

AGAPE STREET MINISTRY

A CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

Because of Jesus

For those that suffer,
and those that cry this night,

give them repose, Lord;
a pause in their burdens.

Let there be minutes where they experience
peace — not of man, but of angels.

Love them, Lord, when others cannot.

Hold them, Lord, when we
fail with human arms.

Hear their prayers

and give them the ability to hear You back.
in whatever language they best understand.

In Jesus Name, Amen.

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I see a skeleton sashaying down the street...micro mini skirt revealing her hip bones, protruding like those of a starving animal. Her bare midriff exposed to entice a "John", sporting ribs clearly defined. I barely recognize the bones that form her features, but yes, I know her well. I have hugged her many times. We've laughed together in healthier days and she's put her head on my shoulder and sobbed in despair more than once. We have prayed often for her and many times with her. She is dancing 'kitty corner' through an intersection. I wonder how she has the energy and then remember the drugs are propelling her at tremendous speed through life. She will wake up one day very old although her life has hardly begun.

I heard His Voice saying, "Come, follow me". I couldn't resist. I didn't want to resist. He has called me to the streets of downtown Eastside Vancouver, the arm pit of "Beautiful BC". Because of Him, I am confident. Because of the Spirit I received at Baptism and living within me, I am committed.

I reach out my hand, trembling with the sense of responsibility, into the darkness. The darkness is so great that my spirit recoils, but that is exactly why He has called me here, "You are the light of the world..." Smells of pizza and french fries

mingle with those of rotting meat, urine and body odor. I must concentrate on looking at these human forms with the eyes of Faith that the Holy Spirit provides His children, because every time I resort to looking through my earthly eyes I want to run! The waste of life crushes me. I fight to remember that He "created them in the Image and Likeness of God". We never lose the Image but we lose the Likeness when we choose to sin because it is not "like God to sin". In these walking dead I see the face of Jesus. Just as I must look through my God given eyes of faith to see the Real Presence that is Jesus in the Host, so I must utilize this gift to see Jesus in the broken bodies before me. Because of Him, I can reach out my hand into the darkness and also say, "Come, follow me".

This is the Agape Street Ministry to the women of downtown eastside Vancouver and Surrey, BC, who are drug addicted and working as prostitutes to supply their need for drugs. Jesus Christ is the Healer of all who will "come".

God Bless You, Pat and Vicki Conroy

“Love is patient, Love is Kind” 1 Cor 13:4

by Pat Conroy

We stare at “Ang”, lying so quiet — tubes and machines all around her. Her drug life has caused all this. She’s been in a come of medication for days and is near death. What do you say to someone whose whole life is prostitution and drugs, day after day, night after night. And now this? The nurse says that she can hear, but can’t respond. Vicki strokes her forehead and tells her who we are and that we are praying for her. We tell her that Jesus is here with her, so talk to him in your heart! Vicki asks me to stroke her forehead and talk to her as she steps away in tears. She thinks of the times in the last six years that we’ve held her, prayed with her or talked to

her over coffee or breakfast. Ang’s response was always, “I’m okay, one day I’ll get out of here.”

She tried to get out about a year ago, but was so lonely and out of place that she came back. See, getting off the drug is the easy part. Dealing with the feelings, emotions and changes in lifestyle is the real challenge. The fleabag hotels, the filthy evil alleys, the constant threat to life by dates or dealers and the constant need for the drug consumes her life, but “is” her life! When life gets to its bottom, she just lowers the bottom because the drugs and the life consume her.

It’s amazing though, that even when satan seems to have her in his clutches, when we meet her on the streets and ask to

pray with her, she always says, yes, and pray for my sister too — that we can both get off the streets. Hope! Thank you Jesus — for Hope!

Ang lies here half dead. We pray over her and bless her with oil. We tell her that Jesus is here again, and that we will continue to pray and all the Agape volunteers will continue to pray. Also, we say that when you recover we have a beautiful home that you can come to and receive all the love we can give.

St Paul said that love is the bond of perfection and love covers a multitude of sins.

Thank you Jesus, for your love and your hope. Goodbye for now, “Ang”. We will be back!

VOLUNTEER INVOLVEMENT

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



Bridget Clark

Director of Volunteers 604 228-8773

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 HOUSE

Referral/Pregnancy Center

At the “Agape House” at 411 Hawks Avenue, volunteers are involved with Agape Street activities, and ministering to the women in prayer and activities. 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 and also walk the streets during the day.

CANDY BAG PACKAGING @ 411 Hawks ave

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 @ 411 Hawks Avenue
Contact: Rhonda (604) 944-6367. Computer work. Mostly typing and office organization.

HOPE-FAITH HOUSE/AGAPE 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
- Painters

AGAPE HOUSE - Maria Law (215-4115)

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

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

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 Brenda prior to walking if you can’t make it; or have someone new walking. All new volunteers must talk to Bridget, volunteer coordinator prior to walking.
2. If a new person wants to become a permanent volunteer, she/he must fill out the volunteer form and be interviewed by Bridget.
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 service and attendance at every Day of Reflection.



