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A Message from our National Director

It is a privilege to see what God is doing through Threshold Ministries across Canada. We praise and thank our Lord Jesus that he is meeting people where they are and they are encountering his abundant grace, love, and mercy through his Holy Spirit and through our project leaders and volunteers.

One of my favourite stories is from Mark 5:25-34. Jesus was on his way to heal a synagogue leader's daughter. Jarius, the leader,



humbled himself, falling at Jesus' feet knowing somehow that Jesus was the only hope for his daughter to live. As Jesus was on his way he felt power had left him. A woman who had been bleeding for twelve years, who had suffered at the hands of many doctors and who

would have been a social outcast because of her condition, came in faith, "If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed." Jesus even though he was on his way to a leader's house, surrounded by crowds, stops, and looks for the person who had touched his cloak in faith. He wanted the woman to know that she is known. She comes, like Jarius, and falls at his feet, telling him the whole truth, knowing that because of him she can live. "Daughter, your faith has healed you. Go in peace and be freed from your suffering."

People from Jarius' household come to tell him that his daughter has died, Jesus, they think, was too late. But Jesus overhearing them says "Don't be afraid; just believe." When he reached their home, he took the girl by the hand

and said "Little girl, I say to you, get up!" The girl who was twelve years old, immediately got up and walked about.

There is never a 'too late' with Jesus. Even when all we see is death or a life that looks like healing and freedom is impossible,



with Jesus, peace, freedom, and life are possible. This is the truth and hope we hold onto at Threshold Ministries as we partner with you to serve and build relationships with those in our country and communities who are experiencing homelessness, addiction, transitioning from incarceration or are vulnerable and marginalised in other ways.

We are so thankful to our volunteers and supporters, who enable us to serve across Canada and bring hope to people from all walks of life into a living

relationship with Jesus Christ and his people. Our work is the direct result of your generosity. We would love to continue and expand this work across Canada to see people meet with Jesus, who brings peace, freedom and life. Would you support us in this?

God Bless,
Debs

Debs Moyo
National Director

Thank you for helping us share hope through the love of Jesus Christ.

New Team Members



Rev. Debs Moyo, National Director

Debs is no stranger to Threshold Ministries as she has been serving as Project Leader for Street Hope Victoria since October 2022. She was born and raised in the UK and is married to Mandla. She has earned a Bachelor of Arts in Theology from the University of Nottingham and a Master of Arts in Theology from St. Mellitus College. Ordained in the Church of England in 2018, she is passionate about marginalized people being restored and all others being set free through a relationship with Jesus. She and Mandla love live music, hiking, and being by the sea - so living in Victoria is a bit of a dream!



John Paul Westin, Project Leader, Moncton Chaplaincy

John Paul is an ordained Anglican priest and has served in parish ministry in rural and urban settings in Canada, the US and Sweden since 1986. He has worked in prison chaplaincy since 2001, when he was appointed Anglican Chaplain to Her Majesty's Penitentiary in St. John's, NL. In 2017 JP was appointed Protestant Chaplain to Dorchester NB Medium and Minimum institutions, while still in parish ministry. John Paul felt it was time to move into a new role as Moncton Community Chaplain and is happy to

be able to walk with parolees in the Greater Moncton area as they take their next step in transformation, healing, and re-entry. John Paul is married to Carolyn and they have three grown children.



Kyla Sinclair-Peters, Project Leader, Toronto Chaplaincy for Women

Kyla is the new Toronto Chaplaincy for Women Director. Kyla will support women released on parole as they reintegrate into Toronto. For the past 6 years, Kyla has worked in the shelter system in Toronto where she has seen the impact of addiction, lack of mental health support, and the housing crisis. Many people on parole unfortunately end up in the shelter system with minimal support, so she is excited to walk alongside women who are being released into the Toronto area and provide more

support to them. In her free time, Kyla loves to swim, hang out with friends, and travel.

The mission of Threshold House is to provide a post-treatment Christian community and transitional housing for men who have completed a 12-step rehabilitation program. We walk with men who choose to live addiction-free to see those once bound by addictions set free by the power of Christ. This is accomplished through building knowledge and experience of Christ and recovery and building individual networks of support around each member of our fellowship.

