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***For unto us a Child is born,
unto us a Son is given; and
the government will be upon
His shoulder. And His name
will be called Wonderful,
Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of
Peace. Of the increase of His
government and peace there
will be no end, upon the
throne of David and over His
kingdom, to order it and
establish it with judgement
and justice from that time
forward, even forever. The
zeal of the Lord of hosts will
perform this. Isaiah 9:6-7
(NKJV)***

Dear Brothers and Sister-in-Christ,

With another year wrapping up, and as we reflect back on 2022 and the new year to come, I'd like to thank you all for your generosity in the ministry and support of God's Kingdom work. Your donations have brought relief, and helped support so many in need of a helping hand in the communities around our city.

Together we were able to bring the Good News along with meals and warm clothing to the homeless and the poor. We extended comfort with fellowship to a widow and sister in Christ who has no family in Canada to lean on in her time of financial hardship and grief. We helped navigate the homeless and refugees through services and agencies. We completed paperwork to secure housing and other necessary resources. There are so many testimonies I'd like to share; I have witnessed our Savior bring hope to the hopeless, and light into the darkness of their struggles.

Psalm 119; 105-108 (NIV)

Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path. I have taken an oath and confirmed it, that I will follow your righteous laws. I have suffered much: preserve my life, Lord, according to your Word. Accept, Lord, the willing praise of my mouth and teach me your laws.



We could not do any of this on our own or in our own strength, and as we lean in on our Heavenly Father God, I give thanks for his provision of sending us your support, prayers, and faithful giving hearts.

Something that I want to reflect on from this past year is the faithful witness of our friend Anna*. She has been through hardships that I can't even begin to relate to. She has endured homelessness, alienation, accusations, misunderstandings, and even the sudden death of her husband. While circumstances have broken her spirit, they have not taken away her hope and love for Jesus.

Despite what has happened to Anna, her determination and her trust in the Lord is remarkable. The fact that she doesn't hold bitterness or count that as who God is, is all amazing. This is something I'd like to continue to strive towards - having that type of heart to see God in the darkness despite the circumstances.

* Name changed to respect the privacy of the individual.

I pray this Christmas season is full of Christ's blessings for you and your loved ones. May the year 2023 bring you God's love in abundance.

For God's Glory,
Cheryl Bradley.

God-willing, next year, UCO will be celebrating 30 Years of Ministry to the poor, the homeless, and the marginalized of downtown Ottawa. We give thanks to God for all those who have been so faithful over the years, and especially to Katrine Barton Coward, our founding Executive Director. We hope to celebrate with a service of thanksgiving, followed by a luncheon. Please mark the date on your calendar: Saturday, May 06, 2023. 10:00 a.m. More details will follow.

How to Donate:

1. By **Interac e-transfer** to: donate@urbanchristianoutreach.ca
2. **By mail**, send a cheque to: Urban Christian Outreach (Ottawa) P.O. Box 77033 Ottawa, ON K1S 5N2
3. **By Credit Card**: follow the links on our website at www.uco-ottawa.ca
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