



PRAISE & PRAYER MINISTRY REPORT

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DOUBT or DENIAL?

Jesus Appears to Thomas

²⁴ Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!" But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

²⁶ A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

²⁸ Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

²⁹ Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Having devoted three years of his life to Jesus only to watch him suffer and die, Thomas was emotionally shattered. And when he heard from the other disciples that Jesus was alive again, it must have seemed like a cruel trick.

It's hard to say just what was going through his mind when he responded, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe it" (20:25). Was he angry, defiantly refusing to believe? Afraid, not wanting to be hurt again? Honestly seeking the truth amid an impossibly miraculous series of events?

A week after Thomas said these words, Jesus appeared again to all the disciples, including Thomas. Jesus greeted them, then promptly invited Thomas to touch the very places on his body that Thomas had demanded to touch. Immediately Thomas responded with belief.

Reflecting on possible reasons for Thomas's early unbelief may lead us to ask ourselves a few questions: is our unbelief, unresolved anger at God for "causing" our pain? Is it a shield from further disappointment? An honest search for truth? Jesus promised Thomas that a special blessing awaited all those "who have not seen and yet believed" (20:29).

Not only freedom from addiction, but also emotional and physical restoration await the modern-day Thomas who will risk disappointment by reaching out to "touch" the Lord. Recovery will begin when we make a conscious decision to turn our lives (Thinking) and wills (Actions) over to Jesus Christ, trusting His resurrection power to help us with our lack of faith.



THE MIRACLES CONTINUE

Alumnus Sobriety Celebrations

MARCH CELEBRATIONS

Dale W. – 19 yrs. Chris G. – 19 yrs. Kevin T. – 19 yrs. Randy W. – 18 yrs.
Mike B. – 18 yrs. Joe J. – 17 yrs. Jack N. – 17 yrs. Ed T. – 16 yrs.
Paul. V. – 16 yrs., Stephen J. – 16 yrs. Kyle A. – 15 yrs.
Wayne H. – 15 yrs. Ken Mc. – 15 yrs. Kent G. – 14 yrs. Nic C. – 13 yrs.
Rick G. – 13 yrs. Albert A. – 11 yrs. Daniel S. – 8 yrs. Chris K. – 7 yrs.
Gabriel N. – 5 yrs. Joswald C. – 3yrs,

APRIL CELEBRATIONS

William C. – 18 yrs. Terrance D. – 18 yrs. James M. – 18 yrs.
Clifford D. – 17 yrs. Greg M. – 9 yrs. Scott K. – 9 yrs.

MAY CELEBRATIONS

Michael P. – 19 yrs. Rick R. – 18 yrs. Scott E. – 17 yrs.
Vince M. – 16 yrs. Scott Z. – 14 yrs. Ron B. – 13 yrs.
Joe H. – 4 yrs.



SHELLEY DECLARE
Administration Director

ADMINISTRATION REPORT

The Board of Directors would like to clearly communicate our 2023 financial picture so there is opportunity to pray about the needs of our budget giving.

With peoples' financial situations continually changing, we lost a few monthly donors and are praying that God will put it on other's hearts to consider donating monthly. We have a need to raise our monthly giving by \$3,000.00 to continue the life changing programs of Psalm 23. Currently this year we are down \$15,500.00 on our monthly support.

"Your Support Continues to Make a Difference"

Psalm 23 continues to be busy searching and writing grant requests to support our programs. Please pray into these grant requests, while Psalm 23 will continue to be transparent to our needs.

PRAY into Psalm 23 and support us in changing lives!

- 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. 250-459-2220
- 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 2024.**

**Psalm 23 would like to thank you all for the continued support in 2023
Your help continues to Restore Lives - One Person at a Time!**



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



THRIFT STORE

Psalm 23 is looking to open our Thrift Store in the next couple of months. The Thrift Store will be a valued income stream to support the life changing programs in Psalm 23's Addiction Treatment Facility. To open, we need to build a foundation of volunteers who would like to support lives being restored! If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Executive Director Marvin Declare at 604-835-0855 or email psalm23society@shaw.ca



PRAISE & PRAYER 2023 FINANCIAL REPORT

Revenue – January - \$21,277.75
Expenses – January - \$28,115.19
SURPLUS (DEFICIT) (\$5,837.44)

Revenue – February - \$21,943.73
Expenses – February - \$23,691.28
SURPLUS (DEFICIT) (\$1,747.55)

Revenue – March - \$24,860.23
Expenses – March - \$29,898.22
SURPLUS (DEFICIT) (\$5,037.99)

Revenue – April - \$24,352.81
Expenses – April - \$25,177.71
SURPLUS (DEFICIT) (\$824.90)

Revenue – May - \$25,232.34
Expenses – May - \$27,337.83
SURPLUS (DEFICIT) (\$2,105.49)

YTD REVENUE = \$118,666.86
YTD EXPENSES = \$134,220.23
SURPLUS (DEFICIT) = (\$15,553.37)

2023 FISCAL BUDGET REVENUE
\$406,425.00

2023 FISCAL BUDGET SHORTFALL
(-\$287,758.14)



Congratulations!