It is not uncommon for the men residing at Threshold House to have lost family and friends; some because their family will have little or nothing to do with them now, and some have lost family in tragic circumstances. Childhood trauma is also not uncommon, and relapse is not unheard of among the men, but they do want to get better. Some love Jesus, and all want to trust Him to free them from addiction.

We recently attended a men's conference at a nearby church. We took 14 guys, all in various stages of recovery, from beginner to almost graduated. Thanks to the kindness of others, we had money to cover meals, a vehicle big enough to transport everyone, and a place to sleep. God is good!

We listened to their reflections during a morning "check-in" on how great the weekend and teaching had been. As the weeks go by, we anticipate transformative changes helping them in recovery and to be the men God created them to be.

We can read "be alert" to mean "be awake, be aware." In this ministry, there is a great deal of addiction, trauma, and an undercurrent of some not-so-Christian activities. I believe God is reminding us to be aware of not only the presence of these powerful forces and to be alert but also to be aware of the need to be in a constant state of prayer.

Ephesians 6:18, "And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert [emphasis added] and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people." (NIV)

Pray for an abundance of peace during a leadership transition at Threshold House.

Pray that the residents who attended the men's conference would be transformed through what they learned, and how God worked in their lives.

Pray that we will be rooted in Christ and continue to share hope each day at Threshold House.



Fundraiser for Threshold House

Representing Hope in Hard Places

I like to describe my role as a “middle space chaplain,” where I connect men serving the last six months of their federal sentence with positive, healthy, safe resources and people to help them reintegrate into society. I build trust, provide care, and love them with no bait and switch. If I can help them, I will, and want them to know they matter.

Ministry looks different every day - from providing a weekly meal in partnership with a local church, to helping them with bus fares and basic personal hygiene items, to sharing used clothing and giving them someone to talk to if they are feeling lonely or want to discuss spiritual matters. I enjoy plugging them into healthy, Christ-centered communities like Celebrate Recovery, local church services, addiction and PTSD support groups, arranging baptisms, and much more. In a nutshell, I provide the ministry of presence to men living on the fringes of society and learning how to reintegrate into society after serving a sentence. I don't have any power dynamic with the guys. My job is to be a loving, safe space to help in any way possible.

Another role that I play is representing Hope to the parole officers and staff within the federal correctional system. They've seen so many people not do well, lie, deceive, and go back to jail. In this environment, it can be hard to maintain hope. I remind them that there is still hope for every person.

Now when Joshua was near Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua went for our enemies?" "Neither," he replied, "but as have now come." Then Joshua fell facedown asked him, "What message does my Lord 14 (NIV)

Just before Joshua began to march around Lord's army appeared to him. Joshua asked on, and the Son of Man communicated rather was in the Lord's army. At that point, ground. This experience reorients him, whose side you are on, but that you follow your Kingdom allegiance.

God wants to know, "Are you for me?" most. I want to proclaim the Kingdom King. We know that there is the Kingdom growing across the world. There is also an

up to him and asked, "Are you for us or commander of the army of the Lord I to the ground in reverence, and have for his servant?" Joshua 5:13-

Jericho, the commander of the whose side of the battle he was that he was not on any side but Joshua realizes he is on holy and he recognizes it's not about the Lord and are clear about

That's the question that matters of God and allegiance to the of God which is powerful and illegitimate kingdom of darkness.



At some point, we need to choose which kingdom we belong to. As I work with these men in Toronto, I pray I will help plant seeds in their hearts so they can grow relationally closer to the King himself, and eventually pledge their allegiance to the Kingdom of God.

I will never forget the day Rodney* met Jesus. He was depraved and broken, had lived a horrible life, and spent much of it in jail. One night I saw a vision of Rodney meeting with a pastor I knew. This pastor had a powerful testimony, so I connected them. When they met, the pastor shared his story with Rodney, and as he listened, much of what the pastor said resonated with him. Both men had similar backgrounds; they both grew up in foster care, used the same drugs, had connections to similar places, and knew the same people.

