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An Appeal for Donations

Dear Friends In Christ,

Our Lord's blessings to you during this holy time of Lent. We pray that you are well, and that our Lord is providing for all of your needs in abundance. Thank you for your faithfulness in providing for our ministry to the poor, the homeless, and the marginalized over these past 32 years! As a ministry, we are poor, and from time to time over the years, we have needed your help in a big way. This is one of those times.

We are praying to God and asking our Father for divine favour, and for an outpouring of financial offerings. We are struggling right now, and we humbly appeal to you for your help. We are praying that we will be able to continue to serve Jesus on the sidewalks of downtown Ottawa. This has been a very challenging winter, and we are putting our faith and trust in Jesus to provide. Would you please prayerfully consider a financial gift to Urban Christian Outreach at this time, so that we may be found faithful? We understand that this is a big ask, as our wallets are being stretched, but we serve a big God, and so we are asking in faith.

We trust the Lord to provide for us through prayer, and through the faithfulness of our supporters. We are hoping to broaden our support base during these very challenging times, and we welcome opportunities to speak to your congregations, and small groups. Thank you, dear brothers and sisters, from our hearts.

And Jesus answered them, "Truly, I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what has been done to the fig tree, but even if you say to this mountain, 'Be taken up and thrown into the sea,' it will happen. And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith." Matthew 21:21-22

Recently, while studying the Gospel of Matthew with one of UCO's marginalized friends, she read aloud the following text:

“Oh Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it. How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you desolate. For I tell you, you will not see me again, until you say, Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.” Matthew 23:37-39

After she read, I asked her to reflect on the passage. She thought for a moment and exclaimed:

“Jesus needs help in the garden!”

Yes, he does! How prophetic!

He told them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field. Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves. Luke 10:2-3

As workers and volunteers, we face many challenges. Just yesterday, while working in a rough area of the city, I heard a gunshot. Of course, I left immediately. Fortunately, this doesn't happen frequently, but it certainly wasn't the first time. We ask the Lord for protection, and for wisdom and discernment.

By Grace, we have had a busy winter, and we are grateful for the many gifts of winter gear, which we have distributed to those in need. Thank you for your contributions! New this winter, we received dozens of mats for the poor, made on a loom from recycled plastic milk bags! Praise God for all those who worked tirelessly to make them for the homeless, and for panhandlers. The mats serve as warm insulation from the cold and damp ground. Next week, we are picking up a number of back packs, which have been filled with toiletries and personal items by a church youth group in Kanata! We give thanks to God for their youth, and for their families, and congregation.



Andrea, (not her real name) is a homeless senior, who spends her nights couch-surfing at the homes of her friends. Her physical health is poor, and because of mental health challenges, she struggles to accept the help that is offered. We meet regularly for conversation, and a meal, sometimes at soup kitchens. Andrea needs our prayers, and she needs the continuity of the friendship that we are blessed to offer. Andrea needs Jesus. By the Grace of God, we are trying to shine the light of Christ into the darkness of her life, and to introduce her to her Saviour, Jesus Christ, who loves her as his precious daughter. I know that Jesus is speaking to Andrea from the words of Jeremiah 29:11:

“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11

We claim God’s promises for Andrea, and for you, our precious supporters, and for all whom we are so privileged to come alongside in the Name of Jesus, on the sidewalks of downtown Ottawa. We claim these words, in faith, for Urban Christian Outreach, and we give thanks to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, for what he has done for us on The Cross. He died for us; He died instead of us. He rose again in the Resurrection, and has promised us that we too, will rise again, where all will have a home, where there will be no poor among us, no addictions, no illnesses or mental health challenges, and no pain or sorrow. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

“And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” Matthew 21:9

With Gratitude, and Easter Joy,

Jill Wilson, E.D.



How to Donate:

Urban Christian Outreach is a Registered Charity, and all donations are tax deductible. Receipts for your 2024 donations have been mailed. Thank you for partnering with us! Praise be to God!

I have been asked to share the ways in which one can make a donation to UCO, as the Lord leads. Praise be to God!

1. **By Interac e-transfer to:** donate@urbanchristianoutreach.ca
2. **By Mail:** you can send a cheque to:
Urban Christian Outreach (Ottawa)
P.O. Box 77033
Ottawa, ON K1S 5N2
- 3.. **By payroll deductions through The United Way:** at www.theunitedway.ca
4. **By remembering UCO in your Will**

We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3



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