

# AGAPE STREET MINISTRY

WINTER 2002 NEWSLETTER



## Merry Christmas!

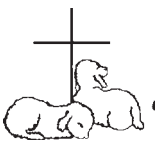
*The Lord is With You...*

*Luke 1:28*

Make us worthy, Lord, to serve those people throughout the world who live and die in poverty and hunger. Give them through our hands, this day, their daily bread, and by our understanding love, give them peace and joy.  
- *Mother Teresa of Calcutta*

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**HOPE-FAITH HOUSE**

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It's early November and Christmas items are being displayed in the stores. I am reminded of the distance between the world and the Kingdom. Christmas isn't about giving the newest item in fashion or on the market. Christmas is about giving yourself. Mary gave herself (gave up her dreams, comfort and reputation) to bring Jesus to the world. Jesus gave Himself "even unto death." So many saints have imitated Him and given themselves for the betterment of mankind. Immediately Mother Teresa comes to mind and Hope JP II. But there are many we never hear about...

In Belize we helped out at a soup kitchen run by the Sisters of mercy. There I met an old "street person" named Vanegas. He probably would be known as a derelict or "bum and hopeless alcoholic". He used to sober up on Wednesdays in order to eat at the soup kitchen. When he got there he was usually famished and shaking, but he would do simple chores while he waited for his food. My heart went out to him. I was always touched by his determination, gentleness and sense of humor. One particular morning I could see he was especially famished by the way he hung around licking his lips and looking at the food as if to hurry it up. I served him the first plate. He thanked me, looked longingly at it for a second and then shuffled to the back of the room and gave it to someone else. That was Christmas.

One night on Hastings Street, a young woman came up to me frantically, "Do you have anything to drink, anything at all? I'm so thirsty!" As she finished speaking, another girl came up in the same state, asking the same question. I reached into the bag and pulled out my last juice box. Both their eyes were trained on it as I told them it was my last one. The first girl said sadly, "It's okay, give it to her. Thank you anyway. I appreciate you being here." With that, she gave me a hug and walked off. That was Christmas.

And Christmas comes all the time as volunteers give of themselves. Many leave their favorite TV show, comfy chair, warm home, etc. or put off taking courses and working more hours, to go out on the street for the sole purpose of bringing Jesus to the prostitutes. Many serve in other areas of this ministry: Agape House Wednesday Drop-In, Hope-Faith House, hospital or prison visiting, office work, executive, packaging candy, purchasing candy, making Birthday bags, mentoring, tutoring, speaking, yard work and maintenance, prayer or financial support. Many associates work on the periphery giving their time, talents and tithes. Often it is very rewarding as the women respond in gratitude to our presence.

Sometimes it is discouraging and difficult. Always we strive to do it for Jesus; and for his Mom who says, "Do as He tells you."

Now, how about you? Is your heart burning within you? There is a great blessing in stepping out of your comfort zone. If you claim to know Jesus, then we need your help! **THE CALL IS IN THE NEED!** Give in a sacrificial way this Christmas!

Give a gift that will count in Eternity! Give like Mary did.

Give yourself! Imitate Jesus, and have a Blessed Christmas! May you experience the Peace of Jesus Christ!

Love Pat and Vicki

## WE LOVE THOSE TEENAGERS!

If the young adults who walked with us this year are any example of the future of humanity, we're indeed very fortunate, as we found these teens full of compassion, joy, eagerness to serve and in many cases, a faith-filled heart. We give thanks to the schools of St. John Brebeuf, Abbotsford, Robert McMath School in Richmond, and Mt. Carmel Bible College, Edmonton, and especially their teachers and students who gave of their time, sandwiches and goodies and walked with us this year. They continued to walk throughout the year as well as at Christmas time, where they gave out hundreds of home-made sandwiches (which they made), hot chocolate, coffee and christmas gifts that were donated by several communities, church groups, schools and individuals. Bottom left picture: Days in the Diocese: St. Matthews pilgrims made up birthday bags for the street.



### Special Teams!

Some of our specialized volunteer positions created this year:  
Top: Maria Fe, (left) and Barb Wyse (right) Hospital Ministry Co-ordinators.  
Middle: Happy Birthday Babes: Kim and her mother, Francis Watson.  
Bottom: The Office Team: Colleen Roy and her mom, Margurete Watkins.



