

REFUGE MINISTRIES NEWSLETTER

512 Grey Street
London, ON N6B 1H5
PH: 519-701-0108
refugeministriescanada@gmail.com
Registered Charity #
873837017 RR0001

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

Winter 2018

A WORD FROM OUR MINISTRY DIRECTOR

Ministry Report.

GOD'S RICHEST BLESSINGS FOR 2018 AND THANK-YOU FOR YOUR TREMENDOUS SUPPORT!

REFUGE MUSIC NIGHT VIDEO ON WEBSITE - www.refugeministriescanada.com

The night was filled with thanksgiving and worship as each artist took the stage. This was the night that many of Alan Campbell's friends and family attended Alan's Homecoming, "Celebrating God's goodness", after his long recovery from a stroke. The little church was jam-packed with people and love for Alan, the Director of Refuge Ministries Canada. There was not a seat left in the house, and some were standing at the back. The Master of Ceremony was Pastor Jamie Smith, and among the guests, he introduced Pastor Trent Antle, Pastor Peter Cusick, Tammy Cartlidge, Larry McGill, the band Chosen, Laurie Marks Vincent and Derrick Drover. Near the end of the concert, Alan shared his journey, recovering from the stroke. His grand entrance before his speech demonstrated his victorious improvement after the stroke, by standing from his wheelchair and taking a few steps walking. The night was video recorded and condensed so that friends of Refuge Ministries Canada could enjoy a portion of the performances along with along with Alan's time of sharing.



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.

"EQUIPPING CHURCHES FOR YOUTH PRISON MINISTRY IN THEIR COMMUNITY.

Testimonies

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

2018 Ministry:

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR YOUTH CUSTODY FACILITY

Local Youth Custody Facilities twice monthly.

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.

**Monthly
Supporter**

PRAYERFULLY consider becoming a monthly supporter of "Refuge Ministries

Canada". You can become an automatic \$15.00 a month sponsor by filling out the Direct Debit Program Authorization Form found on our website under donate.

www.refugeministriescanada.com

Board of Directors

Ministry Director

Rev. Alan Campbell

Board Members

Pastor Larry Ireland

Pastor Allan Roach

Bill Morden

Pastor Mark Glaab

Office Admin

Barbara Galbraith