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At LLH Trailer

NEW BEGINNINGS - On Thursday, January 2, 2025, Love Lives Here opened its doors for the first time this year, and it was nothing short of extraordinary.

The evening began as usual, with volunteers gathering at Union Gospel Mission for worship and prayer. Without a guitar to accompany us, Pastor Heather led us in a heartfelt reflection, asking each person what they were thankful for in the past year and what they were looking forward to in the new one. As we shared our stories, a common thread of love and hope emerged, uniting us in our mission to bring the love of Jesus to the downtown community.

Our ultimate hope is to see lives transformed through Jesus. While volunteering with the homeless can sometimes feel discouraging, Thursday reminded us that God hears every prayer (as He always does).

A NIGHT OF MIRACLES - The first miracle of the night was Daniel. He is a man who has struggled for years with drug addiction, severe muscle spasms, and slurred speech. But on Thursday, something was different — there were no spasms. Daniel was calm, fully present, and worshipping alongside everyone else. After one song, he turned to me and said, "God is good." I hadn't seen him like this in two years. That moment brought hope and reminded us of God's power to heal and restore.

Then, there was a woman who has visited the trailer for years but is often angry and confrontational. On this night, she shared her story with Pastor Heather. She explained that she recently picked up a Bible, gave her life to Jesus, and now wants to be baptized. For the first time, we saw love in her — love for God and others. ..... *Continued on next page* .....

LLH MINISTRIES

TRAILER

Our trailer is open Thursday evening from 8:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Guests can enjoy live music and be fed both physically and spiritually.



STREETS

In the summer, we do street ministry on Main Street, providing sandwiches, encouragement, a listening ear and prayer.

Another beautiful sign of God's work was the surge in requests for Bibles. By the end of the night, we had handed out eight Bibles to people hungry for God's Word. Finally, Pastor Heather shared a powerful message and a piece of her personal testimony. This inspired a man, a regular visitor to the trailer, to stand up and share his pain with the group. As he spoke, you could feel the burden being lifted from him. When he finished, several volunteers approached him, thanking him for his courage. In that moment, he felt the tangible love of God and experienced His healing power.

AN EXTRAORDINARY NIGHT - Any one of these testimonies would have made for an amazing night, but all of them happening in one evening felt extraordinary — a clear sign of God's hand at work. As we step into this new year, it feels as though God is telling us, "Get ready — there's so much more to come". I left the trailer that night feeling renewed, hopeful, and ready for the year ahead. What a wonderful God we serve!
~ Kristinn ~



I began volunteering for Love Lives Here after hearing a report about their ministries in the fall of 2015. The work here consisted of providing a safe haven for people in the core area to meet, share their concerns, have a snack, and hear the gospel message. In January of 2019, my sister's immunity was vulnerable due to chemotherapy. I stopped attending the trailer to protect her from my exposure to pathogens.

I asked the Lord how I could continue to support His work at the trailer. Heather and I agreed that supplying sandwiches would be helpful. I put up posters in my apartment and several people volunteered to help make sandwiches or donate money for supplies. Since then we have supplied approximately 110-120 sandwiches for one trailer night a month.

Kevin helps to get supplies from grocery stores, which has greatly reduced the costs for making sandwiches.

I want to thank Karen, Erna, Helen, Hanna, Diana, Esther, Clare, and Peter for making and bringing the sandwiches to the trailer. I want to thank the Lord for continuing to bless our humble efforts to reach out to the people in the core area of Winnipeg.

~ Susan ~

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS AND SUPPORT THROUGH THE YEARS!

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Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. A second is equally important: Love your neighbour as yourself .
Matthew 22: 37 - 39 (NLT)