## A little jam-session, praising the Lord, and visiting friends



*Don't we all love to visit our friends, especially when they are doing so good!*

*Pictured are Agape street ministers and associates visiting some ex-Hope-Faith people who are now on their own.*

*We supplied the guitars, they supplied the voices, and we all had a real good time, ya'll!*

## VOLUNTEER INVOLVEMENT

Jesus has no hands, but yours, no feet but yours, no smile, but yours



**Anne**  
Volunteer  
Coordinator  
604 232-0016



**Joan**  
Agape Drop In  
604 224-0943

When was the last time you had an opportunity to share the GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST? When was the last time you could share your faith journey with someone? Can you imagine what it would be like to really share this hope and love that Jesus offers to someone who wants to hear it so badly? IT'S AN INCREDIBLE EXPERIENCE!

### STREET MINISTRY

Every night, established teams of 3-4 people walk a specific route from 7:30 to 10:00 p.m. or so, and bring the message of Jesus' love to the ladies of the street, by listening, praying and being a friendly face for them.

### AGAPE WEDNESDAY MORNING DROP-IN

At the "Agape House" at 373 Cordova Street every Wednesday morning, ladies serve a light breakfast. Here you will have an opportunity to sit and talk one-on-one with the girls, in a safe, quiet environment. It's an amazing opportunity to serve Jesus, and to serve his little ones, to pray or be a shoulder to cry on.

### CANDY BAG PACKAGING @ 887 Keefer

Like St. Therese, the "little flower", who while in cloister, prayed for missionaries everywhere, your efforts behind the scenes make a huge difference. As you sit and pray, packaging your little gifts of love (candy bags with scripture cards), you are the first line of our Lord's defense on these streets. All the other aspects of Agape Street Ministry depend on your helpful obedience. The women look so forward to the candy and scripture cards. Most collect the cards, and the messages of hope and Good News are pinned up all around their room. We distribute an estimated 30,000 candy bags each year.

### BIRTHDAY BAG ASSEMBLY @ 887 Keefer

Francis and Kim Watson 922-7752

### OFFICE HELP @ 887 Keefer

Contact: Vicki Conroy 604-215-4115. Computer work. Mostly typing and office organization.

### HOPE-FAITH HOUSE

- Do you have some "ora et labore" (prayer and work) ideas?
- Or willing to volunteer for prayer or bible study, teaching the rosary?
- Do you belong to a worship music ministry?
- Do you have skills that you would like to share (sewing, knitting, crafts, breadmaking?)
- Drivers (doctors visits, etc.)
- Removal of waste
- Taking to mass
- Presently replacing deck-need carpenters, and gas furnace technician.  
Phone Hope-Faith House - at 604-584-4674

**HOSPITAL VISITATION** - Maria Fe 604-435-0297, Barb Wyse 872-2682

**PRISON MINISTRY** - One on one. Contact Pat and Vicki Conroy 604-215-4115

## SPECIALIZED VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

### HOPE FAITH HOUSE - HOUSE PARENT/S

We have an urgent call for house parent/s for live-in situation at Hope-Faith House. Beautiful 2 bedroom apartment, fully furnished, vehicle, and small stipend available.

### OFFICE HELP AND OFFICE MANAGER

Expertise in operating office equipment, setting up e-mail, and website design/management and training.

### DOOR-MAN FOR AGAPE HOUSE DROP-IN

Wednesdays 8-11 a.m.

### DIRECTORS FOR AGAPE STREET MINISTRY BOARD

Contact Pat Conroy for more information. Many specific positions available.

### BIRTHDAY BAG DELIVERY TEAM

For two delivery days a month. (Two teams - one delivery day each) Prefer to have at least one street minister per team (to recognize birthday girls)



## COMMISSIONING MASS:

**Father Bob Douglas, OMI** is joined with some of the new volunteers and Pat and Vicki Conroy during the commissioning mass. The only requirement for street ministry is a love for Jesus and a big smile, as evidenced by this lively crew.

**Days of Reflection:** Days of Reflection are necessary for all volunteers to reflect on their discipleship, as well as fellowship with other volunteers, wonderful teachings from priests, music, praise and worship, volunteer workshops and meditation. The "DOF"s feed our souls and equip them for the various volunteer vocations the Lord has called each of us to. Below: Fr. Bob Kelly, OMI speaks to the group on prayer and listening to Jesus. Other pictures: groups in discussion after meditation. There are four Days of Reflection throughout the year.