“The guys I work with need a miracle or nothing will change. Society throws them band-aid fixes, but these attempts to fix them don’t get to the core of the human heart and its need for a relationship with God.”

This pastor was now clean and sober. He has reconciled with his family and was leading a church. Rodney turned to me and said, “I hope I can turn around like that.” I told him, “Well, you can. You’ve got to give your life to Jesus.” And so the pastor led Rodney to the Lord. It was a powerful moment, and Rodney expressed changes in his life after that!

It’s one thing to know God, which is the beginning of our faith journey. But repentance and turning from your sinful way is an all-or-nothing decision. I spend my days letting God lead, and when I have the opportunity to witness men having a moment with Jesus, I feel deeply grateful and fulfilled. There is always hope. If I didn’t believe this with my entire being, I wouldn’t be doing this ministry. Love and hope are never wasted.



Jonathan McMurray
Project Leader, Toronto Chaplaincy
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Jonathan McMurray

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Street Hope Peterborough

Street Hope Peterborough (SHP) was established in 2008 under Threshold Ministries as a front-line evangelistic initiative offering both spiritual and practical support as a chaplaincy outreach to people coming out of prison and the marginalized in our community.

Our chaplaincy ministry is rooted in Christ and shares hope to individuals battling addiction, emotional and mental health challenges, self-esteem battles, and those facing homelessness, poverty, and many forms of brokenness in their lives. SHP has been helping people rebuild their lives through understanding and responding to the love that Jesus has for their lives.

The foundation of SHP is built on building meaningful friendships with hurting people while pointing them to Jesus who can forgive, restore, and transform the course and direction of their lives. Luke 19:10 expresses the purpose of this ministry: “The Son of Man has come to seek out and to give life to those who are lost” (TPT).

Ministry Update:

The past six months of ministry have been mixed with opportunities to evangelize and share the love of Jesus with people through various outreaches, and offering personal support as we have worked to provide practical and spiritual care to individuals seeking hope and meaningful purpose for their lives.

Our dear friend of 20+ years, Joe passed away in November and was a man who touched many lives for Jesus. While incarcerated, he started a literacy program with fellow inmates. He then carried this program into the community. Joe always wanted to give back to others who struggled with reading and math, because he knew how vital these skills were to those trying to integrate back into society after incarceration. Joe also led a Bible

study in the senior’s residence where he lived, and his greatest desire was to see people give their hearts to Jesus! One man Joe influenced through his faith was Willy. Willy came to faith in Jesus, and found forgiveness for sin and eternal hope in Jesus! After a long battle with kidney disease and being on dialysis for almost 10 years, Joe decided to go to be with Jesus and left his mark in this world for Christ.

Jesus taught His disciples to build meaningful relationships, and Joe used this example to form deep and lasting friendships. Joe would call me to check in and ask for assistance with someone who had a need. It was wonderful to serve Jesus together, and to experience a deep satisfaction, knowing we had made a difference in the lives of others.

One of the great truths that Joe exemplified was to be selfless in my



approach to ministry with people. He never cared for others with selfish gain, but always showed genuine kindness and compassion. He knew what it was like to carry pain, and Joe showed me how to become a part of a person's life and to point them to Jesus as their true hope. I believe Jesus desires us to be unselfish in our approach to others, just like Joe.

"Let every activity of your lives and every word that comes from your lips be drenched with the beauty of our Lord Jesus, the Anointed One. And bring your constant praise to God the Father *because of what Christ has done for you!* [emphasis added]" Colossians 3:17 (TPT)

This verse truly reflects the person who Jesus wants me to be in my faith, life, and witness for Him. He desires that my lips will always be filled with praise and appreciation for what He is doing in my life and the lives of others we are leading to Jesus!

Pray for the anointing of the Holy Spirit to direct Street Hope Peterborough in every way.



Pray we always have the right motives and intentions for the people Street Hope Peterborough serves.

