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Dear Brothers and Sisters-in-Christ,

By God's Grace, I have returned to work after a one year Sabbatical.

It has been such a blessed time, in which I was able to get much-needed rest and refreshment.

Our Lord blessed me with a precious new grandson at the beginning of my Sabbatical. I was able to travel to British Columbia by train, to meet him and to spend time with family, and to visit Newfoundland, as well. In addition, I read, studied God's Word, slept and rested.

I give thanks to God for our Board of Directors for their leadership during my absence, including Mary-Anne Zwicker who returned as Interim Treasurer, and to Cheryl Bradley, UCO Outreach Worker, for looking after our friends on the sidewalk. Because of their heart for Jesus, and for because of their dedication and care, I was truly able to rest, knowing that Urban Christian Outreach was well looked after. Praise God!

I am excited to be back on the sidewalks of downtown Ottawa, renewed and refreshed, where I have been able to reconnect with many familiar faces, and with some new ones, as well. During my first couple of weeks back, it became very clear that God was at work, healing the poor in mighty ways.

Almost every encounter involved prayers and the laying-on-of-hands for healing.

Please pray for Albert (not his real name) who has been diagnosed with cancer, and will undergo surgery later this month. When I met with Albert, he accepted my offer to prayer with him. God did not disappoint. The Holy Spirit showed up in such power, that we were filled to overflowing with his presence and his peace. Albert was praising God, as we lingered in prayer. Neither of us wanted it to end. He now has renewed faith and trust in our Living God!

For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

Psalms 84:10...

I also met with Pat, (not her real name) who is struggling to keep her housing. Every month, she is at risk of being evicted from the over-priced room that she rents. She deals with ongoing harassment and threats. We are trying to find affordable housing for her, but the waiting lists that she is on are years-long. Housing could possibly be obtained were she to become homeless and end up in the shelter system. However, we are hoping to avoid this lengthy step.

I was so looking forward to visiting one of our longtime friends downtown. When I called him to set up a time to meet, I was told that Bob, had gone home to be with Jesus recently. I was so sad, I cried. Bob had struggled with addictions over the years, and was vulnerable to home takeovers and drug dealers. However, by God's loving mercy and kindness, our friend Bob, came to know Jesus, through one of our Street Alpha courses a number of years ago. We were able to help him get released from prison, and into supportive living care. Bob died peacefully in his sleep, likely heart-related. It was a privilege to call Bob our friend, and we thank God for him and for our Lord's Saving Grace.

In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? John 14:2

Respectfully Submitted,
Jill Wilson, E.D.

A Humble Appeal for Donations

We are so grateful for your prayers and for your financial donations. As we receive no Government funding, we rely on your sacrificial offerings in order to continue to minister to God's poor. Our monthly expenses are approximately \$4,300, and to get us through the challenging winter months, we have relied on God first, of course, and on your Christmas donations to see us through. Our donations were down considerably this past Christmas, and so we are praying, and asking God to bless you, that you might be able to bless us.

We know that these are challenging times. Thank you, dear friends, for your prayerful consideration. We are putting our trust in Jesus because we see him so clearly in our work.

UCO's 30th Anniversary

By the Grace of God, we are celebrating 30 years of ministering to God's poor, homeless, and marginalized of Ottawa. Please join us for a Service of Thanksgiving & Praise, followed by a luncheon, on:

**Saturday, May 06, 2023
11:00 a.m.**

***The Basement Chapel at St. Peter & St. Paul's Anglican Church
152 Metcalfe St. (at the corner of Metcalfe and Gloucester Streets)
Ottawa, ON K2P 1N9***

Please RSVP to jill@urbanchristianoutreach.ca or by calling 613-233-6633. All are welcome. Please let us know of any dietary restrictions.

St. Peter & St. Paul's Anglican Church has an elevator. To access the elevator, please use the back door, which is accessible off of Gloucester St. Greeters will be there to help you.

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2. **By mail**, send a cheque to:
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