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The Last Shall Be First

BY FRANK ULRICH, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**“So the last will be first, and the first last”
(Matthew 20:16).**

When I wrote this piece (March 6th) I received an email from Manitoba Parks advising that my family was selected in a computerized draw for a seasonal site in one of our province’s beautiful campgrounds. The email went on to say that we were selected “...131st of 131 available campsites.” We will now be selecting—or in this case receive—the site that none of the other 130 people drawn wanted. Although not ideal, we are truly thankful and excited at the opportunity to spend precious time together as a family, and with loved ones, in God’s creation.

Back to the verse that Matthew wrote, according to Matthew Henry, “The direct object of this parable seems to be, to show that though the Jews were first called into the vineyard, at length the gospel should be preached to the



(‘The Last Shall Be First’ continued)

Gentiles, and they should be admitted to equal privileges and advantages with the Jews.”

I am thankful, as I am a Gentile, that the gospel was preached to me. At Union Gospel Mission we share the gospel daily throughout our seven ministries, in four buildings. My prayer is that through the Holy Spirit, men, women and children will invite Jesus into their hearts and surrender their lives to Him so that they can spend forever with God in heaven.

Bless the City with Charis

BY HEATHER ALLARD, RSW, CHARIS CENTRE

On November 27, 2024, a group of ladies from Charis Centre, Karis (another UGM missionary), and I ventured out to Portage Place Mall to distribute blessing bags filled with essential items like toiletries, non-perishable food, and warm socks. We were overwhelmed by the gratitude of those who received the bags, and it was incredibly rewarding to see the positive impact we were able to make on their lives. Together, we distributed over 50 blessing bags, bringing a little bit of warmth and hope to those in need. This experience reminded me of the power of community and the importance of lending a helping hand to those less fortunate.

This was our first collaborative effort with the ladies from Charis Centre and Karis, and their

“...I command you, ‘You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land.’”

**Deuteronomy
15:11**

enthusiasm for the project was infectious from the very beginning. Drawing from my own experience in recovery, I firmly believe that to truly benefit from our blessings, we must share them with others. We reached out to friends, coworkers, and the community, seeking donations of any kind. The response was overwhelming – a testament to the generosity and compassion within our community.

We gathered to prepare for the distribution, listening to uplifting worship music and crafting cards filled with messages of hope, affirmations, and favorite Bible verses. When some of the ladies hesitated, unsure of what to write, we encouraged them to simply follow their hearts. The resulting messages were heartfelt and genuine.

After the distribution of the blessing bags, we gathered back at the centre for hot chocolate and donuts to process the experience. The feedback was overwhelmingly positive, with many expressing a desire to participate again. For many, this was an eye-opening experience. Seeing individuals struggling on the streets brought back memories of their own past struggles, serving as a powerful reminder of the importance of breaking free from such a lifestyle.

To ensure continued support for those in need, we are already planning our next outreach initiative. We understand that the need for assistance extends far beyond the Christmas season, and we are committed to spreading love, positivity, and kindness throughout the year.

Acts of kindness like this can really make a difference to people's lives.



“Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.”

1 Peter 4:10

She Felt Free

BY DARLENE CLARK
RECOVERY COUNSELOR
CHARIS CENTRE

How does a person who has struggled with addiction for decades, left for dead twice by being found frozen and non-responsive, been homeless, abused on every level from childhood and into adulthood, been forsaken by the world and self-abandoned, ever break free from the seemingly vicious cycle and destructive lifestyle of addiction?

This is how one young woman by the name of Elsa, not her real name, has come out of what I just described. She came to the Charis Centre a few years ago broken,

confused, shut down and seemingly unable to get through to. She stayed for a while at the Centre sharing her unimaginable story, but the taunting voice of addiction kept calling her name. She went out on a breakaway one evening and didn't return. My heart was heavy with disappointment. I cried out to the Lord on her behalf. She was gone for months. I thought about and prayed for her often. One day she reapplied to come back to the Charis Centre. I was so excited to hear this. I was eager to see her again and find out more about what had happened to her. She described a horrific experience of relapse and what followed. That was more than 8 months ago.



