wisdom given to me by our Heavenly Father, I am able.

In my new tenure here at the Gospel Mission, I have opportunities now and then to view and hear our street guests as they approach our Mission and enter our doors. Though my function is not directly with them, I have witnessed in their eyes, in their words and tone, that which I find hard to explain. I have never felt so humbled, so close to their hurt, their brokenness in soul and spirit so close to their lives. My heart goes out to them in prayer. If only I could get the tools and a few hardware pieces to fix these precious people in my daily fixing routine – I would! I cannot. However, ONE can. HE who made us, the heavens and earth – HE, who redeemed us at Golgotha and rose, can!

Please pray for all who draw near and enter Union Gospel Mission that our Heavenly Father in Jesus Christ would have the Holy Spirit open the eyes to their minds and hearts, that HE be revealed to them and do HIS fix!

STREET MINISTRY

BY ED BULLER

I left work at almost 10pm one night feeling weary, overcome, and sad. After working at UGM for three months, this had been without a doubt the most challenging day I had to date as evening chaplain. Tears dropped from my eyes, and I questioned my effectiveness in ministry that challenging Thursday.

Kindness from our street guests seemed to be absent that Thursday and anger seemed to flow in off the street. I felt powerless to de-escalate the pain and tension of the street

that I normally can do with the help of the Lord. I stopped a fight that day and removed a weapon from another individual as well. As I drove home, I wondered aloud "What did you achieve today God? You have said your word will not return void, but today I saw nothing."

I believe all of us have been created by God for one purpose – to give Him glory. When we go through times of trial, it is so that God can carry us through and receive glory. Remember this truth because that night I forgot it for a moment. That night sleep did not come as the devil tried to trick me into thinking God had abandoned me for the day. However, I arose with a strange energy the next day that can only be described as anticipatory. The Holy Spirit convicted me that God was about to do something... AND HE DID!!!

I was paged that afternoon to our cafeteria. I was told someone wanted to meet with me. Surprised, I walked into the cafeteria to see a young woman we have been praying for, for several months. She waved me over. In her hands was an envelope. "Pastor Ed." She said. "Yesterday you looked like you were having a hard day. I want you to know how important and valuable the work all of you do here is to all of us!" I thanked her and almost cried. As I entered my office I opened the envelope and noticed she had included a scripture in the card:

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."

This young lady had been coming to our chapel every night for months and we have been praying for her spiritual growth every day. After a challenging day (to say the least) and my questions, GOD PROVED THAT HIS WORD NEVER RETURNS VOID and GOD RECEIVED GLORY through the growth of this young lady!! Praise the Lord!

She continues to attend, continues to grow and continues to bless because you support this ministry. God bless all of you good and faithful servants!

EPILOGUE: Included in the card was a \$5 Tim Hortons gift card, which is worth \$5 to you and me but is probably worth a minimum of \$20 to her. I rushed back to give her the card back and she smiled. "Don't try to return a gift given out of grace Pastor. I've learned that at UGM's chapels."

Amen

SO MOVED

Praise the Lord for His incredible provision through the hearts of so many.

Today, I was once again moved to tears. We received a cheque from a gentleman's estate. It wasn't the size of the gift that impacted me as much as the fact that this person had remembered the poor and addicted, the homeless and the marginalized as he passed through death to the after life, to be with his and our Lord.

Here was a man, who only a few short weeks ago, was breathing the same air as you and I. Here was a man who we presume had impacted a family, friends, community and possibly businesses – a man who contributed to our society and to our great country of Canada. I felt such love from and for this man's life. What were his favourite hymns, his favourite scripture passages? How many Resurrection Sundays did he celebrate? How often did he marvel at the majesty of the Lord's handiwork, the sunrises, the sunsets, the colours of fall, the fragrances of blossom and flowers, the taste of the fruit of the land?

In his passing, many will be served by this man's legacy. At UGM, we are so privileged to see how the Lord cares for His creation and His ministries. Praise Him from whom all blessings flow.

God Bless!



VOICES FROM THE STREET & PRAYER WARRIOR

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WORKING TOGETHER FOR HIS KINGDOM

BY LORIANN TULK

We are always so blessed to be able to collaborate with other ministries. There are two groups that come to Charis regularly to minister to our ladies with praise & worship, a message and prayer. One of these groups are a discipleship program from Winkler, MB, that is made up of a group of young people from 18-24 yrs of age and their leader Bryan Neisteter. These young people are on fire for the Lord and excited to share this with others. The other is a group of ladies from Zion Church in Winnipeg who are passionate about prayer and seeing women freed from every sort of spiritual bondage.

