

Merry Christmas
& A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR



PRAISE & PRAYER

MINISTRY REPORT

CHRISTMAS 2021

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Light in My Darkness

The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned. (Isaiah 9:2)

Let's face it: throughout the year we have had many struggles. Yet in all our struggles, there is always a light at the end of the tunnel. The dark night of the soul does not go on forever. And the Advent season is all about the light that comes into our darkness.

When we put up our Christmas lights so that they will shine in the winter darkness, those lights are outward expressions of a far brighter and more beautiful *inner* light that shines into the darkness of our souls if we are open to receive it. It is the inner light of the Lord's brilliant truth shining into the darkness of our confusion and uncertainty.

The experience of finding light in our darkness is a perfect reflection of the very story--the very event--that we are celebrating at this time of year. That human presence of God is what we celebrate at Christmas. "The Word became flesh and lived among us." God was not content to remain an abstract, invisible presence, directing human affairs from behind the scenes. God saw the darkness in which we humans here on earth were walking. God saw our sorrow and pain, our groping for answers when everything seemed dark and inexplicable. And God loved us with a pure, compassionate love beyond anything we can ever comprehend.

When we see someone we love hurting and suffering, what do we do? We go to that person to give comfort, a hug, a shoulder to cry on, and some encouraging words. Skeptics look at the Christmas story and consider it a fairy tale of wishful thinking. But it is only wishful thinking if we don't believe in a God of love. Because if, as the Bible tells us, *God is love*, then it would be just as impossible for God *not* to come to us personally as it would be for us to stand by and do nothing while our close friends and family members, our own children, suffer and struggle in pain.

God loves us. And God will not stand by and allow us to suffer hurt, pain, and the darkness of the soul without reaching out to us personally to give us comfort, understanding, and the answers we seek. On that first Christmas two thousand years ago, God reached out to us in the ultimate way: by being born among us as a flesh and blood human being. God "parted the heavens and came down" (Psalm 18:9), to use the memorable phrase from the Psalm. He did not leave us comfortless but came to us, showing us personally his love and his truth, so that we would never need to be without the presence of our Creator and our greatest Friend.

This is the great wonder of Christmas. This is the light that shines in the darkness, and the darkness has neither comprehended it nor overcome it. This is the light of which all our Christmas lights are merely a pale shadow. "The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world." And "to all who receive him, to those who believe in his name, he gives the right to become children of God."

The zeal of the Lord of hosts is the Creator God's great love for us. That love shines through in the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. It is the true light; and we may gain that light in our darkness by coming and worshipping the child of Bethlehem.

**Praying you had a wonderful Christmas
and enjoy a Prosperous New Year!**

Executive Director - Marvin Declare



SHELLEY DECLARE
Administration Director

ADMINISTRATION REPORT



As Psalm 23 enjoyed a strong year end giving campaign last year, we are very grateful for the continuing support that has taken the ministry out of the line of credit and continues to prosper for over the last year!

One of the areas that Psalm 23 took advantage was the government business loans and we did 2 of them through our bank. One was for \$40,000 and must pay back \$30,000 by this December and the other was for \$20,000 and must pay back \$10,000 by this December. As you can see in our financial outlook, we are sitting at a surplus of \$57,000. Psalm 23 has placed our \$40,000 of loan payments in the surplus. So, we are sitting this year at \$17,000 in actual surplus (once the loans are paid off)

Another ongoing government support has been through the wage subsidy program and the rent subsidy program. Both subsidy programs have helped Psalm 23 with our monthly costs and now the government is ending this in October. This support had a great impact on our Ministry and now will be seeking your prayers and consideration to support our year end giving request and Capital Project Costs.

The largest Capital Project cost this year was the Exterior Restoration of our facility. The facility has been in dire need for over 6 years, and it was decided by the board of directors to take a \$50,000 loan out to cover the cost. This loan and the \$17,000 we had saved last year for this project would cover the whole cost of the renovation and restoration.

Now we are prayerfully seeking for your support to help Psalm 23 pay down the loan. Another blessing is once the loan is paid off...all interest of the loan will be donated back to Psalm 23.

The Board of Directors would like to clearly communicate our 2021 financial picture so there is opportunity to pray about the needs of our budget giving.

Our prayer request is that God would provide financially between now and December 31, which would allow Psalm 23 to not only meet this year's program budget needs, but also our project grants towards our Training Programs.

If you are interested in supporting Psalm 23...