## LIVE AT AGAPE STREET MINISTRY!

Thanks to Kendra Sharpe for providing Grammy winner Sherman Andrus at our Spring Day of Reflection. Sherman helped to shake things up and provided some awesome praise and worship southern Gospel style at Agape Street Ministry Day of Reflection. Impromptu backup singer Maria Yui and sound engineer Ed Delaluna (of the band Sheep) added lots of fun to our Spring Day of Reflection February 24, 2002



## Meet the 2002-2003 AGAPE STREET MINISTRY BOARD

### **Pat Conroy:** (*President / Spiritual Director*)

Along with his wife Vicki, Pat Conroy started this ministry in 1996 by simply walking the streets of Cordova and Hastings nightly. Pat and Vicki are full time missionary evangelists who have served in Mexico, Central America, the US and Canada (2-years in youth ministry at St. Joseph's, Langley and 6 years at Sacred Heart Parish, downtown eastside) They facilitate bible studies, retreats, evangelization seminars and speakers at most every group.

### **Rina Teo:** *Treasurer.*

Rina as the treasurer of Agape Street Ministry, is working hard to ensure that all finances coming into the ministry are used to their best benefit, as well as developing the charter and legal aspects of the ministry.

### **Anne D'Cruz:**

*Volunteer Director.* Anne has been a part of the ministry since 1997, when as a new immigrant to Canada from Goa, India, she was looking for a special way to serve God. Anne currently is our Volunteer Director.

### **Marla Poirier:**

*Public Relations Director.* Marla is responsible for the newsletter, educational booths, speaking engagements and news releases and informational materials. This year, she's developing a website for Agape.

### **Sharon Dobin:**

*Health Care Director.* Along with her husband Dan, Sharon walks the streets as well as serving as our Health Care Director. She investigates the health issues as they pertain to the people of the street as well as our volunteers and Hope-Faith House.

### **Mildred Moy:**

*Hope Faith House Director.* Mildred is currently looking at other "houses of healing" to see how their models compare with Hope-Faith House. It is the goal of Agape Street Ministry to use the Cenacolo model of Medjugore and other cenacolos throughout the world that Sister Elvira has instituted for Hope-Faith House.

### **Graham Osborne:**

*Formation Director.* Graham will be responsible for a formation program to offer volunteers a deeper spirituality.

### **Brenda Buhat:**

*Agape House Director.* Brenda tries to be aware of all the various street team needs, as well as continuing to improve the communications between the teams and the responsibilities of the individual volunteer on the street.

### **Mary Cooper:**

*Education Director.* Responsible for a speakers list on various subjects from/for Agape, to visit parishes, schools, conferences, etc. This year she will try to form a parent's support group, research family education from a church perspective re: drugs, alcohol, etc. Organize pro-life issues.

Other positions available are: Emmaus House director, Secretary, Directors at Large, Parents Support Group Coordinator; Family Education Coordinator; Information/Photos Coordinator; Prison Ministry Coordinator; Purchasing Coordinator

**Please contact Pat Conroy (604) 215-4115**

## THANK YOU TO:

St Vincent de Paul - Cloverdale, The Cursillo movement, ARC, (especially the Cloverdale prayer breakfast); all of the schools that provided candy from Hallowe'en, El Shaddai, Couples 4 Christ, Singles 4 Christ; St. Nicholas youth group; CWL's from many parishes, Knights of Columbus; the Legion of Mary; and all those individuals who gave from the heart over the past three months. Your generosity has touched us greatly and our prayers continue for you and your loved ones. If we have forgotten to mention you, please call and let us know. ✽

### **And thank you Dominique Roussouw.**

Dominique is one of the volunteers in a VANSPEC programme. She is a great eight student who attends the Little Flower Academy. She spoke to her class about Agape Street Ministry and the students donated enough candy to make up 190 bags.

(Like we said, we LOVE teenagers!)

## VOLUNTEERS CORNER

Here's just a few 'rules' to remember as a street minister. Remember, that Jesus is a God of order, not disorder, and for the sake of our ministry, and for the sake of the girls that we serve, these rules are important. God Bless your obedience!

1. Contact Anne prior to walking if you can't make it; or have someone new walking. All new volunteers must talk to Anne, volunteer coordinator prior to walking.