At Charis we love to see our ladies loved by the church community. They are able to experience God's love through these groups of individuals and see the Holy Spirit move through them. I believe that they are a shining example of what Christ designed the church to be. This past week I got to witness our residents laying hands on one another and praying. How exciting

"And as you go, preach, saying, 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.' Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out demons. Freely you have received, freely give. – Matthew 10:7-8

to see our ladies living a life of discipleship after experiencing a life of bondage. That is what the gospel is all about; living the good news of Jesus grace!

PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE WOMEN IN THE RECOVERY PROGRAM:

Kristy, Linda, Tiffany, Loretta, Raeanne, Amber, Alana, Amanda B, Amanda C, Angelica, Angela, Holly, Tara, Martha, Allison, Reva, Nadine, Jillian, Danielle

PRAYER REQUEST:

Freedom from the spiritual bondage of addiction for the residents at UGM.

Perseverance, wisdom and discernment for the staff.

Holy Spirit would lead individuals to Charis as we go through a transition of hiring new missionaries.

Healing for the children of residents at Charis. That the Holy Spirit would heal any hurt and trauma that they may have experienced.



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LOVE LIKE JESUS

BY FRANK ULRICH

“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” (John 13:34-35)

A gentleman in our men’s addiction recovery program recently returned back into our program after a brief departure. At lunchtime, I asked him how he is settling back in as far as the daily routine, the Bible classes and the other men in the program. I took note of his positive response as he said that it was great because of the people here. He was referring to the loving missionaries (this is what our staff are referred to) and volunteers who provide Christ-like love to every man, woman and child who we have the privilege of serving.

Thank you Jesus for loving us so much that you died on the cross for our sins. May everyone that we interact with know that we are disciples of His by us showing love to them.

ADOPT-A-STUDENT

BY GILBERT PLANTE

Being the Family Ministries Manager comes with having to wear many hats at times. I received a call one cold Monday morning asking if I would mind driving Sally & Susan (not real names) to school as it was too cold to walk and dad’s car had been stolen over the weekend. Upon picking the students up, I was greeted with a cheerful “Hi Mr. Gilbert, we really appreciate you picking us up.”

I enjoy these brief quality times with students as I can talk about the Kingdom of God. I started out with a couple of non-invasive questions; typical small talk. Then I asked, “if you were to die today are you going to heaven?” As I write this article, I’m chuckling to myself because I remember after asking that very personal question, it was instant silence. I thought perhaps that was

a little too intense for these grade 8 students, so I decided to swap up the question and asked, “How do you get to heaven?” I suppose it’s all in how you ask, because now the students opened up and proceeded to tell me, and quote **Ephesians 2:8-9: “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.”**

I was pleasantly surprised at how quickly they could quote scripture. The students informed me that being a teenage Christian in 2022 was not an easy job. Both students were very happy to be attending Faith Academy, because they are there with other like minded teenage Christians. After dropping the students off, I began to converse with our Lord, telling Him how grateful I was to be overseeing this invaluable Ministry, to bless all of our sponsored students and to guide their journey of life.

It’s worth repeating!...

Ephesians 2:8-9 . . . “For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.”

CARING FOR EACH OTHER

BY MARLENE WIEBE

Annie started coming to Tuesday and Thursday Bible studies at Family Life Centre in April of 2021, after being invited by one of the regulars. She was a believer who had many questions, which we Bible study leaders did our best to answer.

Annie showed great compassion for others that attended the studies, caring and praying for them. She became very dear to each member that regularly attended.

Annie had cancer and we prayed for and with her regularly for healing and for strength and stamina as the side effects of the chemo treatments were harsh and made her very weak some days. A few ladies cared for her during these times; cleaning and cooking for her, calling and spending time with her.

In February 2022 it became apparent that God was not going to heal Annie this side of heaven, and these same ladies ministered to her as she was in palliative care. They sat with her, sang to her, prayed with her and did errands for her. Sometimes we think that the ministry worker needs to do all the caring, but it gave me great joy to witness these ladies ministering to their sister in the Lord during her last days on earth. Annie went to be with Jesus on March 4, 2022. We miss her.

“Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of His saints.” Psalm 116:15

LOST LITTLE CHILDREN

BY RON ALBO AND SARAH ANDRUSHKO

The statistics are staggering. The numbers vary slightly from survey to survey, but they are all conclusive about one thing. The overwhelming majority of Christians decided to follow Christ before the age of eighteen. In addition, half of those chose Christ before the age of twelve. Childhood is when most people accept Jesus as their Saviour. Therefore, the Kid’s Club at the Family Life Centre may be a far more important and valuable ministry than many have imagined.

With very, very few exceptions, the children who attend the Kid’s Club are not exposed to Biblical teaching at home. God is not a priority. So then, the Kid’s Club is the only connection to real Gospel teaching the children have in this area of the North End.

