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# CAPITAL CITY MISSION NEWSLETTER

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## Let Us Love One Another

For the past month, since Christmas and New Year's have been "tucked away" for another year, advertisers everywhere are besieging us with assurances that, as Valentines Day is nearing, it is possible to purchase "the perfect way to say 'I love you' ". It is not a bad thing to be reminded that we should take the time to express our love to those we appreciate. Yet how much more wonderful than the setting aside of just one special day in honour of love is the joy of love given and received on a daily basis.

At CCM, staff, volunteers and guests share in God's love for us through the relationships that develop. This month we share with you some of the "valentines" we have received in the past weeks from a number of our guests. They are included here exactly as they were written to us. As you read them, please thank God for each writer and pray God's blessing on his or her life.

### *Dora & Mike*

"God bless you and May you receive many blessings in the future. We appreciate the time that you spend helping people and being around when needed and when we have times of sad moments This is like a second home for us but with a larger family."

## *To The Capital City Mission Food Bank*

Just a note to say "Thank you for all the great groceries I received today." Hope you have a nice day, God Bless.

Sincerely, Sue

### *The Capital City Mission: A Peaceful Haven*

This splendid project is run by Mr. Tim, The Boss and Mrs. Boss Cindy, a wonderful helpmate. Under the wing of Mr. Boss's directorship and spiritual leadership comes a battalion of spiritual "missionaries", who are willing volunteers who give service with a smile.

We appreciate the well-mannered competence of Mr. Boss and his competent staff. We are grateful for all the care and courtesy accorded. and afforded to each and every one of us.

Please continue to be in a victorious state Of triumphant well-being and in so doing turn on the power of goodwill, which is beneficial to one and all, as we are all in the same boat of the human race.

Sincere congratulations to one and all and May the year 2002 prove to be happy and Healthy every day, no matter what!?!

With love, Angie  
( Writing this article was a sheer delight)

### *Patron*

I would like to take this time to say thanks! This may be the last day here for me (but let's not hope so). My gratitude loves you for being here to help me. Thanks from my ego!

### *From Meeka*

I would like to show my appreciation in the only manner that I can truly say how I feel. This past year that I have been coming here, I feel nothing but respect for the staff. You have shown me the real spirit of the people that we can take. As yet, I do not have the real words that can come out of me. It feels like that someone does care about me. It is hard for me to trust some Christians (having grown up in one "Christian" home). I still feel some affinity for you people and I am a cynic. But yet, once again, thanks for changing my half a mind. Maybe, you will get to the other part. Anyway, Thank you for the past year, here's to hoping that I meet more people like you. From the Heart, that is you.

### *James*

"I find Capital City Mission is a very caring place for all ages of people. Capital Mission has helped me to get my priorities in place. Every month now I get my bus pass as it helps me get out of my place. Capital Mission helps me with my basic needs Laundry services ,friendship and a chance to meet other people in my situation. Would I recommend Capital City Mission to others new into the city ? Definitely Yes"

**A Special Prayer Request**, that God will bless the marriage of Rachel and Richard, two CCM guests, whose wedding takes place on Feb. 04. Timothy is officiating.

## A Nonjudgmental Presence

From *Bread for the Journey* by Henri J.M. Nouwen

**To the degree that we accept that through Christ we ourselves have been reconciled with God we can be messengers of reconciliation for others. Essential to the work of reconciliation is a non-judgmental presence. We are not sent to the world to judge, to condemn, to evaluate, to classify, or to label. When we walk around as if we have to make up our minds about people and tell them what is wrong with them and how they should change, we only create more division. Jesus says it clearly, "Be compassionate just as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge;...do not condemn;...forgive" (Luke 6:36-37).**

**In a world that constantly asks us to make up our minds about other people, a non-judgmental presence seems nearly impossible. But it is one of the most beautiful fruits of a deep spiritual life and will be easily recognized by those who long for reconciliation.**

### CCM prayer Calendar

Please become a daily prayer partner of CCM  
**Sunday:** Special thanks for God's hand on CCM  
**Monday:** Souls  
**Tuesday:** Space to function & for the Homeless  
**Wednesday:** Staff, blessing on mind body, spirit,  
**Thursday:** Sovereign grace for the City  
**Friday:** Services Wed., Sunday Coffee Houses  
**Saturday:** Support for the needs of the friends, staff and building of CCM and other ministries that reach out to the poor.

**New coffee house site:** As of Feb. 17, Sunday Coffee House will be held in the basement of Heartwood House, also known as the Jewish Community Centre at the corner of Chapel and Rideau.