

Souls for Christ Ministries Spring/Summer Newsletter 2020

**Covid-19
Edition**



With many cut backs and little access to food and water many homeless people have difficult circumstances. So we put together summer kits with hygiene items, clothing, sandals, lip balm, hats, tooth brushes, deodorant & water and handed out food cards to assist many in need during the pandemic.

Seen here is a man living in the park, receiving a summer survival kit we put together for the homeless, filled with essentials to survive the heat.



Many homeless people have moved out of the shelters into parks and on street corners to avoid the exposure to Covid-19. Each week, even during the lockdown, we hit the streets bringing humanitarian aid to many in need, along with the Gospel message.

Special Thanks to our Churches and Supporters

We couldn't do what we do without you, our faithful supporters. Thanks to so many churches and individual givers who help us continue to impact the lost and homeless in downtown Toronto.

Thanks to Our Partners

Thanks to **Chuck Price, Rod Parker and Reapers in the Rain International** for donating so many needed essentials for the homeless.



Early in the Spring we reached out to some shelters asking them how we could assist them. Many were looking for clothing and coverings. We partnered to bring almost **100lbs** of homemade quilts, afghans and blankets to shelters in need. Seen in the pic **Rod Parker, Reapers in the Rain** who dropped off all these needed items to the shelters. A huge thanks to Chuck Price & Rod Parker for all the blankets and to everyone who so faithfully quilted all these amazing blankets and afghans. God bless you !

Thanks to Jody Steinhauer and the Engage and Change Program for all the water through

[Project Water](#)



Thank you to Our Volunteers



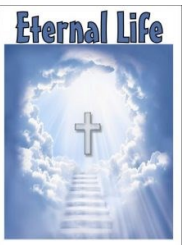
Thanks to Rev. Daniel Blackwell for assisting us in picking up the water for our ministry.



Thanks to Brian Bailey who always comes to help when we need it most.
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Testimonials

Our Tract Ministry: **We continue to hear from many around the world who use our tracts. Here is a testimony from a man in the USA.**



Hello Friends– “I love your tracts, I’ve used them for years and have won many people to Christ. Keep up the good work, blessings...”

Tract Page Update

Because of the popularity of our tracts which are offered completely free of charge, we will be working on a new tract which will be aimed at helping those who have fallen away from the faith to rededicate their lives to Christ.

Outreach Ministry During Covid-19



Hundreds of homeless people who've lived under the Gardiner Expressway (a busy highway) for years have now moved into the parks downtown during Covid-19. To help, we hit the parks and streets handing out water and summer survival kits with clothing in each.



A Word of Thanks to a number of Churches and many supporters who helped us financially survive during the Pandemic

During this difficult time we have seen God's faithfulness in and through our ministry.

A special thanks to Pastor Paul and the entire congregation from the Pembroke Pentecostal church for their continued support during this time. As well, to many churches who gave last year to keep us afloat this year, thank you!

We are so grateful to many of you who continued to give to support our work even when finances may have been difficult. God has multiplied your giving and used it to assist many in need in downtown Toronto.

People have contacted us to ask how they can give donations of clothing and funds for food to help us during Covid-19. A number of homeless people have told us how difficult it has been finding water, food or clothing. This is one of most unique times we have ever seen. Those living in shelters have felt unsafe and have gone outside to live in parks on street corners in cardboard boxes, makeshift homes and tents.

Hundreds of needy homeless people are now living in desperate situations, daily in need of food, water and clothing. They cannot buy anything without debit cards or gift cards. Covid-19 has largely affected how we buy and shop. If you don't have food cards, a credit or debit card, many refuse a sale. But we have assisted the homeless by giving out hundreds of gift cards to supply them with meals. **Thank you to everyone.**

The Word Goes Forth in all we do

One of the things I look forward to most is my preaching ministry. When Covid-19 hit, how we interact with each other changed. Since the end of March we've not been able to preach at the corner of Yonge and Dundas due to local bylaws and regulations set out by the Government.

Though the beauty of the body of Christ is her unity and togetherness, we've all had to improvise our ministry strategies, due to the social distancing rules.

We changed a few activities but continued to hand out our tracts in the parks and to those we met while we gave out the water. Our humanitarian work continued to support those living in poverty. The Lord commanded us to give a "cup of cold water in His name". Whether it's food, clothing or a simple bottle of water we did not let the virus stop our efforts. God used SFC to bless many in need.

It is with that mindset we continue to preach in the parks and on the corners as we do humanitarian work, never forgetting God is the means and end to all we do. I am reminded of a verse that says "**Our help is in the name of the Lord our God the Maker of Heaven and Earth-**" Psalm 124:8. We cannot control what is happening around the world but we can control who we become and we can demonstrate to the world we are true followers of Christ by showing love to others and serving with glad and obedient hearts. God is our Help in time of Need.



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