2. If a new person wants to become a permanent volunteer, she/he must fill out the volunteer form.

3. **Remember to attend the Days of Reflection.** Part of your volunteer activity must include a prayerful or spirit-filled life, which includes at least weekly-mass or church attendance and attendance at every Day of Reflection.

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Are Days of Reflection important to you? Do you think that a special day where you focus on where our Lord is calling you, getting fed on the Word of God, sharing moments of Christ's victory on the street with those fellow volunteers might be an important thing?

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Don't forget... Anne D'Cruz and Pat and Vicki Conroy are available to speak at your local Pro-life meeting, CWL, prayer meetings, youth ministry, highschool, parish functions, seminars, conferences, and retreats. Just call Anne D'Cruz at (604) 232-0016, or Pat and Vicki Conroy at (604) 215-4115. Because of the busy nature of the ministry, it's important to give a reasonable amount of notice.

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**EMAIL PRAYER GROUP:** Currently Agape has an ongoing prayer hour where each person has adopted a specific hour, a "prayer hour assignment" so to speak, to pray for the ministry, special prayer intentions and the girls on the street. We believe an important part of our individual efforts should be intercessory prayer and a rich prayer life. If you are a volunteer, or would like to add your name to the prayer hour list, or be on our email list for special prayer intentions, please contact them by email at dldobin@telus.net.

As well, we have a New E-Mail address: agapest@vcn.bc.ca. Plans are in the works for a web-site and maintenance of that site, but of course, these things take time, and money. If you are internet-oriented and "web" savvy, with creative electronic design skills, and some spare time please contact Pat and Vicki at (604) 215-4115!

### **Newsletters & Prayer Lists Available!**

Need a prayer list or newsletters for your group or private prayer time ? Phone (604) 215-4115  
Over 1500 names currently on our prayer list

from the editor

## The greatest gift that you can give

As Catholics and Christians, we are all entering the season of Advent and the Christmas Season. A sense of anticipation and expectation is entering our lives. We will soon begin to make lists and plans. We are probably beginning to envision this Christmas as a wonderful time with our family and friends. We will also make interior resolutions to plan better, to not rush Christmas, to live Advent as we, as Christians, are called to do, in a prayerful, generous and loving way.

In many ways, the people of the streets have similar aspirations. They have renewed hope for being able to go home for Christmas, seeing the families they haven't seen for a long time. Many girls make an extreme effort to get clean, to save what money they have for small gifts for their children or parents. Many pray for a family member to forgive them, just one more time. It's truly sad to see the hope in their eyes, and knowing that sometimes, family situations at Christmas aren't the best. In fact, in many cases, its the "family situations" that may have contributed to their life on the street. There are also the girls who have no family left and the lost look in their eyes, with all the lights and celebration around them is truly heartbreaking.

As a giving community, it's always so appreciated the way that schools, associations, and groups contribute to make an effort to improve the lives of the people of the street. There are many contributions of food, clothing, gifts. You, as a community may not sense the joy that these efforts produce, but believe me, having seen first-hand the appreciative smiles and hugs and thank you's, I wish a hug could leap from this page and touch you with the kindness that you have shown. Your gifts are an example of a caring Christian community, and these gifts bring a small measure of Hope, which is the soil necessary for the gift of Faith to grow.

The greatest gift any of these girls could get is faith, of course, and we continue to pray for each of the girls by name. Our prayer list is also available to you, simply by asking.

My prayer for these girls this year, and for all of us as well, is for a special healing and reconciliation to happen with all of our families and loved ones. I believe the hardest thing for some of us to do is forgive those who have hurt us; who have stolen from us — even though we love them; who have damaged our relationships through the lies and deceptive games that the addicted person does to get by; or those people who have hurt us and we've never taken even one step to forgive. We can all get locked up in the "shield of unforgiveness". This shield, we believe, can protect us from being hurt again, but in reality it is a barrier to love, to freedom, and to Jesus. Jesus calls us to forgive — 70 times seven. So many of us feel we've already done that. But perhaps this Advent, this Christmas Season, the greatest gift we can give ourselves and those who have hurt us is a broken heart that will forgive again, and be healed.

May the Christmas present that your family receives this year be a time of peace, love, reconciliation, forgiveness and joy — and continue through the year following.

God Bless, Marla Poirier

## Recycle your empties for Agape Street Ministry

Think about this through the Christmas Season!!  
Recycle your empties for Agape Street Ministry!