APRIL GRADUATION



Jesse Gillanders
Assessment/Stablization Phase Graduation



John Rawlings
Foundation Phase Graduation



MAY GRADUATION



Jim Wells – Assessment/Stableization Phase Graduation





Shelley Declare

DID YOU KNOW?

Care Team member, Shelley Declare facilitates a weekly Cooking Class with our students. Teaching is a passion Shelley enjoys...This past Thursday was crazy...

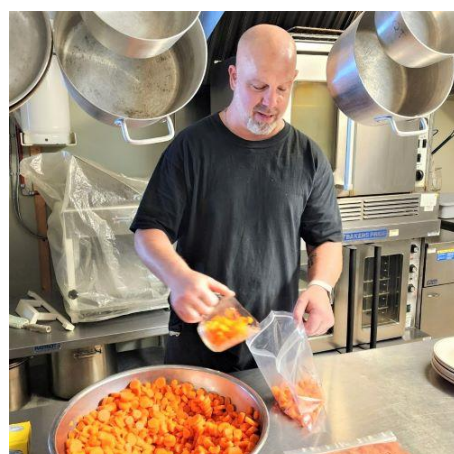
The students put in a long day of prep, cooking, cooling, and preparing the items for the freezer. The results of God's provisions can be seen in the pictures below.

What got done? How about preparing 60lbs of fruit...50lbs of carrots...44L of Pasta Sauce...40L of Homemade Vegetable Soup...10L of Homemade Broccoli Soup...and 10L of Homemade Mushroom Soup...WELL DONE TEAM!

Psalm 23 also prepares and bakes our homemade bread, cookies, and desserts along with various dishes...so blessed to have our commercial kitchen to work in.

Psalm 23 Transition Society is also blessed as we have 4 avenues of food donations along with individuals...Thank you to...Ground Zero Ministries and a private donor that helped with these provisions.

Shelley Declare, you are such a blessing to Psalm 23. Your teachings and leadership in the Cooking Classes have a value beyond words...Blessings



FUNDRAISING EVENTS

1st Event – Saturday, September 16, 2023
– 6th Annual Keith Rowlands Memorial Golf Tournament

2nd Event – Friday, October 27, 2023
– Psalm 23's Fall Dinner & Starfish Awards



Marvin Declare
Founder / Executive Director

WILL YOU PARTNER WITH PSALM 23 & HELP US RESORE LIVES ~ ONE PERSON AT A TIME!

As a non-profit Canadian charitable organization, I would like to personally thank you for your time and effort in considering Psalm 23 as a worthy cause to support within the community and our fundraising endeavors to support our life changing treatment programs.

Addiction leads to broken families, lost jobs, children placed into foster care, rising crime rates, homelessness and ultimately death. The intent of our fundraisers is to promote community spirit, family fun, addiction awareness and support for the homeless and those afflicted by addictions and mental illness. All monies raised in this fundraiser will be placed towards supporting the life changing Recovery Programs of Psalm 23's Training Centre.

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We here at Psalm 23 Transition Society are Making a Difference – One Person at a Time in communities throughout British Columbia and we appreciate the generous contributions of our community sponsors, from individuals to corporate businesses who believe in the rewards of supporting and participating in our Canadian Charity. Our sponsors recognize their unique opportunity to be a part of a Non-Profit Organization dedicated to promoting wellness within British Columbia.

As you can see up at the top of this page, we have two fundraisers coming up in September and October in Abbotsford, BC.

How can YOU support these fundraisers? Pray...Partner at a sponsorship level...Enter a foursome and play in the tournament...Donate a prize or gift cards for the silent auction or prize giveaways...Volunteer your time!

Psalm 23 appreciates your consideration to help make **Psalm 23's 6th Annual Keith Rowlands Memorial Golf Tournament** a successful, fun and exciting event. If you are interested in sponsoring, please call 604-835-0855 or email me at psalm23society@shaw.ca and I will send you out our Sponsorship Booklet. Thank you to ServiceMASTER Restore for being the Presenting Sponsor of our golf tournament for the last 6 years...utterly amazing. We are also very thrilled for the sponsorships who have partnered with us over the last week...please support these businesses.

Our **Fall Dinner & Courageous Starfish Awards** is seeking a PRESENTING SPONSOR for our year end fundraising event. Please share this with your circle of influence.

We hope you; your family or business can support this event...Purchase a table of 8 and fill it with your influential friends...Donate silent auction items...Come prepared to participate in the Love Offering and help support the life changing programs...Volunteer...Pray!