Elsa has been working hard and setting boundaries with herself and others to stay on track. She has been hungry for the Lord, struggling with triggers and the urge to leave. The disciplines she has used in her personal life have led her to the place where she is safe to go out on her own. She was recently hit with some serious health diagnoses which have shaken her to the core. She says, "The Lord has me and I'm going to trust him." She recently went to a church service where the elders of the church laid hands on her and prayed. She explained how something like a presence enveloped her. She says she has never experienced anything like this in her entire 33 years of life. Such joy and healing washed over her and in her words, "Something lifted off of me." She felt free. A few days later she shared with me that she was in her room minding her own business when all of a sudden that same presence came to her. She says she started singing and could only fall to her knees. She wept deeply and was cleansed of guilt and shame.

When a person truly encounters the power of the living God, they cannot help but be transformed. Elsa is excited about her new level of growth in the Lord and says she feels and thinks very differently than she has before. Cravings have left, she has no desire to return to the old lifestyle, and her countenance beams as she grows in her faith to levels never experienced before. She has reconnected with her two children and is growing in this new experience. She will graduate the program on June 26, 2025 and she's believing that she will experience the joy of completing something significant in her life. This is one testimony of how God demonstrates Himself as the one and only miracle worker.

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Marvellous Light

BY GILBERT PLANTE

FAMILY MINISTRIES MANAGER

The start of 2025 was slow for children's club attendance, but as January progressed, the numbers began to rise. We went from averaging just three children attending each day to now having about eight children join us daily. Around seven local children have been attending consistently, along with three dedicated Faith Academy students.



The Faith Academy students have had, and continue to have, a positive impact on the children in the community. They have the unique opportunity to learn about Jesus during their school day, and afterward, they share what they've learned with the children from the neighborhood. These students have taught valuable lessons, ranging from the fruit of the Spirit to simple acts of kindness, such as being kind to peers, apologizing when someone is hurt and showing care for others when they're in pain. It's truly inspiring to watch 6- and 7-year-olds from Faith Academy teach their peers these important values. Not all children are fortunate enough to witness or experience kindness at home, so when they come to children's club and see it firsthand, they know they are in a safe and loving environment.

"Jesus said, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.'"

John 8:12 NKJV

Two brothers, *James (7) and *Jack (6), not their real names, have recently returned to club after being away for a few months. These boys, who are from the local area, appear to come from a difficult home situation. Since James first joined us last summer, we have seen a remarkable transformation in him. He used to struggle with anger and a desire to hurt others. While he still has occasional moments of disobedience—something we all experience—James has shown tremendous growth. He now cleans up after himself when he makes a mess, and he apologizes when he hurts someone. One of the most significant changes we've noticed is how James now pauses to ask if another child is okay when they get hurt, even offering to rub their back to show care and affection. Additionally, during lesson time, James sits and listens attentively, and he even reminds his younger brother, Jack, to be quiet while the teachers are sharing the Bible lesson, which shows his growing respect for the learning environment.

Jack, the younger brother, faces different challenges. He exhibits signs of emotional and behavioral struggles, which could stem from neglect at home or possibly a biological condition. Jack often talks about dark things, including

mentioning conversations with demons. While these are concerning signs, we remain confident in God's grace and continue to minister to both boys with love and care.

As servants of Christ, we are called to reflect the grace and compassion that our Saviour has shown us. Every day, we are reminded of the impact love and kindness can have on even the most troubled hearts. Jesus came to the world as the true Light to overcome the darkness. We know that God is bigger and greater than darkness, and He can use us, the workers here at Union Gospel Mission, to be a shining example of that Light in one of the darkest areas of Winnipeg.



