

Programs Update

No One Leaves Alone

We currently have 97 NOLA clients, with 23 who have recently been released from prison and are receiving intensive support.

Prison Mentorship

We currently have 107 inmates receiving mentorship through M2W2 nights in ten different institutions we serve.

Hidden Treasures

We currently have roughly 30 volunteers who gratefully accept donated items and then clean, price and display them for sale.

How You Can Help

PRAY

Please pray for our clients in NOLA and Prison Mentorship programs that they would know that they are loved and valued. Please pray for our volunteers, that they would see the difference they are making. Finally, please pray for the M2W2 Program Leaders as they meet with clients and organize volunteers.

VOLUNTEER

Please consider volunteering at the Hidden Treasures Thrift Store in Chilliwack, with our Prison Mentorship Program or supporting a NOLA client!

GIVE

The needs of those transitioning out of prison are currently urgent! The M2W2 staff receive daily requests from those, recently released from prison, who need assistance with purchasing work clothes, medicine, toiletries, groceries as well as fees to pay for replacing lost or stolen identification cards. Unfortunately, right now staff are saying "sorry" more than "yes - we can help you."



If you can give to help people like Mike in the story below- it will make a difference!

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Story of Redemption

Mike (not his real name) grew up in Winnipeg. That's where all his family still lives today. Mike got involved in the wrong crowd as a teenager and his life went in a direction he did not expect. Eventually he ended up serving time in prison. Mike served his sentence in B.C. and when he got out, he didn't know anyone in the area. His parole officer told him about NOLA, and he thought he might as well give it a shot. He met with Program Leader Christian, and they quickly hit it off. They would go for walks, coffees and Christian even took him out to the movies. "I am so excited - I haven't been to the movies in years and with only getting 28 dollars a week right now I cannot afford to go on my own," said Mike. Mike is currently applying for full parole and is planning to go back to live with family in Winnipeg. Mike said,

"Having someone to talk to as a support made a big difference for me - they even gave me a Christmas gift from a volunteer who I have never even met. It was the only gift I got this Christmas, and it really meant a lot. I am so thankful for the NOLA Program!"

With Mike hopefully heading back to Winnipeg, we celebrate and pray for his continued life change!



Volunteer Highlight

Debra Bowcott has been volunteering with the NOLA Program for almost three years. Debra said, "the best part of NOLA is getting me out of my comfort zone, to reach out to those who need a helping hand and to know that they are not alone." Debra was asked what she would say to those who are thinking about volunteering:

"To those thinking of volunteering I would say, imitate me, as I imitate Christ, who met people where they were at, whether at the well in the hot of the day, or on the roadside on the way to somewhere. Serve from where you are and let Jesus and His wonderful Holy Spirit lead you and guide you to the thirsty souls along this life's journey."

Upcoming Events

April 26- Volunteer Appreciation Dinner at Garden Park Tower Azalea room.
Doors open at 5 pm

People like Debra are why we can do what we do! If you are interested in volunteering please connect with us!

Volunteer Debra (on right) with a NOLA client and program leader Allyson



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