6th Annual



PRESENTING SPONSOR



SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 16, 2023

TEE TIMES
STARTING AT 11AM

FRASER GLEN GOLF COURSE
36036 S PARALLEL ROAD
ABBOTSFORD

\$125 per ADULT
\$110 per 65+

4 PLAYER BEST BALL



Psalm 23's Keith Rowlands Memorial Golf Tournament

In 2015, the Rowlands family partnered and chose Psalm 23 Transition Society as the benefiting charity. Psalm 23 is a not-for-profit organization which relies primarily on community donations to help individuals and families in need. Funds raised from this event go directly to helping fund the supportive treatment programs at the Psalm 23 Training Centre

About Keith Rowlands

Keith entered Psalm 23's Recovery Program back in 2001 and wanted to change his life and be a man of impact and to be a father of integrity to his 4 children.

Keith surrendered and asked the Lord Jesus Christ into his life and accepted the Grace and Forgiveness and this stirred his heart to reach out and care for others.

Keith made great strides in his life and volunteered for Psalm 23 and eventually worked in the Ministry. Keith left Psalm 23 to pursue his higher education and went to University of the Fraser Valley to achieve his Counselling Degree and work towards his Masters.

In 2007, Keith was the first alum awarded with Psalm 23's Courageous Starfish Award. Keith not only displayed the courage to change his life but had such a transformation in being a father and son to his family. Keith also was instrumental to serving community in many facets while coming beside those who were hurting in their addictions and provided encouragement and support throughout his years.

Keith also had a passion to golf and would always have suggestions on how others could better their game...he loved to laugh and lift others up. Keith would always get excited when his brother and parents would get to go golfing together.

One day while golfing with Founder/Executive Director Marvin Declare at the 108 Golf Course, Keith saw this amazing double rainbow and he asked Marvin to take a picture as he stood under it. After the picture Keith said, "We should start a golf tournament to help support the Training Centre that helps so many".

After Keith passed in 2015, God placed the Memorial Golf Tournament on our hearts and put it in motion. The tournament is held in August of each year.

This legacy for Keith and his family will continue his tradition of giving back, changing lives and sharing the Love of Jesus Christ at Psalm 23 and community.



2023 FALL DINNER & COURAGEOUS STARFISH AWARDS

YOU ARE INVITED

Witness God's Miracles and celebrate testimonies of Amazing Grace and be a part of the lives that now walk in freedom from the bondage of addictions.

An inspirational night with a deeper understanding of the Ministry of Psalm 23 Transition Society



Joe Hawkins

2023

*Psalm 23 Alumnus Courageous Award
Recipient*

Friday, October 27, 2023

**Doors Open @ 5:00 pm
Dinner @ 6:00 pm**

**Where: Bakerview Church
2285 Clearbrook Road
Abbotsford, BC**

Dinner Tickets - \$50.00

*You can purchase a Table of 8 for \$400.00 and
receive at \$350.00 tax receipt*

Reserve your table / tickets today

**Contact: 604-835-0855
or psalm23society@shaw.ca**

PRESENTING SPONSOR

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Fundraising Dinner Catered by Valley Caterers

*Tossed Green Salad, Traditional Greek Salad, Caesar Salad,
Mashed Potato, Peas with Mushrooms, Buttered Carrots,
BC Salmon, Roast Beef & Yorkshire Pudding
Apple Pie & Ice Cream*

A FREE WILL LOVE OFFERING

*will be taken to support the
2023 financial budget of Psalm 23,
allowing the Ministry to continue to
provide life changing programs to
those in need!*

***Please pray with us as we search for a "Presenting Sponsor" for our
Fall Dinner & Courageous Starfish Awards evening.***

***Please share with your contacts or if you know someone who may want to partner and
make a difference in many lives,***

call Founder/Executive Director Marvin Declare at 604-835-0855



YOUR INVITED
STEPS TO FREEDOM
 COMMUNITY GRADUATION CEREMONY

Psalm 23 is inviting you to come celebrate with us! We will be hosting our Psalm 23 Steps to Freedom Community Graduation Ceremony on Saturday, June 24th at 10 am.

Our Psalm 23 Care Team is excited to share what God has been doing in transforming lives...Come hear Shay share his personal journey & experience through the Assessment/Stabilization Phase.

YES! – WE DO RECOVER

RESTORING LIVES ~ ONE PERSON AT A TIME!



Shay Mahoney
 Assessment/Stabilization Phase

Saturday, June 24, 2023
10:00 AM - 115 Hwy 97

Psalm 23 will be serving a Blueberry Pancake Breakfast at 9 am.
 Please call 250-459-2220 to reserve your breakfast spot.
 There will also be a light lunch / snacks served after the graduation.



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Registered Charitable Organization - Business Number # 85907 4171 RR0001

PERSONAL / FAMILY / BUSINESS PLEDGE CARD

YES - I would like to support the Ministry of Psalm 23 monthly “

“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: _____