Darrin

Darrin Gaudreau
Project Leader, Street Hope
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Street Hope Victoria

Street Hope Victoria (SHV) is a volunteer-driven ministry that builds personal relationships with people who face multiple barriers and marginalization, and encourages them to seek wholeness in all aspects of their lives. Those we serve may be facing poverty, a lack of a supportive community, homelessness, addictions, or mental health issues.

SHV operates out of wagons as volunteers walk up and down a block of Pandora Avenue serving homemade soup, sandwiches, drinks, and cookies, and providing other essentials such as warm clothing. We desire to establish and nurture meaningful connections with people living on the streets. We hope our words and actions point people to Jesus, the One who loves them and knows their every need.

Ministry Update:

We continue our Tuesday evening ministry of giving out soup and sandwiches to those living on and around Pandora, and catching up with old and new faces. We now have a sandwich-making rotation of volunteers. This group of faithful women and men make sandwiches for our evening outreach every Tuesday afternoon and have been a real blessing as we make over a hundred sandwiches each week!

We had a brilliant Easter thanks to everyone who gave goodies for our Easter appeal. We gave out 96 bags filled with sweet and savoury treats, and a poem, 'Tea Cakes with Jesus' by Kate Gaston. Giving out the Easter bags allowed us to have some wonderful conversations with our friends on Pandora about the real meaning of Easter, from how Jesus took our rubbish on the cross so we could have a relationship with God, to how he is big enough to hold all our pain, anger, despair, and that we can have hope because Jesus is risen.





We come across many people who need a listening ear, encouragement, someone they can talk to who is safe, won't judge them, or use what they say against them, and who isn't affiliated with government or social organisations. The community on the street can be very supportive but also full of tension, and angst. One of our regular connections is Cathy*.

Cathy had been staying at a different shelter, so we hadn't seen her for a while. A volunteer and I bumped into her on our weekly Wednesday prayer walk up and down Pandora. She shared how much she missed seeing us on Tuesday evenings. She shared how much she appreciated knowing people in the community cared about her, and how much of an impact and difference that makes to people's lives. She also shared ideas on how we could expand our work and what this could look like.

The mutual encouragement that we receive from people living on and around Pandora continues to amaze and challenge me. Am I this grateful, thankful, or ready to offer encouragement when I'm going through a difficult situation? I am reminded of 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, "Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus" (NIV). Just like the people we meet on Tuesdays offer encouragement and call out the gold in us, I too want to be able to offer encouragement and call out the God-given gold in them.

Pray for all our volunteers: sandwich and soup makers, and those who distribute the food.

Pray that we would have open ears to hear God speaking, open eyes to see who and where he is at work, and open mouths to speak of him to those we meet. People cannot live on bread alone; we know people need physical food and safety, but they also need to meet Jesus.

Pray that there will be many open hearts on Pandora.

Deborah

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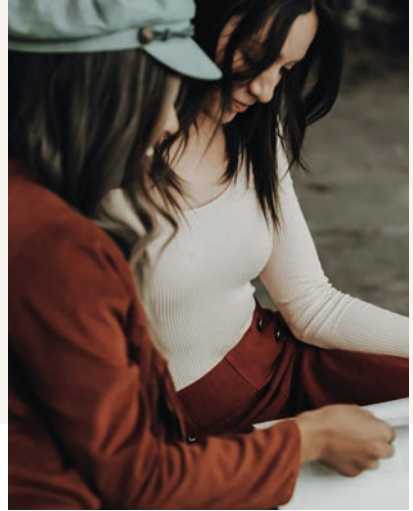


Chaplaincy Ministry

Threshold Ministries' chaplaincy projects across Canada exist to build relationships with and assist those impacted by addiction, incarceration, poverty, and violence, and to connect them with faith communities. Threshold Ministries desires to help bring hope to individuals transitioning from incarceration to life outside of prison and to serve ex-offenders who want Christian support in their lives.

Toronto Chaplaincy for Women

Women's Faith Integration is a new ministry project for Threshold that aims to serve women coming out of incarceration. We desire to meet the needs of the marginalized who are starting their lives over.