Christian school prayer circle



Faith Academy cleaning classroom

God Sees Everything

BY GILBERT PLANTE, FAMILY
MINISTRIES MANAGER

I received a phone call from a single dad a few years ago. He wanted to know if I could come over and help him understand something that his daughter had said. According to dad, he was at the grocery store with his daughter who is sponsored in the UGM Christian School Program. While waiting in line at the checkout, dad saw an opportunity to move ahead of the person in front of them that was distracted with an infant. As dad proceeded to make this unnoticed move the daughter stopped him and said, "Dad, you can't do that." His reply was that "Nobody would see us do it." The daughter very boldly told dad "God sees everything." Upon hearing this, it made dad wonder, *does God really see everything?*

Over the course of numerous home visits I shared that God is omnipresent (God is present everywhere at the same time). I also shared that God sees all, knows all, and is above all. Dad was having difficulties understanding how certain pieces of Scripture could be understood so

easily by his 7 year old daughter, and other pieces of Scripture are so mysterious that theologians have been debating them for 2000 years.

After the third visit with dad, I asked him, being an indigenous man, if he believed in the Creator. Dad appeared to be shocked to find out that the Creator was Jesus Christ. This turned out to be a beautiful segue into sharing about the Romans Road. Prior to this visit we hadn't discussed the gift of salvation. I had tried talking to dad about his eternal destination, however, prior to this visit he was more interested in knowing who God was.

This taught me a valuable lesson. Regardless of how eager I am about sharing the gospel message, sometimes I have to be patient, wait for the Spirit's leading, and then share the message on how to receive Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. To this very day, I haven't received a definitive answer as to whether Dad is a regenerated Saint or not. I suppose it doesn't matter if I know, as long as dad's name is written in The Lamb's Book of Life.

**"So then faith comes by hearing,
and hearing by the word of God."**

Romans 10:17 NKJV

VOLUNTEERING AT UNION GOSPEL MISSION

BY LAUREEN PATTISON, VOLUNTEER
STREET MINISTRY (CLOTHING)

On September 20, 2020 my husband Jim and I phoned Union Gospel Mission to see if they would take bedding as a donation. Andy answered the phone, saying “The need is great.” Jim and I drove over the next morning with a bag of bedding. Martin gave us a tour of the facility including the clothing room where we first met Pearl, a volunteer. Everywhere there were bags of donations up to the ceiling in the 2 rooms we visited. Pearl was very friendly and the shelves were full but orderly. We both said that we had experience in sorting donations from our time in Prince Albert working at the Salvation Army. It didn’t take long and we put in our application.

What a blessing to serve at Union Gospel Mission! Through the items donated and sorted there been many helped including as far away as Paraguay, to ministering in the native community of Pukatawagan, and most recently, New Testaments and the Daily Bread in Spanish are going into Cuba. People from the street have daily drop-in times to receive clothing that is carefully sorted and checked for cleanliness and holes, as each person is treated with dignity and value. Residents who live at the Princess Street site also have monthly visits to a room with men’s clothing. The Charis Centre, with ministry to women coming out of addictions, has its own clothing room, and the Family Life Centre, ministering to many immigrant families, is supplied with clothing. Sorting in the clothing room is the start of meeting the needs in many levels at UGM. Under Pearl we started having a prayer time before we began our shift.

As Pearl’s health declined and she needed to get further help health wise, God raised up another capable leader named Elenor who started as a volunteer but now is a part time worker. She streamlined the sorting with having 6 large bins labelled with boys, girls, womens, mens, baby and bedding. When various ministries request certain items and needs they can be accessed much easier. Personally through being a volunteer we have supplied clothing and toys for several single moms/grandmas coming out of difficult situations to share with their families.



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I love that we have represented on staff and volunteers such a diversity of nationalities all serving and working together. **Would you prayerfully consider giving of your time to this worthy ministry?** To God be the glory for the lives saved through warm clothing, and ultimately, as they come into our building and are fed nourishing food and hear God’s Word shared, that many more would turn their lives to Christ.

Serving with Purpose

BY FRED RIEDEL, VOLUNTEER, STREET MINISTRY

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!” (2 Corinthians 5:17).

