

REFUGEE MINISTRIES

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"THE LORD IS A REFUGE FOR THE OPPRESSED, A STRONGHOLD IN TIMES OF TROUBLE"
Psalm 9:9

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A WORD FROM OUR MINISTRY DIRECTOR

Winnipeg Ministry Report.



Without your tremendous prayer and support nothing would have happened thank-you! Thursday April 27-Sunday April 30 our ministry team of Nelson Antle, George Antle, Stefan Nichol, Steve Sawarth and Alan Campbell ministered in 7 services at the "Manitoba Youth Centre". Four services at "Milner Ridge Correctional Centre" and 2 church services at "Bethel Community Church" in Winnipeg. Please find below testimonials from ministry team members as how God did incredible things on this trip! Much seed was planted in all the services, lives were impacted by Jesus and the comment was made the full impact will not be seen until eternity. This doesn't happen without your partnership.

On a personal note, it was an absolute honour to minister with this team and witness the power of the Holy Spirit in all the services including a young lady set free from depression at the Sunday service. The trip also solidified the ministry we're doing and the need to establish an effective place of first contact for youth released from custody.



RELEASE KITS

We are searching for folks that could support our work in preparing release kits. These kits help those who are released into the community and who are in need of the most basic supplies. Currently we need of the following items for our release kits: **Toothpaste - Tooth brush - Deodorant - Comb - Soap - Pen & Notepad - Medium size zip baggies to hold items** Thank-you to all those who helped us distribute 211 release kits to 6 places in London ministering to youth released from custody.

Testimonies

Just want to thank Alan Campbell, of Refuge Ministries Canada, for the opportunity to serve on the ministry team to the Manitoba Youth Centre. As well at Milner Ridge Correctional Institute. It awarded me such appreciation to be able to carry out Jesus' saying "in as much as ye have done it to the least of these my brethren ye have done it unto me".

The ability to have been able to speak into the lives of so many teens and young adults was overwhelming and at the same time life changing and comforting.

The highlight of seeing several in multiple units repeat the sinner's prayer was to say the least invigorating. Seeing in some cases tears flowing down these young faces, understanding the hope that was shared, left me wanting more.

Another highlight for me was leading praise and worship with my brother Nelson. Such a great blessing for me. Then the greatest blessing of all for me was to watch my niece and nephew on the Sunday morning find their way down the aisle to repent their way back to the Lord. My sincerest thanks go out to Alan Campbell, Nelson Antle, Steve Swarath, and Stefan Nichol, for the servant attitudes leaving such a viable place for the Spirit to have His way with the whole of the services. My heart is still revealing in the presence of the trip here at home four days later. Thank God for a ministry that is not only willing but also obedient. We did eat the fruit of the land. Isaiah 1:19. Did I say thank you and God bless this ministry. Given the time I would return with this team in a heart beat.

Rev. George Antle

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"EQUIPPING CHURCHES FOR YOUTH PRISON MINISTRY IN THEIR COMMUNITY."

Testimonies *(continued)*

It was difficult seeing the level of brokenness (addiction, abuse, broken homes, FASD and a high prevalence of mental illness, within the people we visited. It was sad to see those reaching out for something different than what they are living, their frustration at not knowing how to go about making lasting change in their lives, and the despair caused by being trapped in a cycle of release and re-offence. As a group we shared the Gospel, and testified as to what God had done within each of us; throughout the process bringing hope to those who heard, helping to create belief that because God had changed our lives (Alan, George, Nelson, Steve, me), God could change their lives as well. We spoke to them about setting goals (employment, education, being a better father/husband/son or daughter, not returning to custody), helping them to visualize those goals, to put words to them - not just where they want to be in some distant future, but what their goals are upon release for Day 1, Week 1, Month 1 - and to think of steps they can begin to take now to improve their chances of success.

I fully believe that our presence made a difference in the lives of the young men and women we were introduced to. Alan Campbell's work in prison ministry is of vital importance if we, as a faith, are to continue to fulfill the call of Christ by reaching out to the lost and the least amongst us. I look forward to returning to Winnipeg in the future.

Stefan Nichol

London, ON

2017 Ministry Schedule:

The June 24 prison ministry seminar is 9:30 to 11am, "Bethel Community Church", 430 Lakewood Blvd. Winnipeg, a love offering will be taken.

Speakers are:

Pastor Chuck Sheridan - Founding Pastor House of the Risen and Urban Sub-Culture Mission Winnipeg

Alan Campbell Refuge Ministries Canada

This seminar is open for anyone involved in prison ministry or wanting to be. Please register

at refugeministriescanada@gmail.com

Sprucedale Youth Centre 2nd & 4 Sunday monthly 6-8pm.

Youth Night (All youth 12-17) 1st/3rd and 5th Friday 7:30PM "Faith Alive Family Church" 3034 Glanworth Drive Glanworth.

Any youth needing a ride 1-519-701-0108.

Friday June 9 6:30 pm "Refuge" Fundraising Dinner *(see our website for details)*

Saturday June 24 Winnipeg Youth Prison Ministry Seminar 9:30-11:00am *(Details to be announced).*

Interested in learning about youth prison ministry and the work of "Refuge Ministries Canada"? This can be accomplished through a Saturday, one hour, regional training seminar in a host church and having the "Refuge Ministries Canada" ministry team, on Sunday, at your church.

All seminar topics are available on our website.

To check out scheduled dates for training seminars or a ministry conference near you, go to

www.refugeministriescanada.com.

If you are interested in hosting a seminar and ministry conference we would be thrilled to receive your call or e-mail.

Sunday June 25 2pm, Alan is ministering at "Transformations Community Church" 50 Barnes Street Winnipeg, MB

- **Local Youth Custody Facilities twice monthly.**
- **Youth outreach** and small group every other Friday starting January 13 "Faith Alive Family Church" 3034 Glanworth, Glanworth, ON
- **Youth prison ministry training seminar** *(Date and details to follow).*

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