- E-transfers can be sent to psalm23society@shaw.ca
- You can call Shelley Declare at Psalm 23 and she can put credit card donations through with our interact machine. 250-489-2220
- You can also send cheques to the addresses on our cover page.
- Donations can also go through PayPal.
- **ALL DONATIONS MADE TO PSALM 23 WILL RECEIVE OFFICIAL TAX RECEIPTS IN JANUARY 2022.**

From our Board of Directors and Care Team Staff...we would like to thank you all for the continued support in 2021 to help continue to Restore Lives, One Person at a Time!

"Do not be afraid. I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you, He is Christ the Lord..." Luke 2:11



PRAISE & PRAYER 2021 FINANCIAL REPORT

Revenue – January - \$34,309.65
Expenses – January - \$21,107.48
SURPLUS (DEFICIT) \$13,202.17

Revenue – February - \$25,386.89
Expenses – February - \$24,086.68
SURPLUS (DEFICIT) \$1,300.21

Revenue – March - \$26,920.92
Expenses – March - \$22,656.88
SURPLUS (DEFICIT) \$4,264.04

Revenue – April - \$30,075.22
Expenses – April - \$21,475.79
SURPLUS (DEFICIT) \$8,599.43

Revenue – May - \$32,595.23
Expenses – May - \$21,964.76
SURPLUS (DEFICIT) \$10,630.47

Revenue – June - \$28,085.94
Expenses – June - \$33,018.73
SURPLUS (DEFICIT) (\$4,932.79)

Revenue – July - \$44,643.58
Expenses – July - \$23,652.16
SURPLUS (DEFICIT) \$20,991.42

Revenue – August - \$33,488.99
Expenses – August - \$31,031.96
SURPLUS (DEFICIT) \$2,457.03

Revenue – September - \$22,848.15
Expenses – September - \$21,747.74
SURPLUS (DEFICIT) \$1,100.41

Revenue – October - \$28,333.90
Expenses – October - \$23,636.37
SURPLUS (DEFICIT) \$4,697.53

Revenue – November - \$26,455.65
Expenses – November - \$21,205.26
SURPLUS (DEFICIT) \$5,250.39

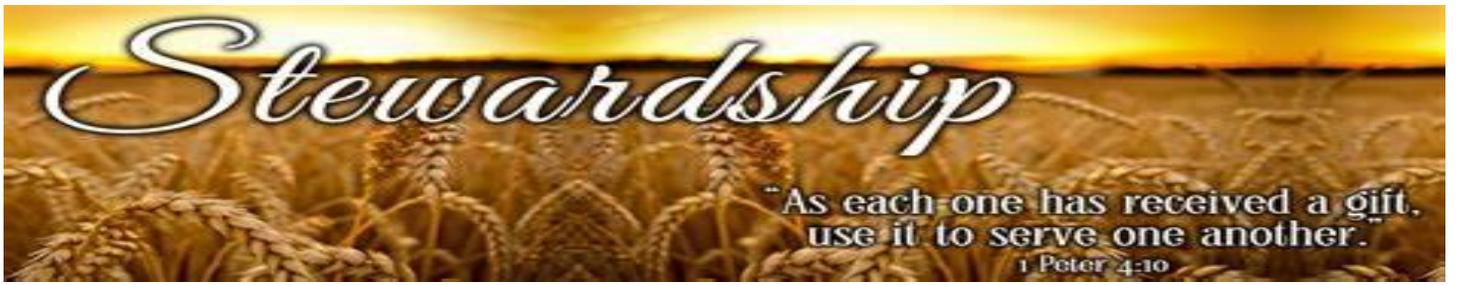
YTD REVENUE = \$333,144.12

YTD EXPENSES = \$265,755.10

*****SURPLUS (DEFICIT) = \$67,389.02**

2021 BUDGET REVENUE \$357,278.00

2021 BUDGET SHORTFALL
(-\$24,133.88)



PSALM 23 BOARD OF DIRECTORS



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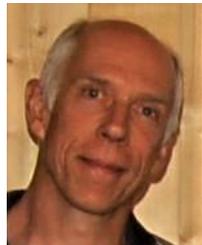
PSALM 23 WEEKLY VOLUNTEER TEAM



Vicky Escobedo
Bible Study



Leon Chretien
Life Group



Rod & Jan Schneider
Bible Study



Dave & Vicky Skoda
Alpha Group

THE MIRACLES CONTINUE
Alumnus Sobriety Celebrations

NOVEMBER CELEBRATIONS

Paul P. – 17 yrs, Rob Mc. – 17 yrs, Edgar B. – 16 yrs.
Fraser M. – 15 yrs, Anthony H. – 14 yrs. Chris B. – 12 yrs,
Dustin M. – 12 yrs, Kevin R. – 12 yrs, Scott W. 11 yrs,
Bari C. – 11 yrs, Jory J. – 4 yrs.

