



# CAPITAL CITY MISSION NEWSLETTER

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## Greetings from Matthew

Hello, everybody, I am so pleased to have this most wonderful opportunity to share in this newsletter! Ok, so I don't normally communicate with phrases like that. But I am happy to connect with kindred spirits, people like you who understand and attempt to do James 1:27, which describes Christianity!

Christianity is something to be done and not just a belief. To keep ourselves from being polluted by the lie of this world and to take care of those in need is our mission as Christians. Whether it be through your church, you as an individual, your family, friends, Capital City Mission or all of us together, may our city and beyond know that God is alive. If people question the location of God in time of need, perhaps they simply have not seen God in and through us!

I am amazed at God in and through the mission and the effect He has through what is done here. We see these effects in the joy on faces of those who have their feet manicured or the immediate glow after a haircut. Food in an empty stomach and clothes on someone's back are the proof of God's love and of His presence as our sustainer, our merciful God, showing Himself to those we serve, and us, yet another time.

Matthew Della Foresta  
Assistant Director

## A Challenge to Each of Us

“ All the desolation of the poor, not only their material poverty but their spiritual

wounds as well, need to be redeemed. We should share with them because only if we are united with them can we redeem them, bringing God to their lives and they, in turn, to God.”

-Mother Teresa

## Welcoming a New Year

As we begin another year, we at CCM can look back at countless ways in which we have experienced God's faithfulness. We are thankful, above all, for the privilege of involvement in this ministry. We have been blessed to see trust building among our visitors and to enjoy their sense of comfort and their friendship. We have been privileged to share with those who seek counsel and to see God's leading in specific ways in some lives. We have been blessed by the faithfulness of so many of you who have provided meals, clothing and financial support.

Now, as a new year begins, we look forward to continued challenges, confident that God will continue to meet our needs and provide direction as we look to Him for ongoing guidance regarding the work we are called to do.

## Christmas at CCM

In December we had great celebrations with our friends who visit CCM. During our Christmas Day tea, many guests shared in thankfulness for a place where they feel like they are coming home to visit. We want to thank all those who supported us with backpacks, gifts and baking, dinners and so much support. May 2002 be a year of blessing over the NCR.

Timothy Meisenheimer, Director

## **OUR VISION STATEMENT**

To reach people in the inner city of Ottawa with Christ's love, through a mercy ministry and being socially active as advocates for the inner city person.

## **Our Thanks To You**

All of us at CCM know that without the prayer support and financial and material donations that so many of you provide, we could not function at all. To each of you, we say thank you and pray God's blessing on you as you respond in these ways to his call on us to love the poor.

## **Please Continue to Pray**

**For Space** - As we have been saying throughout this newsletter, we praise God for His blessing on our ministry and for the growth experienced. As we look forward to continued growth, we realise that our current space is limiting our outreach opportunities. **Please pray** that we will find a space suitable to accommodate our needs.

**For Staff** - Timothy, Matthew and all our volunteer staff cherish your prayers for blessing on mind, body and spirit.

**For Board Members** – Our five board members and our directors seek prayer for wisdom and discernment in making decisions regarding the ongoing direction of CCM

**For Coffee House** – Held every Wednesday evening at St. Paul's United Church.

**For Our Visitors** – Pray that they will be responsive to the message of God's love for them as we have opportunities to share.

**For Tim and Matthew** – Pray that they will have wisdom in communicating to congregations so that hearers will understand how they, too, can see ways to respond to the needs of the poor in the NCR.

## **What Can You Donate?**

In these winter months, there continues to be a pressing need for these items:

**Winter Coats**

**Winter Boots**

**Hats**

**Gloves**

**Good Jeans**

**Long Underwear**

**Warm Sweat Pants**

**We are grateful for all such donations and welcome as well all financial assistance, which helps us to provide these items.**

## **Would You Like To Volunteer?**

If so, give us a call at 241-2407.

## **Charitable Status**

Capital City Mission has official status as a registered charity. Our number is #8766877317RR0001.

The Board of Directors who will be assisting Timothy and Matthew in the decision-making process is Wayne Corrigan, Becky Burnett, Dr. Robert Graham, Heather Brophy and Anthony D'Abramo (Treasurer).

Heather is also our newsletter editor and can be contacted with any news items you may have.

As we look to the future, please pray with us that we will always be attentive to God's direction as we deal with the many practical issues of day-to-day life of the mission.

**“What has he told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?” Micah 6:8 (NASB)**