Here is a beautiful reminder from one of our lovely volunteers named Fred as we move through the year, a story of the power of God’s love and mercy. No matter how deep the struggle, God is able to transform lives. He specializes in making all things new, breaking chains, and setting the captives free. Trust in the Lord, for He is always at work, bringing healing and hope.

“I started volunteering in September of 1990 at 7 pm, counting the people as they came in for the evening chapel. At the time, we consistently had about 125 people.

“One story that stands out in my memory is about a man in his sixties who joined the program. He usually spent the winter in prison as he would often get into trouble to escape the cold. The chaplains told him he would need to attend chapel, but he resisted, believing that nothing and no one could change him. However, God worked in his life, completely transforming him from his drug addiction and alcoholism.

“I have witnessed God’s mercy and grace countless times throughout my years of volunteering. He truly has come to set the captives free, and I have seen this transformation happen over and over again.

“To God be all the glory! His mercy endures forever.”

Jehovah Mephalti: The Lord, My Deliverer

BY MEG VALE

WOMEN'S MINISTRY LEADER

We hold a Bible study every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon here at the Family Life Centre and a fairly regular group of ladies attend, with others joining them ad hoc week to week. This week we were joined by an older lady who has been connected to the ministry for years and has struggled with various addictions – gaining freedom from drugs and alcohol in the last decade. She visits now with her daughter and brand new grandbaby and is joyful in her worship of our Lord who has given her new life.

We were finishing up this particular Bible study and turning to the prayer requests of our little gathering when this lady piped up – she was eager to get something off her chest! She needed prayer because Holy Spirit had been convicting her about a need to stop turning

to smoking pot whenever times of stress or sadness occurred in her life. He had challenged her that being free from addiction means being free from ALL addictions and she wanted to live like that – for herself, her children and her grandchildren.

Some of the other ladies present were at a different stage in their own journey and they suggested that she might try using ‘medical marijuana’ instead! However, she was adamant and firm – the Lord wanted her to be free and she needed to turn her back on it all and be completely free!

We joined together and laid our hands on this precious sister in Christ, praying that the Lord would break the chains of addiction over her once and for all and she went out blessed.

In the days that followed, I was deeply touched by what a special honour it is to witness Holy Spirit at work in the hearts of those who are surrendered to Him. It was a poignant reminder of His fierce and loving desire that each one of us lives our life in full and complete freedom from all that binds us. **“So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed” (John 8:36).**



Respect, Love, Acceptance

BY LISA SCHAU, FAITH (ADULT)
LEARNING CENTRE

Some days it requires faith to believe I'm having any impact at all. Some days I just hope I didn't make anything worse for anyone.

The last two days, at the Adult Learning Centre, we had a greater number of students in class than usual, which is great! Unfortunately, in my class, every one of them was at a point in their course work where they needed individual attention. I did my best to attend to each one in turn, but it was like playing Whack-a-mole, because by the time I answered a question for student #5 or #6, student #1 had another one. At least 3 students left a class early without explanation. I left work disappointed in the lack of meaningful connection with anyone.

Then today, a student shared that ours is the only school he has attended where he has not felt in-

sulted or marginalized by any of his teachers. He believes it's because we're Christians that we treat each student with respect, love and acceptance.

Please continue to pray that the LORD will send more mature believers who can provide 'educational assistant' support to our learners in our classes. Even if the assistant can't answer the question, they provide reassurance, personal attention and encouragement to students who battle not only the difficulty of the material, but also the temptation to give up. Our enemy would have them believe that they are neither capable of succeeding nor worth the effort. But this is a lie. We look forward to the day when they can wave their diploma at that enemy.

We labour in order that these wonderful individuals can move on from this school equipped not only with greater confidence and knowledge, but with a vibrant faith in Jesus Christ, Whom they have encountered in the Scriptures read daily, meditations in weekly chapels, in our prayer times and in the living witness of the Christian staff, volunteers and fellow students.