A person is a child for only a short period of time. In these formative years, the entire course of a life can be altered. The Family Life Centre takes the responsibility of Gospel teaching very seriously. Cultivating a real and eternal relationship with God, through Jesus Christ, is what we most want for the children. Of course we rely on the Holy Spirit to open the hearts of the children, while it is people like you, the reader, we rely on for prayer. Please pray for these little ones. They are wonderful, yet lost, children.

“For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.” Luke 19:10

GOD’S IDEAS

BY NELSON GONZALEZ

“Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh. Is there anything too hard for Me?” Jeremiah 32:27

Late last June one of our graduates had been praying for God to direct him to a business idea. The Lord answered his prayer and our student has just set up a bannock baking business with some innovative features. Our recent graduate applied and went through the processes of obtaining all the licenses required by government to operate. He, in addition with a partner, has his own website and everything is going well for him.

Bannock is huge in our ancestry of Aboriginal culture; we at Faith Learning Centre are proud of our former student. More so, grateful to God for leading him and guiding him to this business. One time he brought bannock to our school, it was delicious and very well done. Please remember our brother in prayer, that any success reflects on God.

ADULT EDUCATION PRAYER WARRIOR LIST:

Precious.... to graduate in June
Zaneta to graduate in June
Chinnee ... to graduate in June
Jasmine to graduate in June
Renata to graduate in June
Rebecca ... for safety

Kai for safety
Claudine ... for success in her education
Kamaljeet . for success in her education
Gurpureet for success in her education
Ahmed for success in her education
Muleka for success in her education

Please continue to pray for our school, pray for our students and staff. Pray for more enrollment of students. Your prayers are essential for God to move in our school. The Lord bless you!

MEN’S PROGRAM

BY MARK KELM

Joe has struggled with his addiction to crystal meth for several years. When

his girlfriend died a few years ago the addiction became even more difficult to overcome. He had tried the UGM men’s addiction recovery program before, but never really surrendered his life completely to Christ. As a result he felt lost in his grief and addiction and feeling as though he had no hope.

Then the day came when he finally had enough of all of the pain and gave everything over to Jesus. Then the hope and peace he had been longing for finally started to grow in his life. He found that he could not get enough of reading the Bible and going to church. He was so grateful that the Lord was healing him from all the years of pain he had gone through. He knows that there will be days when he still struggles with addiction and grief, but now he has the hope of being able to walk through all of that with Jesus. Joe has found Jesus to be faithful in His promise found in Matthew 5:4 when Jesus said, “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.” May the Lord continue to comfort Joe as he learns to overcome his addiction and walk through his grief with Christ.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE MEN IN THE RECOVERY PROGRAM:

Greg, Eric, Josh, Sean, Arthur, Paul, Raymond, Ken, Daryl, Ruy, Sherman, Kirby, Jonathan, Kamil, Dennis, Joe, Peter, Chris and Shaun

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Ken: Ken would like to share with his friends how the Lord Jesus Christ has changed his life. He asks for prayers for boldness and wisdom in sharing the gospel with them.

Eric: Eric has a lot of grief from deaths in his family and a daughter who is in the hospital after being assaulted. Please pray for Eric and his family that they will feel the presence of Christ in all of their grief. May He provide healing for Eric and his family.

Arthur: Arthur is finding more and more peace and healing as he surrenders his life to Jesus. He is grieving the end of his relationship

with his girlfriend who is also the mother of his child. Please pray for wisdom and peace for Arthur as he walks through all of this with Christ.

Raymond: Raymond has health issues that are bothering him. He will be having an MRI in a few month’s time to determine the cause of major discomfort in his abdomen. Please pray that the doctors can find the cause of the discomfort and that it will be something minor. Also pray for healing and peace for Raymond no matter what the outcome may be.

Sherman: Sherman asks for prayers for peace in his heart and mind. He was involved with occult practices in the past and feels tormented from all of that. Please pray that the Lord will deliver him from any lingering demons.

Kamil: Kamil is thinking of moving on from the men’s recovery program after finishing the program. He would ask for prayer for wisdom as he decides what direction to go in for the near future.

Dennis: Now that Dennis has given his life to Christ he would like to connect with his daughter again after years of neglect. Please pray that they will be able to reconnect and that his daughter will see how much Jesus has changed him.

Joe: Joe is excited about the joy and peace he has found in Jesus that he never had before. He is also enjoying going to church again. Please pray that Joe will continue to grow in his relationship with Jesus. He would also like prayer for his son who is also going to church with him and thinking of giving his life to Jesus too.

Peter: Please pray for Peter as he will be moving on from UGM as he has completed his time as an intern with UGM. Pray that he will be able to continue to grow in his relationship with Christ.

Chris: Please pray for Chris as he has struggled greatly with his addiction over the years. He would like healing and deliverance so that he can be free from his addiction and know more and more of the peace found in Jesus.