DECEMBER CELEBRATIONS

Joe S. – 17 yrs, Frank B. – 16 yrs, Patrick D. – 16 yrs.
Gary D. – 15 yrs, Owen G.. – 14 yrs. James B. – 14 yrs,
Kerry P. – 12 yrs, Ed J. – 6 yrs, Curtis F. – 6 yrs,
Phillip S. – 3 yrs, James W.. – 2 yrs

JANUARY CELEBRATIONS

Ron B. – 18 yrs, Mark K. – 17 yrs, Kent L. – 16 yrs.
Brandon Mc. – 15 yrs, Caleb Y. – 15 yrs. Gary B. – 15 yrs,
Minh T. – 14 yrs, Adam V. – 14 yrs, Abe S. – 12 yrs,
Di.ego T – 10 yrs



2021 YEAR END GIVING

The Board of Psalm 23, Staff, Alumnus & Students of Psalm 23 Transition Society would like to take this time to thank you all for your prayers and support in 2016.

There has been many huge blessings and growth in our programs and the various construction renovations of buildings this year along with an amazing number of students finding Freedom from addictions and starting a New Life in Jesus Christ. We will have 2021 highlights of Psalm 23 shared in our January Praise Report for you to enjoy.

I would like to bring to your attention as we come to closing our 2021 year. That December 31st is the last day to give a year end gift. With cost of running our programs increasing and financial donations down this year, Psalm 23 is running a budget shortfall of \$24,133.88 We trust in our Lord and His provisions and come to you and ask that you take this into prayer to see if you can help Psalm 23 meet our financial budget responsibilities for this year. Psalm 23 is a Canadian Non-Profit Charitable society.

December 31st is the last day to donate and receive a tax receipt for that can be applied to your 2021 taxes.

Please donate to Psalm 23 before 11:59 pm Eastern Time.

HOW CAN YOU DONATE? - You can donate in various ways.

- 1) You can mail your donation with having your envelope post marked by December 31, 2021
- 2) You can phone Shelley Declare at our Administration Office and donate through credit card. (250-459-2220 or 604-835-0855)
- 3) You can e-transfer your donation to psalm23society@shaw.ca
- 4) Go to our website (www.psalms23society.com) and you can donate through our secure pay pal giving option.

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

2 Corinthians 9:7 (NIV)

Your Year End Financial Gift of any amount would be greatly appreciated to help us continue our ministry objectives.

I pray that your family experiences great Joy, Freedom, Peace & an abundance of Love today and each day of 2022. May you be protected with safety on your travels and know we are praying for you! I also pray that God shows you in His special way how much we appreciate your support and prayers and how you have helped Psalm 23 continue to Restore Lives ~ One Person at a Time.

Marvin Declare
Founder/Executive Director

*Here's to the outgoing year, 2021:
May the good times live on in our memories,
and may we learn lessons from the troubling times
that will make us stronger and better than ever.*

*Here's to 2022:
For each and every one of you,
may it be filled with significant steps
toward the fulfillment of your fondest wishes.
In this coming new year,
let us focus on our goals and work toward our dreams,
and yet (smile)
let's all try to go with the flow a little more
and stress a little less.
And most important,
here's to all of you.*

*Appreciate yourselves and each other in the New Year
as I appreciate all of you now.*

*Let's focus on each other's good points
and choose to overlook minor annoyances
to create mutual happiness and contentment in 2016.*

May God Bless you and keep you in 2022:

Enjoy the journey!