Spiritual Growth

BY MATTHEW KINISTINO

A student of UGM's Adult Education program and a resident of the Men's Addiction Recovery Program

The positive things that I gain from attending the Union Gospel Mission Faith Learning Centre are spiritual aspects. I am developing discipline, responsibility, humility, trust, and patience. I am learning how to adapt to an entirely new environment and way of living.

Being an addict for 24 years of my life, this journey is completely new to me and I am understanding that progress is a process towards success.

Sound Decision

BY GERALDINE LANGFORD

A student of our Adult Education program, the Faith Learning Centre

It's been six months now since I started attending Faith Learning Centre. Three things I can think of that I like about this program are: First, the atmosphere is welcoming which helps me to feel safe and know I can ask for help with my school work. Second thing is that it is faith-based. Sharing of the Word during daily devotions and weekly chapel foster my spiritual growth. I enjoy music, so hearing praise and worship is not only uplifting but a pleasant reminder God is interested in our learning and is ever present, even in class, especially when not quite understanding the new concept yet. A third and most important thing for me is the ability to work towards my dream, my goal of graduating. It's been 35 years since I dropped out of high school. I attended work experience programs and graduated college as a mature student but graduating from high school was something I didn't get to do yet. I think it is God's timing I'm here this year. I recently quit working full time not knowing really what the future would hold for me but trusting God could lead and guide me. So I stopped and picked up a flyer from Family Life Centre then stopped at Faith Learning Centre to inquire about the school's program. I did the placement test soon after. I've looked at possible schools many times over the years, but the need to work always keep me from pursuing my educational goals. I tried university and another college but felt

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my writing needed improving. So I’m here working on writing this essay. I felt like I had been stunted in the area of writing. Could you believe one of my first assignments was on writer’s block?!

I feel that I can do little by little and on my first day, Gerald said I can graduate after 2 to 3 years. I cried because “commitment” for that long time seemed overwhelming. I’m happy to be here. I remember crying happy tears the first two weeks of school because I’m actually in a place going to school and that is a dream taking place in my life. Holding onto that dream of the actual day of graduation is what I think of everyday now. It feels good being here, and I thank God for this opportunity and blessing.

A Testimony

BY KAREN CHASTELLAINÉ

A student of our Adult Education program and a resident of the Charis Centre

I grew up knowing God. I read my Bible, went to church, and went to a Christian school. I knew God but was not really walking with Him. I came from a background of alcoholics. Growing up was tough, but my mom and dad tried hard as they could to raise me right. When I hit my teenage years, I started to rebel and started doing drugs and drinking alcohol on the weekends. When I hit the age of 22, it got worse.

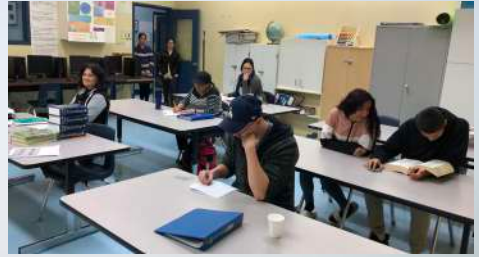
I was an alcoholic for 15 years. My life was out of control. I had nothing and nobody. I lost my family, kids, and most of all myself. It came to a point where I had to have a drink every day. My family would try to help me, but the more they talked, the more I didn’t want to hear them. I wanted to do things my way until my way wasn’t working anymore. I woke up feeling hopeless and worthless. Nobody loved me; nobody cared. So I prayed to God that he would help me. I read **Psalm 32:5**, **“I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity. I said, ‘I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.’ And you forgave the guilt of my sin.”**

Finally, I confessed all my sins to Him and stopped trying to hide my guilt. I said to myself, *I will confess my rebellion to the Lord*, and He forgave me! All my guilt is gone. I came to Charis Centre not knowing what I was walking into or if I would even stay, but here I am a year later.