If you would like to help our ministry,  
save your empty refundable bottles and cans for us!!

Contact **SUSAN FALLS**  
at **(604) 9-BOTTLE (604) 926-8853**

Susan will collect from home or business, providing you  
have accumulated \$10.00 worth or more!

WE NEED EMPTY BEVERAGE CONTAINERS,  
BEER, WINE, HARD-LIQUOR, POP, JUICE, WATER,  
including Tetra-Pak containers. (No milk)

on which there is a refundable deposit paid. (Keep labels on please)  
All proceeds to Agape Street Ministry

When you phone THE BOTTLE LADY Susan Falls (driving the "Bottle-Mo-Bile")  
mention Agape Street Ministries as your chosen charity.

**COPY, CUT, AND KEEP ON YOUR FRIDGE  
AS A REMINDER, SAINTS!**

## Calendar of Events

**HALLELUJAH NIGHT** — Friday Dec 6th, 7 p.m. at St. Paul's Church (373 E Cordova). Hope you, your family and friends will join us for an evening of Praise and Worship, prayers and testimony. Secure Parking.

### DAYS OF REFLECTION

Days Of Reflection (RSVP) are on Saturdays. Bring lunch and bible!  
2003 Days of Reflection:  
March 8, 2003, May 31, 2003, Sept 13, 2003, November 29, 2003

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| December 6 (Friday)        | <b>HALLELUJAH NIGHT.</b> "Addicted to Christ"<br>7 p.m. at St. Paul's Church 381 E. Cordova St.<br>Praise and Worship with <b>Sheep</b> , the Band<br>Secure Parking.                                   |
| December 13 (Friday)       | <b>CHRISTMAS CAROLLING ON THE STREETS</b><br>Meet at 887 Keefer Street . 6:30 p.m.<br>Bring sandwiches, cookies etc., Sweet hot<br>chocolate, coffee for street people. More info.<br>RSVP 604-215-4115 |
| December 31 (Tuesday)      | <b>NEW YEAR'S EVE "WALK WITH JESUS"</b><br>Walk, Adoration, Mass, Potluck<br>RSVP 604-215-4115  |
| January 17, 2003 (Friday)  | <b>HEALING MASS - "MAKING CHANGE"</b><br>7:00 p.m. Sacred Heart, Campbell & Keefer,<br>Vancouver. Secure parking.   |
| February 14, 2003 (Friday) | <b>HALLELUJAH NIGHT:</b> "Love Never Fails".<br>7 p.m. at St. Paul's Church 381 E. Cordova St.<br>Praise and Worship with <b>Sheep</b> , the Band<br>Secure Parking.                                    |

### Day of Reflection

**Topic: "Christ Afresh" with Fr. Justin Trinidad**  
**December 7, 2002 • 887 Keefer Street, Vancouver**  
Mandatory for all volunteers  
Mass starts @ 9:30 am in the Sacred Heart Parish  
Reflection time from 10 am - 2 p.m. in the Kateri Centre

Those considering volunteering for Agape Street Ministry in  
some capacity are more than welcome.  
Come meet our volunteers! Approximately 2 hours prayer/  
reflection with break for lunch (10 a.m.-2 p.m.)

RSVP to Pat/Vicki at 604-215-4115

# We call them “God’s Moments”

**There are times on the street where our Lord’s presence with us on the street is undeniable. These accounts are responses from some of our street ministers.**

*by Didding Acevedo*

It was during the September Agape Day of Reflection when Mildred and I thought of joining the Thursday street team ministry. Together with three other volunteers we walk in the street of Vancouver (Hastings) witnessing the love of God to the ladies. The ladies, as we call them are the prostitutes and drug addicts working in the east side of Hastings. Every walk brings different experiences to the group. God has protected me from feelings of fear and indifference. He made me see the spiritual need in the ladies and I feel compassion for them.

Oct. 24 was a special Thursday for me. Bridget asked me to do the prayers with the ladies. Feelings of excitement, doubt, inadequacy, shyness overwhelmed me at first. But deep down I continuously prayed to God that He will use me to do His work. One of the ladies I prayed for that night was Rita. I asked if she needed a prayer and she said “yes, for my son Paulie”. She mentioned that she hasn’t gone to confession for a very long time. Coming from a lady on the street, the group was amazed at what she said. We even thought of bringing a priest with us so that the ladies could have confession.