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PERSONAL / FAMILY / BUSINESS PLEDGE CARD

YES - I would like to support the Ministry of Psalm 23 on a monthly basis "

"If you prefer to use Pre-Authorized Checking then please include a VOID cheque"

All personal information is for the sole purpose of Psalm 23 and will not be shared with anyone outside our organization

(Starfish Club)

\$30.00 X _____ = (\$ _____ per month)

(Sponsor a meal)

\$3.23 X _____ = (\$ _____ per month)

(Business Starfish Sponsorship)

\$50.00 X _____ = (\$ _____ per month)

(Hope Fund)

\$100.00 X _____ = (\$ _____ per month)

(Half month Student Scholarship)

\$500.00 X _____ = (\$ _____ per month)

(Full month Student scholarship)

\$1,000 X _____ = (\$ _____ per month)

_____ 15th of the month

_____ 30th of the month

this is a one-time gift of \$ _____

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Email: _____ Telephone: _____

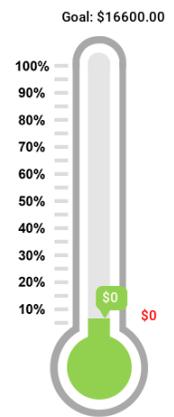
Let's Honor The Lord With Our Giving

"Remember this, whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly.
And whoever sows generously will also reap generously"
2 Corinthians 9:6

FITNESS CENTRE - RENOVATION & HEATING SYSTEM – GOAL \$16,600

A very important part of a student's life when changing a lifestyle away from addictions and making unhealthy decisions is to focus on body health and mental health. Psalm 23 started last year to build a fitness centre that will have cardio machines and commercial weight machines. Once completed, this fitness centre will become part of Psalm 23's weekly programs as we focus on changing the lifestyles and taking care of our health.

This fitness centre will not only be used by our students, but also for our Care Team. Self care is such an important part of helping our physical and mental health. We as a Care Team also need to focus on being healthy and come along the students...we look forward as to what God has in store!

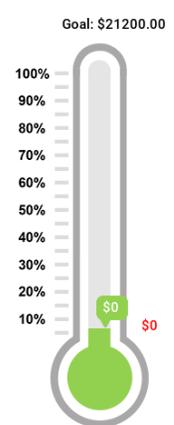


GIFT STORE & MORE

HEATING SYSTEM PURCHASE AND INSTALL – GOAL \$21,200

The heating system will consist of 2 new propane furnace heaters. Each one will be connected to large duct work, one on the North side and one going down the South side. The cost will also include the permits to hook up the propane and get it installed to each furnace. This is a large task, but one that will be beneficial for many years to come.

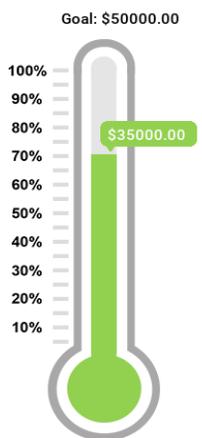
Psalm 23's Gift Store & More will allow us to support our life changing programs and operations with all net profits. Could this be a fundraiser that you could prayerfully lift for the Ministry?



FACILITY EXTERIOR RESTORATION – FUNDRAISING GOAL \$50,000

Psalm 23's facility exterior has been in need for over 6 years for a restoration. The deterioration of the wood siding, broken down metal eavestrough, no fascia or soffit on the building has taken a toll. It was decided by the board to move forward to not only restore the facility but to beautify the Ministry. It was decided to take out a \$50,000.00 loan and have the goal of raising funds to pay off the loan so Psalm 23 would not carry the burden. With another year of no fundraisers, it we decided to reach out to Psalm 23 supporters and ask you to prayerfully consider supporting this fundraiser. The cost of this restoration was \$67,000.00. Psalm 23 was able to pay this difference through our capital project fund that we had raised last year.

Please look under the Administration Report for ways to give...please mark "Facility Restoration". Thank you for your prayerful consideration in supporting this fundraiser.



YEAR END GIVING – PROGRAM OPERATIONS FUNDRAISER – GOAL \$60,000

In the Fall, Psalm 23 has always put on our Fall Dinner & Auction Fundraiser where all money raised went directly towards our year end budget needs, while strategically working through the first 4 months of the year. These dinner fundraisers are held in Abbotsford in Southern BC and either in 100 Mile House or Clinton in Central BC.

Psalm 23 was looking forward to hosting this event and even had our dates booked. But because of limitations on gatherings and vaccination issues, we had to cancel. Last year we were able to meet our year end goal and being supported by businesses, families and individuals who believe in coming along side to help change lives.

Psalm 23 is asking again this year for our readers, supporters, and prayer warriors to pray into a year end giving. Thank you for your consideration in partnering with Psalm 23.

Please look under the Administration Report for ways to give...please mark "Year End Giving Campaign". Thank you for your prayerful consideration in supporting this fundraiser.