God has changed my life drastically. Galatians 2:20, “My old self has been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me, so I live in this earthly body by trusting in the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me.” We have such a loving, faithful, and merciful God that loves me. He took me out of the darkness and into His light. He has helped me overcome my addiction, and has restored my relationships with my family and my children. He has also taught me how to be kind, loving, compassionate, gentle, and patient. The love I feel from Him is indescribable. Without Him, I wouldn’t know where I would be. He is my Comforter, my Redeemer, my Refuge, and my Saviour. I am thankful for everyday and everything I go through. At times, I feel lost and without hope, but then, all those thoughts go away when I look to Christ. I’ve seen his love and mercy pouring into my life and in the lives of those around me. I’ve experienced blessings upon blessings from the people God put in my life and to the people He took away. My one goal in life is to spread God’s love to everyone I meet and show them where true joy comes from. Without my faith in Him, nothing would make sense.

Psalm 18:1-3: “I love you, LORD; you are my strength. The LORD is my rock, my fortress, and my Sav-

ior; my God is my rock, in whom I find protection. He is my shield, the power that saves me, and my place of safety. I called on the LORD, who is worthy of praise, and he saved me from my enemies.” I want to thank my family for their support and being beside me through my hard times and not giving up on me. Thank you to the ladies and staff of Charis Centre, as well as the staff and students of Faith Learning Centre for making both places feel like home.



A Testimony

BY ANGELINA TAIT

A student of our Adult Education program, the Faith Learning Centre

My name is Angelina Tait. I was 34 years old when I went into Charis Centre and seven months pregnant. I became addicted to alcohol at age 12, started smoking pot at 11, and got into hard drugs at age 14. I was on a good 22 year binge. I have 5 children altogether, although I haven't parented my other children in thirteen and a half years.

I had no idea how I was going to support my son or if I was going to be allowed to keep him because my nine and four year old children got taken from birth. Turned out I was allowed to keep him. My room at Charis Centre was all set up with a bassinet, baby clothes, and some blankets. The staff provided these for me which was a blessing to us.

I stayed at Charis Centre for 19 months. I got my file closed with CFS (Child and Family Services). I am getting my nine and four year old children at the end of the school year. I really enjoy the teachings, praise and worship at the Family

Life Centre on Wednesdays. The pastors there are very introspective in how they teach, which brings laughter and of course, the Lord's conviction. I always leave with a strong hunger for the Lord. They have the donation room for clothing, food, hygiene needs, etc. which really helps. I love the nursery staff; my son feels comfortable there and has his own friends there. I also have made a lot of friends and sisters in Christ.

The last part is the Faith Learning Centre I attend. I have awesome teachers and a principal who are really patient and very encouraging. I really enjoy starting the morning with devotions, testimony sharing, praise and worship, and prayer. The Lord has really taught me that He has got me and to stop worrying for nothing.



“Trust in the Lord with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.”

Proverbs 3:5-6

Street Ministry

PRAYER AT THE "BUBBLE"

Please pray for the following people who are just a small sample of those who come to our front door on Princess Street for bread, snacks, warm clothing, etc. (Note, some names are not their own).

- Darius - 14 years on the street. Self styled monitor of activity!
- Calvin - A regular at the door. Pray for sanity!
- Kristin - Said no to prayer.
- Antonio - "I will come back for prayer."
- Jasmine - Cold, high, and presented need of personal care.
- Tyler, who was trying to look after his girlfriend.
- Justin - Brought him inside as claimed he wanted to defeat his addiction. He visited with Chaplain Mark and then Chaplain Steve.
- Debonny and Dwayne - "We are 71 days sober and are looking to have our 11 month old daughter, Blossom, restored to our care."
- Kristin - Needed the bathroom, shoes & socks. Refused prayer but we met her physical needs.
- Derek - Said his son, Derek Jr, was found dead from overdose at Siloam this past week. Viewing tomorrow... "I am taking my son home after."
- Jesse - Keeps spiralling down.
- Stephen - Former resident wanting bread.
- Rick - Not sure, hardly could communicate!
- Joseph - Wants to go home, he is so sick.
- Ken - Rode in on a BMX bike. Pray for all missing women. Pray for his own courage to be a real man.
- Terri-Lynn - Pray for "calming," for peace.