Next Thursday came and we met Rita again. She came up to me and said her Mom and sister tried to contact her during that week and she needs a prayer. I told her that I will use the holy oil to make a sign of the cross on her forehead. She said “yes but can you please do it discretely?” That night we lifted up Rita’s concerns. That God would grant her the chance to contact her parents. I prayed that the Lord would bring peace and

## Praise God? Do we ever!!

*by Sharon Dobin*

A few nights ago Dan and I, were on our regular Saturday night walk when we met one of our regular working girls. We had just learned last week that she was pregnant again just after having given birth a few months ago. She was having trouble with her boyfriend again and she looked at us and said “That’s it — I am not giving up another Baby to Social Services”. As we stood together on the street we spoke to her about the beautiful baby she gave birth to, and that this child also was a special gift to the humanity and that there would never be another one person like this in the world. We spoke of having to live with such a terrible guilt. All this time she's moving around, her eyes really not very focused on us.

Suddenly she looked up at us and said “Oh, so you’re *not* going to tell me that I have no right to bring another child into the world like this. You know, this baby was conceived out of love!” We laid hands on the very tiny life, and said a very short prayer as our girl was getting restless. When we finished she said brightly, “Do you want me to call you from the hospital this time?”

Praise God do we ever!

healing to her family. We included the safety of her son Paul in our prayers. Rita was in tears but with a smile we hugged and parted ways. I shared with the group Rita’s need for prayers and my experience of being personally asked by a lady for a prayer. This seldom happens to us. Usually we have to ask them if they would like us to pray for them. We thanked God that night for the blessings and joy He put in our hearts while doing His work. That week I couldn’t help but think of Rita. She needs the support and acceptance of her family to get off the street and start a new life.

I was excited for the next Thursday. Personally I was thinking of Rita. I wanted to see and talk to her again. We started our night with songs. With joyful hearts we were singing praises in the streets of Vancouver. In one corner, we were crowded with the ladies asking for their bag of candies when I heard Rita’s name spoken by another volunteer.

I tried to search for her face among the crowd and there she was standing and looking at me. As soon as I was done talking to another lady I came up to her. She was waiting for me with a smile. I immediately asked how she was and if she was able to contact her Mom; but, before I was able to finish she gladly said “Somebody heard our prayers! I tell you, prayers work”. I was so touched to hear the good news. All I can say is “thank you Lord”. She was in a rush that night but she asked me for a prayer. She said, her Mom wants to meet her in Surrey at 3 p.m. the next day. She’s was worried that she might not be able to keep her appointment. Our excitement drew the attention of the rest of the group. They started asking us what’s going on but she was already crossing the street. Excitedly she shouted “tell them!”. We all saw the joy in her eyes. Before the group parted that night, we said a special prayer for Rita and the other ladies we met that night. The group agreed to say a special prayer for Rita from 1-3 p.m. the next day.

This ministry made me realize that not by our might nor by our power will we change the hearts of these ladies, but by the Holy Spirit. In God’s time He will make all things possible.



Welcome to the new Thursday team  
L-R - Simon Lau, Mildred Moy, Bridget Clarke,  
Maria (Diding) Acevedo

**AGAPE STREET MINISTRY AND HOPE FAITH HOUSE** does not actively fundraise or have any major foundation support in order to perform their ministry. We must always depend and trust on the providence of our Father in heaven, and so we are very grateful for the generous donations of people who are led, and feel that in their heart that what we do is in the Father's will, and want to help. We truly appreciate any support that you can give, especially by your prayers, or donation of materials, supplies, money or your own personal time. God Bless You! Tax deductible receipts are available.

**RENOVATIONS AT HOPE-FAITH HOUSE**

- Renovate Prayer Room
- Renovate Garage to rec/crafts room, storage room and office
- Renovate outside shed for storage
- Repair sundeck
- Repair cement work
- Repair asphalt driveway
- Repair eavestrough and awning
- Refinish hardwood stairs in house
- Supply and install electric fireplace
- Service 2 gas furnaces
- Landscaping and pruning trees

