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Existing to serve Christ by enabling His followers to provide God's Word for today.

Caring for the Core 2012 Ryan Rempel

WOW! That's the best word that describes what happened at the "Love Winnipeg" event that LifeLight Ministries was a part of on Saturday, June 2. We partnered with five Winnipeg inner-city ministries to put on a community barbecue with bouncers and pony rides for the kids. A tent was set up staffed with volunteers who offered prayer, as well as Scriptures. Most of the 1200 people in attendance call the area of Higgins and Main home and make use of our shelters, food banks and addiction centres. Some live with addictions, but some are there because of bad circumstances and poor decision-making in their lives. These are people with kids, friends and families who have written them off as failures.



We were able to share the love of Christ with those who came, and many made an honest, clear decision for Jesus to be part of their life. Praise God! About 200 Bibles were given away that day. Sure, some of them may have ended up with people who took one because they were free or because we asked if they wanted one and they didn't want to say no...but that's okay! If God's Word truly does not return void then who are we to judge people's motives for taking a Bible! There were also many who took one because they sincerely wanted to read it. Many shared that they had never owned a Bible before and were curious to read it and to find out more about Christ.

People were also asked if they knew Jesus as their personal Saviour, and I could not believe how many opened up to us. We asked almost every person who came to the table if they needed prayer for anything in their life. At least half of them had prayer requests, and tears were shed - tears of sorrow, pain and memories, but also tears of joy because they felt loved. People they had never met had their

arms around them, praying for them, their families, their struggles, their hurts, their addictions, their feelings of hopelessness. I do not want to erase the memories of the look of gratitude in their eyes after we prayed with them!

Our mission on that day especially was to love these people and let them know that Jesus loves them more than any person ever could. They are worth every penny, every moment, every prayer and every word. We do this because we want them to know that they are loved and that there is a God who loves them even more than we ever could.



Thank you for challenging me to give away a Bible, specifically the He Cares scripture. I am a doctor and I have been searching for an effective way to share my faith. I just gave away this Bible with a card to a woman just diagnosed with inoperable lung cancer. I told her I would be praying for her. I trust she will find peace, strength and comfort in God's Word.

This is an amazing resource to give out and I would like a supply of these on hand so I can keep sharing my faith with my patients. Thank you for your ministry.

- A Winnipeg doctor

“Bridge of Love Home” in Mexico

Barb Knox

My husband and I visited an orphanage near Medina (capital of Yucatan), Mexico, called “Bridge of Love Home.” We really experienced Mexican people in their normal habitat since it is not a tourist area at all. Most of the people do not speak English, except for Steve, the director of the orphanage. This made for a very interesting time for us because we speak very little Spanish. There was a lot of gesturing and laughing, but we sensed much love from the people, who are very generous with what they have, though it is very little materially.

Steve and his wife, Martha, have three of their own children, as well as six orphan children, all from one family, in their home. They all interact wonderfully and are one big family, doing chores without hesitation as they laugh, talk and sing together. Our original idea was to have Bible materials for the children and workers in the orphanage, but the formal orphanage is not open yet, even though they have spent six years working on it, with much prayer and many work teams, and they are now very close to finishing.

We were able to distribute the Scripture materials we received from LifeLight while visiting with people in their homes and at the church where Steve and Martha attend. We gave the remainder of materials to Martha’s father, Armine, a retired orchard owner, who is now a street evangelist. He visits the open squares in four

neighboring villages regularly and is always looking for material to give out. Since the predominant religion is Catholicism, Bibles are treasured, and many do not have their own. We will never know all the ways God will use

His Word to woo people to Himself, and we felt very blessed to have these materials to give out as the Holy Spirit led. We did some other meaningful things in the twelve days we were there, but this part of our ministry was the greatest!



Door-to-Door in Portage la Prairie

Portage Evangelical Church

Our church decided to do some door-to-door evangelism right before Easter, and we received some boxes of *Find God* New Testaments from LifeLight Ministries. We had about sixty people involved in covering a large area around our church, and these are some of the responses from their experience:

*We were speaking to a Catholic man and asked him about his view on Easter. He said that he did not have one. We told him what the Bible says about it and showed him an Easter tract we had included in each Bible that explained the meaning of Easter. He was very interested in listening.

*As we were walking down the street, we met an older lady. We asked if we could pray with her and give her a Bible, and she started crying because her daughter-in-law’s mom had just committed suicide.

*A man was working on his truck and gladly took a Bible. His grandpa came out and started screaming at us to get off the yard.

*One home had a death that day, and they took a Bible and seemed to treasure it. They allowed us to pray for them.

*We spent half an hour in a home with one family, talking about the things of God and answering a lot of questions.

Many in the group spent time with people in their homes with many good experiences. Bibles were only offered to people who wanted them. None were left in mailboxes because we want to have personal contact with people. We have given out 180 New Testaments so far and are continuing to reach out in our community.



Outreach Through Sport

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Ministry in the Inner City

Debbie Kovich



A few years ago I started volunteering at a soup kitchen in Winnipeg. I enjoyed it but stopped because I wanted more relationships with the people who came in. I then met Dixie, who had a team ministering to people in the inner city. I joined her in going out on the streets, giving out Bibles, food, clothing and blankets every other Sunday. After two

years this ministry stopped, but I still wanted to do something. Dixie encouraged me, but I thought it would be too difficult to start on my own because I had no supplies, so I just “sat on the fence.”