Please pray for residents of the Men's Addiction Recovery Program:

- Ken
- Kelly
- Ethan
- Eli
- Abram
- Henry
- Emanuel
- Luke
- Adrian
- Kerry
- Raymond
- Michael
- Brian
- Matthew
- David
- Lawrence
- Murray

Please pray for residents of the Women's Addiction Recovery Program:

- Savannah
- Nicole
- Caroline
- Mallory
- Delima
- Daniela
- Jennifer
- Kathleen

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Please pray for residents of the Women's Addiction Recovery Program:

- Christine
- Amber
- Emily
- Cadence
- Alexandra
- Layla
- Crystal
- Savana
- Daphne
- Samantha
- Chloe
- Annette
- Sarah
- Carmen
- Lori
- Calli
- Tara
- Gloria
- Colleen
- Cherish
- Kiana
- Jasmine
- Lena
- Amanda
- Annette
- Lacey
- Anna
- Nichole
- Tiffany

- Ronald - Also known as Taylor. Prayed with him that strange occurrences he kept 'bumping' into would cease...or that he would be protected from them. Disturbed without elaborating further.
- JJ - A regular visitor but each time his state and appearance continues a downward trend.
- 'V' - She said that's the name she goes by. Simply 'V'. Pleasant young lady who wished us a good day at the Mission and will be here for lunch, she says.
- Jacinta - Eyes caked. Refused prayer.
- Blair - Asked for prayer for the homeless to find warmth this winter.
- Tony - Regaled me with a story that he was randomly attacked by a guy this last Friday with bear spray. He claimed he was left in pain for 3 hours but he said not a single person stopped to help. Asked for protection from psychotic behavior on street.



He Is More Than Sufficient!

The Webster's Dictionary defines 'sufficient' as: "To be enough, to be equal to any end or purpose."

In Scripture, in God's living Word, 'sufficient' takes on a far deeper meaning. In **2 Corinthians 12:9**, Paul writes of the Lord, "**My grace is sufficient for you, for My POWER is made perfect in weakness.**"

Bible commentator Matthew Henry writes, "We have no reason to distrust the goodness of God, and surely we have no reason to question His power; He is able to make all grace to abound toward us, and abound in us, to give a large increase of spiritual and temporal good things. He can cause us to have a sufficiency in all things, to be content with what we have, to make up what we give, to be able to give yet more: as it is written in **Psalm 112:9**, concerning the charitable man, '**He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness (almsgiving) endures forever.**'"

At UGM, prayer is critical to all we do. We have a culture of prayer and it is not unusual to find our staff and guests praying in stairwells, standing in offices, or seated together,

seeking the Lord's will and trusting in His sufficiency.

In human terms, in our flesh, we know what we do in our own strength, to serve the poor and needy, the addicted, lonely, homeless and maligned, is never enough, never sufficient. But once we lean on Jesus, surrender all to God, we can trust His answers to be sufficient for what is before us at that moment! No wonder we are encouraged to "**pray without ceasing!**" (**1 Thess. 5:17**).

God's 'sufficient grace' equips us with the ability to share our faith and preach the gospel. It leads us to bear witness to **2 Corinthians 9:8**, "**And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.**"

Most days of the working week, an elderly prayer warrior, in his 90th year, joins us for our regular pre-lunch prayer time. Whether five, ten or twenty of us come together, this dear saint will conclude with these words, "Well pastor (chaplain), that was enough." A mature response and clear understanding of our Lord's sufficiency. Praise God!

Upcoming EVENTS

JUNE 11-12

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OCT 17

UGM Youth Night

North Kildonan
MB Church,
1315 Gateway Rd
7pm

A night of worship, fellowship, food, and fun!
More details to come!

OCT 18

UGM Fall Banquets

12:00pm & 6:30pm

We would be overjoyed to connect with you at our Fall banquets. Expect a delicious meal, moving worship, and powerful testimonies of our Lord at work in the lives of many!

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