**NEEDS:**

- Insurance for Van

**INTERIOR**

**FURNISHINGS:**

- 1 TV
- 1 dining room table with 2 leaves and 12-14 chairs
- 4 tall dressers
- Washable throw rugs
- Decorator cushions
- Christian or good moral videos
- Video camera
- Outdoor mats
- 1 single futon frame
- 3 wardrobes to hang clothing
- 6 folding chairs
- Clothing racks
- 1 electric fireplace insert
- 1 electric freestanding fireplace
- Outdoor statues of Jesus & Mary
- Lawn or deck furniture
- Portable sewing machines, crafts
- Yard maintenance: tools/ladder
- Office equipment, i.e. copier, computers etc., also expertise in operating office equipment, setting up e-mail, web sites., etc.)
- laminator
- paper shredder
- small copier
- newer model computers/laptops

**HOUSEHOLD SUPPLIES at HOPE FAITH HOUSE:**

- Toilet tissue / paper towels
- Kleenex
- Feminine hygiene items (pads, tampons, etc.)
- New underwear (bras, briefs, and half slips)

- Notebooks, journals
- Catholic edition of the New American Bible
- Christian music cds / tapes or videos!
- GED Books
- New tires/Insurance for van

**FOOD:**

- Meat, produce and other groceries
- Sundries - paper/cleaning products, etc.
- Salad dressings and sauces, ie catsup, sweet and sour, tabasco
- Dairy products
- Condiments
- Spices
- Sugar - brown and white
- Coffee creamer
- Honey / Jams
- De-caffeinated coffee and tea (Hope-Faith House endeavors to offer low fat meals as much as possible).

**SPECIAL ITEMS:**

Gift certificates to ABC Restaurant, the Pantry, or other family restaurant, bowling certificates, or other family-oriented entertainment outings are gratefully appreciated, pre-paid passes to leisure/fitness facilities,

**HOSPITAL MINISTRY:**

- Boxes of chocolates
- Catholic bibles

**AGAPE HOUSE DROP-IN WEDNESDAYS:**

- Ladies good used or new socks
- Peanut butter, cheese whiz, waffles, homemade cookies, cakes and squares, coffee, hot chocolate, tea and juices.
- Two full size refrigerators

**AGAPE STREET MINISTRY:**

We use over 250,000 pieces each year of the following: **(30,000 individual BAGS are given out!)**

- Loose candy: (wrapped caramels, mints, sours, suckers)
- Chocolate bars (small fun size)
- Sandwich bags (fold top)
- Homemade cookies
- Umbrellas
- Gloves
- 60-100 plastic containers with lids i.e.

rubbermaid etc.

- small-medium size plush animals
- Pocket size new testament bibles
- Rosaries and booklets on how to pray the rosary"
- Medals, Crucifixes

**BIRTHDAY BAGS**

- New Items for Birthday Bags
  - Medium size gift bags
  - Tissue and bows
  - Makeup (new & unused only)
  - Perfume, cologne
  - Shampoo, hand creams, conditioners, cosmetics, nail polish
  - Jewellery (used is acceptable, but in good condition)
  - Jewellery boxes
  - Hair accessories, brushes, hair clips, etc.
  - Makeup bags
  - New small gift items
  - Good Christian novels
  - Christian birthday cards
- Major projects to be adopted:

**DROP IN** – Lease and maintain a downtown drop-in / pregnancy center (estimate \$1500/ month)

**FARM - EMMAS HOUSE**

– Life skills farm need farm, or \$1 million.

Agape Street Ministry does not solicit funds but in light of enquiries regarding our needs and costs we have printed this general budget.

For 2002 — \$43,500.00 for operating costs. This does not include capital expenditures. The following are some of the approximate monthly costs

- \$1,100.00 / mo mortgage
- 150.00 / mo phone
- 150.00 / mo gas and electric
- 200.00 / mo insurances
- 200.00 - 400.00 / mo stipends
- 100.00 / mo transportation
- \$1,500.00 / yr. car insurance
- \$1,100.00 / yr water, sewer, garbage
- 2,400.00 / yr taxes

Tax receipts are available.



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**HOPE-FAITH HOUSE**

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**Can you please share your Christmas and Easter Candy with this year? Candy Donations are down (from last year) Please help!!**

**We are in desperate need of loose candy and small chocolate bars!!!**

We give-out **250,000** candy bags each year, which are made up of a few pieces of loose candy and one chocolate bar, as well as scripture verse and information card. Please help!

Phone and leave a message at (604) 215-4115 (Agape) and we'll give delivery instructions and/or arrange pick-up