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Official newsletter of Inner City Women's Ministries International

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Greetings,

Though it has been a while since our last newsletter we are planning to communicate with you more in 2024.

A BIG and exciting announcement is coming in January so stay tuned for an email which will be entitled, "SPECIAL ICWMI MINISTRY MESSAGE". Until then please enjoy our thoughts for the season, our praises, thanks, and prayer requests.

It warms my heart that people want to give so generously this time of year. Our Inner City and Prison Ministries are recipients of items and gifts of all sorts. People often ask our staff, "What are the participant's needs during this season?" My personal response is, "The same need our ladies and their families have throughout the year – a close relationship to Father God through

THEN comes January and February, the coldest months. The marginalized of society are mostly forgotten. How can you help? Below are some tried and true suggestions from our staff. Feel free to use anytime and especially in January and February.

May you and yours have a safe, happy and relational season. May the tips provided inspire you to bless others.

Shon McLaren
Executive Director



How can we continue the spirit of giving?

- Call the chaplain of a local government organization such as the police, fire, hospitals, emergency responders, etc... and ask their thoughts on how you can bless all or a few of their staff. (e.g. ICWMI staff put on a luncheon for a Counter Exploitation Unit (CEU) whom we partner with in our fight against human exploitation.)

- Like walking? Walk around in twos and threes in the inner-city with a bag of easy to peel oranges in an insulated bag (to keep them from freezing). As the Spirit leads ask people if they would like an orange. This breaks the ice for more conversation. Most everyone in the inner-city knows the Gospel message. Just BE Jesus.
 - Hand out a pair of warm socks and/or female hygiene and/or male hygiene kits. Never assume. Ask which they want. Male or female hygiene kits.
 - If you see a person with unkept long finger nails they are probably new to inner city life. Have some toenail clippers (heartier and sturdier) to giveaway.
- Volunteer 2-4 times per month (you need this to build relationship) at a Drop-in center of your choice. Commit to 6 months to a year at the same drop in, the same day or evening in the week. ICWMI staff in Manitoba have volunteered at a few of our partner drop-ins for years.
- Financially give to front line organizations and ministries during January and February.
- Have \$15-\$20 gift cards to fast food places (McDonalds, Tim's) ready in your car. Hand out to people who approach your vehicle. If you like include the tract, "Steps to Peace With God". It WILL be read. ICWMI can send these to you or you may order from any book store quoting the ISBN number 978-1-59328-657-6. Make sure you ask for the booklet and not the leaflet. Also ask for the non-stapled kind. (staples are not allowed in prison if you also decide to use them there)
- Reach out to at least one marginalized YOUTH, adult or single caregiver/child in your area and ADOPT them as your own. ICWMI staff has delighted in this for years. You and your family may be the only Bible they ever read.

May you be blessed as you venture forth for The Kingdom



Praise and Thanks

All praise to our God for His perfect timing – whether it be at our education booths on local human trafficking, rescues, our life recovery support groups, speaking/education events, or being a resource and encouragement to others, everything went without a hitch.

That's our God!

Prayers appreciated for...

- Favour and motivation
- Continued staff unity and growth
- International Affiliates in Jamaica, Kenya, India and the Middle East
- Spiritual, physical, mental and emotional strength





Be happy with those who are happy, and weep with those who weep. Do all that you can to live in peace with everyone.

Romans 12:15,18 (NLT)

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