One Sunday afternoon I went to an area in the core with Dixie and a few others with some baking we had prepared, as well as some Bibles. We spoke with six people sitting on the ground. One man, who was wearing a cross around his neck, caught my eye and I started a conversation. He asked me to pray for his ailing mother and, after we prayed, I offered him a Bible and asked him where he lived. He said he did not have a place to stay, so I offered him a blanket we had in the van. He kept the blanket for ten minutes and then walked over to an older man sitting nearby and covered him. What a testimony his kindness and generosity was for me!

Shortly after meeting this man, I saw a Good Samaritan video which suggested bringing water to the homeless. I felt inspired, and so, after nine months of “sitting on the fence,” I decided to do just that. Little did I know that God would be supplying so much more! The next day a lady offered me a box of Bibles, and a second lady, who thought Dixie’s team was still going out, gave us a box of clothes. A third lady, who works in a thrift store, knew my story of the man with the blanket and told her manager, who donated a huge box of blankets from the store. The blankets are continuing to come in, along with many other supplies!

One Sunday we received free pizza and breadsticks from a local Domino’s. While we were serving the pizza, a couple appeared out of nowhere with a hundred donuts. Many Sundays in the warmer months we prepared sandwiches and cookies, and in winter we tried to do hot meals. Some people served food with our team, and it gave them joy to be able to help. One homeless couple sang hymns on the curb for half an hour. While people stood in line for their food, we read Scripture, had a listening ear for those who needed to talk, and we were generous with our hugs, building relationships with many. Of course, we always offered Bibles we received from LifeLight, the most important item we have to minister to people. Many shared very personal struggles, and we tried to help in whatever way we could. We prayed with them and saw many of these prayers answered during this time. We have an amazing God!

I am so thankful that God, our Provider, has faithfully supplied the needs to continue this ministry to many people because Jesus loves them all.

2012 LifeLight Golf Tournament Cancelled

Volunteer Opportunity

If you would like to get a committee together to organize a tournament for 2013, please contact us.



The Right Bible at the Right Time!

Glenn Morison, Chaplain, Winnipeg Remand Centre

Recently I met “Rick,” a young-looking 21-year-old. Like many in the prison system, he has problems with alcohol, leading to violence. Rick described his mother and stepfather as solid, caring parents who are at their wit’s end. His mother is indifferent to religion, and his stepfather has been antagonistic, often saying, “Religion is for weaklings, and people should stand on their own two feet.” This is why Rick was caught so off-guard when his stepfather said over the phone, “Get Jesus! Do whatever it takes; I have given up thinking about what is good for you.”

The day after hearing those words Rick came into my office asking me to explain Christianity. He had no foundation; literally, he did not know Jesus from Moses. I gave him a Life Recovery Bible from LifeLight Ministries and encouraged him to go through one of the paths suggested in it. Since we have more than 400 inmates to look after here, I can see someone only once a week. It wasn’t the first time I had seen an inmate walk through my door with a Bible so frayed it looked as if he had had it for months. He had all sorts of loose-leaf sheets stuffed into that Bible in various sections from front to back, with each page full of every sort of question – simple ones like how two different Old Testament characters were related, to challenging ones, such as how to reconcile the two separate creation stories in Genesis. There were questions about how to reconcile the teachings of his stepfather with the teaching of Paul boasting in his weakness. I still can’t believe he was able to dive in so deeply in one week.

This went on for six straight weeks. The Bible became fuller and fuller of the loose-leaf pages, and the pages became more tattered. Then, BOOM – he was transferred to another institution because of the difficulty in managing our high numbers.

I emailed the chaplain at that jail with Rick’s name and asked him to follow up. Within moments, an email came back saying the inmate had already made contact himself, not wanting to miss a beat. It was the right Bible, for the right person, at the right time! LifeLight made that possible!

LIMITED SUPPLY BIBLEZINES

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As easy to pick up as a favorite magazine, these Biblezines were created in a contemporary style, with extra sidebars and content to make Biblical truth fresh and relevant. By putting the easy-to-understand New Century Version together with articles about topics faced every day, these Scriptures that look like magazines make a great outreach tool for specific people groups.



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New Testament



Men's New Testament

Director's Corner
Ryan Rempel

A Mission Field at Home

It is always awe-inspiring to hear about missionaries from overseas. We hear about poverty, loneliness, shattered lives, illnesses and, most of all, about people who do not yet know the Lord. It is very easy to get on board with them because of real needs presented to us from faraway lands.

We also have these same types of needs right here in our backyard. There are approximately 600 First Nations reserve communities in Canada, with many facing large numbers of suicides, addictions, violence, identity issues, poverty, and other crises. That is a lot of people who could use Bibles!

We have been asked to put together an easy-to-read Bible with testimonies of First Nations people who have been through difficult circumstances and situations in their lives and are now Christ-followers. We have had many positive affirmations from aboriginal ministries, pastors, elders and some chiefs who see the need for this type of Scripture. This is a huge project, but we are seeing that God is opening doors to make it happen. We have currently raised over \$30,000 for this project, but we anticipate it could cost approximately \$100,000 (*depending on how many Bibles are printed*).

This is a huge mission field right here at home, and I invite you to support this outreach project.

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- Wisdom in the development of a First Nations Bible – for the right testimonies that will be included, artwork that will be used and funding to come in.

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- Do you know someone who needs a Bible? We can provide a Scripture to meet that need.

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