

Souls for Christ Ministries Spring Newsletter

2024



This past year as homeless numbers grew, we hit the streets handing out emergency supplies. Together we:

- Handed out over **250** winter coats, **30** fall coats, **100** hoodies
- Gave out **350** sleeping bags, **300** blankets, **5** ground pads, **10** tents
- Provided **1000** Tim cards, **50** take out meals, handed out **2500** granola bars, & **100's** of food items in survival kits
- Purchased and handed out **100's** of gloves, socks, hats and **200** pair of underwear
- Handed out **200** extra bottles of water
- Gave out **200** survival kits filled with essentials
- Lead another **7** people to saving faith in Jesus



Thank you to all our Volunteers

Thank you to
Rev. Danny
Blackwell for
all the
volunteer
hours



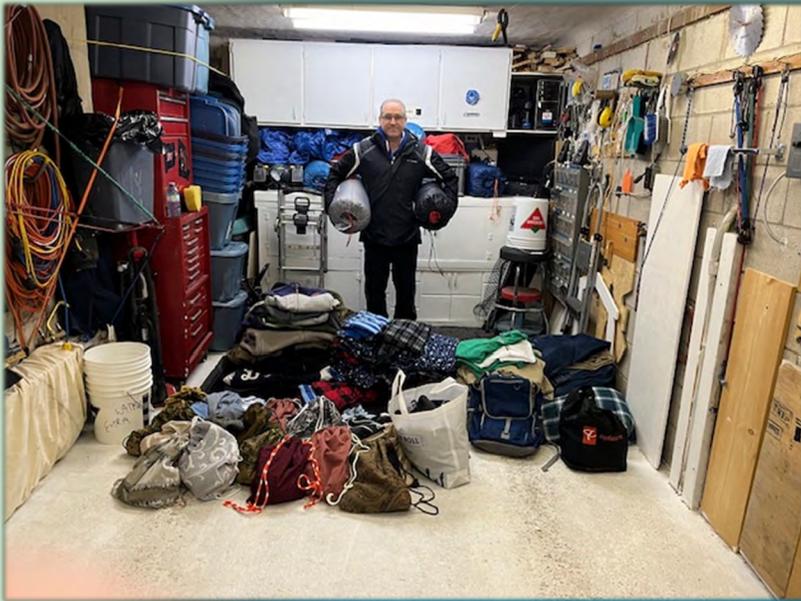
Volunteers are key to what we do for the Kingdom. We thank those who helped this past Winter

Another Thank
You to Jamie B
for all the help
shooting pics
and hauling the
Mobile Unit



Thank you to our Partners

Thank you Reapers in the Rain International



Another big Thank You To **Chuck Price** and **Reapers in the Rain** for 100's of New and Used essentials like winter coats, survival kits supplies, clothing, toiletries & hoodies!

(Thank you to Rod as well)

Thanks to Jody Steinhauer and **Project Winter Survival** for all the Survival Kits and Sleeping Bags

Big Thanks to Yew Thong Leong, the Staff & Students of the Dept. of Architectural Science Toronto Metropolitan University for the clothing and Tim Cards to help the homeless



Our Preaching Ministry Grows the Kingdom

7 more people come to Christ in 2024 so far through our preaching ministry. To God be all the Glory! Please pray for them.



Visha



John



Amanda



Jay



Nick

Note- some individual's names and photos are not shown for privacy reasons

**Our Street Outreach Ministry Helps 100's Annually
with Essentials even on "Extreme Cold Nights"**



**Some nights were very cold this winter.
We hit the streets day and even at
night helping many survive the cold.**

Spring Outreach Ministry—Thanks to Danny B. for Helping



**Thanks to Every Church and Individual Giver for the
Financial Support this Past Winter**

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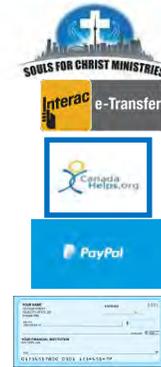
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A Few Thoughts Regarding Homelessness

Well friends it has been a another difficult year for the homeless. Housing and shelter beds were non-existent including temp beds. City of Toronto tell us in 2023 **3** homeless people died on the streets per week, **79+** more by August.

The average age was **48** for women, **52** for men. **46%** of deaths were from drug toxicity. Most homeless deaths are from December to February, the coldest months typically. Does this sound familiar? **Cold!!** More have died of the cold than anything else. Souls for Christ Ministries strives to help the needy during the coldest months because we know all lives matter to God!

Friends, we are grateful for all your support throughout this past year. We could not do it alone. We think about how difficult our lives are, imagine being homeless for just **“one day”**. As the Lord leads, we will continue to be God’s hands extended to the most vulnerable. This year as you give, I pray you remember that you could be saving the life of someone who lives on the streets right here in Toronto.

“Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me” -Matt. 25:40 NIV

Pastor Dean and Kim O’Connor