Ministry Update:

I started this role at the beginning of March, and have been learning about the justice system and meeting with parole officers, potential partners and halfway house leaders. I have also started making connections with women who are scheduled to be released on parole in the next couple of months. The real work of walking alongside these women will begin once they are released. Serving them will take the form of making phone calls, sharing faith-based resources, providing life check-ins, accompanying them to faith community events, and much more. I'm excited to continue learning more about the role and how to support these women well as they have a variety of needs and concerns as they prepare for release to Toronto.

I have also been getting to know churches, organizations, and individuals who desire to meet the needs of these marginalized women who are starting their lives over after incarceration, and have already seen the excitement and readiness for receiving the women from the churches and organizations that want to be involved.

I am reminded that we all have a story, and it's a privilege to hear someone's story and walk with them through pivotal moments in their lives. I can see how this role and walking with these women will continue to expand my understanding of God's grace, redemption, and transforming power.

I love Romans 12:1-2 in The Message. That image of placing my everyday, ordinary life

“So here’s what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life - your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life - and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don’t become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You’ll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you.” Romans 12:1-2 (MSG)

before God as an offering and embracing what he’s already doing for me, feels like something that I can do in a world that often feels full of impossible tasks and situations. For the women that I’ll be working with, I love the invitation to focus on the everyday tasks in front of them as ways to connect with God, and as they learn how to adjust back to life outside prison.

- Pray for this new ministry as we work to provide hope to women who have been incarcerated.
- Pray for favour with officials in the prisons, parole officers, and halfway homes.

- Pray for the women who are being released to the Toronto area, that I would be able to connect with them and support them in meaningful ways.

Kyla

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Moncton Chaplaincy

As a chaplain, I feel overwhelmed and in awe at what the Lord is capable of doing when someone opens the door to Him and they get the support and guidance required. For example, I met Alex* twelve years ago. He could have best been described as a street thug, petty criminal, gang enforcer, and on the wrong track. Yet slowly but surely, he has come a long way in his personal growth. He is now drug and crime-free, works full time at the local shelter he used to live at, and is studying Christian Mission and Evangelism at a local university. He

wants to be a jail chaplain, helping younger men whose paths are headed in the wrong direction.

*I waited patiently for the Lord,
he turned to me and heard my cry.
He lifted me out of the slimy pit,
out of the mud and the mire;
he set my feet on a rock
and gave me a firm place to stand.
Psalm 40:1-2 (NIV)*

Recently, Psalm 40:1-2 has been on my heart.

As with Alex*, those who ask for help shall receive; seek and you shall find. It's all right in front of us if we clear our hearts and minds.

Pray that God will bring us more people who have taken the wrong paths but want help and change.

Pray as we bring hope and engage in community in Moncton.

*name changed for privacy



John Paul Westin
Project Leader,
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Saint John/Fredericton Chaplaincy

It has been exciting and encouraging to see many positive gains made over the past six months. I recently met Jason,* who struggled with alcohol addiction and has been clean for over a year and reunited with his family. He now has a brighter outlook and has sought to grow spiritually and stay connected to a recovery community. Every day, I am more firmly convinced that Jesus can change a life and truly bring hope to someone who is struggling. Recently I read Lamentations 3:22-24.

Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. I say to myself, "The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him." Lamentations 3:22-24 (NIV)

God is compassionate and goes to great lengths to redeem us. This is an encouragement as we spend our days ministering to those leaving lives of incarceration and beginning their new life in society in New Brunswick.

Pray for continued openness for the men we connect with.
Pray each person we walk with will find paths to redemption with Jesus.



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Give a gift of hope today!

Thank you for your support of Threshold Ministries! We could not share the love of Jesus and His hope with people across Canada without your prayers and financial support. Together we are rooted in Christ and sharing hope.

Threshold Ministries exists to bring anyone, no matter what their background, into a living relationship with Jesus and his people.

Would you join us as we continue to share the hope of Jesus, meeting people where they are at, and telling them about God's love for them?

Give to Threshold's Fund of Hope today.

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- Build the capacity of our leadership to grow and expand as God opens doors



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