Anne D’Cruz putting up pictures at Agape House Drop-In

The New Evangelization
in Action

St. Jean Brebeuf opens its heart and students to the experience of Agape Street Ministry

photo right: the
Reverence for Life Group,
St. Jean Brebeuf



THE AGAPE EXPERIENCE

By Kayla Cross

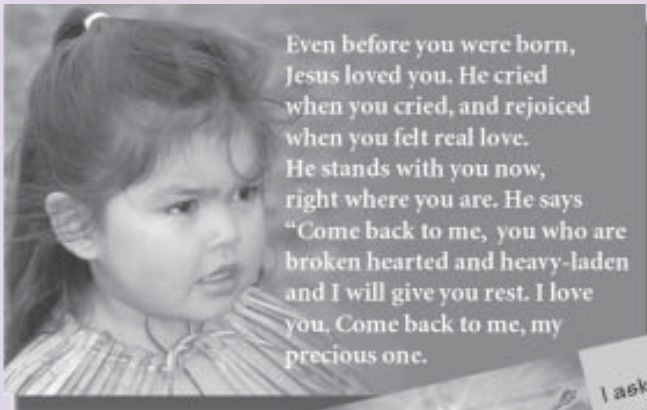
As a student participant of the Agape Street Ministry, I have experienced many different emotions during the time I was on Hastings Street. I was a little apprehensive the first time that I shared in this experience. I was a fifteen-year-old girl who was pretty naïve about the world. Yet as the night went on, I felt as if I was exactly where I was supposed to be. Nothing had ever felt so right to me. I was ministering to the needs of a group of people, which was what I had always wanted to do. At certain times, I have been afraid because of what I have seen, but not because anyone has confronted me. I have also felt sorrow, because the girls I met were locked in a vicious cycle that takes such hard work to get out of. But the most prominent emotion I felt was peace. I was not in a peaceful surrounding, but because my service to these girls felt so right, I felt at peace with myself. My participation in the Agape Street Ministry was like an act of faith for me. It was there, on the streets of Vancouver that I really felt that I believed in God, because I was showing the girls on the streets how God loves them. I am so grateful to the Agape Street Ministry for this experience. I am glad that while I am still at school I will have the chance to participate in this ministry many times over. I wouldn't miss the opportunity to experience these feelings again, or a time when I can help someone.

By Lorena Plastino

Being apart of Agape Street Ministry is something that I will never forget and will always want to be apart of. The people I have met working in the ministry and the girls I have seen have in some ways given me hope. I pray that I have given the same to them. By going a few times over a long period of time I have seen girls grow, change and recover. Sometimes I will see a woman and her struggles, and pray about her, then see her the next time I go, talking excitedly about her new place that is in a much better area, I will get excited too. It is such powerful proof that God works through all of us and will help us if we just open up to Him. Every time we go into Vancouver, I pray that we might possibly help someone, or at least be something they can look forward to. As we leave we talk, think and pray about those we have just met. We think about the things we can do, how we can help more, and realize that the problem is not just what we've seen but that there is much more to it. By helping out with the street ministry it has helped me to become more grateful, and see those who need my help all around me. I wish that everyone would become apart of some sort of ministry that did such great work as Agape does for the people it serves.

By Laura Short

Each time I have gone down to East Vancouver, to be apart of the Agape Street Ministry, I have had a different experience with different emotions. The working women always show great respect and kindness towards us, as we deliver sandwiches, candy, and hot chocolate to them. Lots of the women have stories and advice to tell and show us their true beauty. It is a privilege to be able to walk the streets with the people of the street ministry, who keep us very protected, and to get a realistic sense of what really goes on, on the streets. I always have a different experience because I meet new people, with different stories, every time. We are there to show them love and respect, and I love doing that for them. It is a great experience, and it is a way of sharing and preaching God's love.



Even before you were born, Jesus loved you. He cried when you cried, and rejoiced when you felt real love. He stands with you now, right where you are. He says "Come back to me, you who are broken hearted and heavy-laden and I will give you rest. I love you. Come back to me, my precious one."



What goes into the "candy bag"?

Scripture cards are an important item of the candy bags! Although initially a "new girl" is really interested in the candy, and it's that candy that opens the door to conversation and fellowship, we get a lot of positive feedback from the ladies about the cards that we give out. They keep the cards, and sometimes even the mirrors in their rooms are decorated with all the various pictures with scriptures. It's the card that many of the girls really look forward to.

The cards contain scripture, or a prayer that presents an opportunity to open one's heart to Jesus. On the back of the card are local detox numbers and our drop-in phone number.

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 Vancouver (604) 660-6656 Cordova: (604) 646-6808
 Maple Cottage (604) 660-9787 Youth: (604) 251-7615
AGAPE STREET MINISTRY
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 411 Hawks Street, Vancouver, B.C. 604-215-4115
Jesus Loves You! and so do we
 (Pat and Vicki and all the street workers)

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DAYS OF REFLECTION FOR 2004

As a volunteer for Agape Street Ministry you are obligated to attend the four days of reflection throughout the year. These days have been created and designed with your spiritual needs in mind. As a street minister or volunteer, it is important that you are fed spiritually. As Vicki Conroy says, "You can't give what you haven't got". These days have proven to be a wonderful time to spend just for yourself and God. The day is a special gift. As well, you have an opportunity to connect with the other street ministers or volunteers you don't see on a regular basis and share your experiences. If you are a current volunteer with Agape, please make these days a priority. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, you are also welcome to attend any of the upcoming Reflection days. Just bring yourself, a bible and a lunch. Days of Reflection begin with a 9:30 mass at Sacred Heart on Keefer in Vancouver, and conclude at 2:30 in the afternoon.

2004 Days of Reflection

- February 28 with Fr. Horgan (at St. Peter/Paul)
- May 29 with Sister Marie Bouchard
- September 18 to be announced
- November 27 with Pat and Vicki

Speak Lord, I'm listening...

A Meditation on the Triumph of the Cross – from the September 13 Agape Day of Reflection

by Dyan Slaney

I must imitate Jesus in ACCEPTANCE of ALL things, great and small. I must not only accept the large, heavy burdens — the daily trials — but I must learn to accept even the smallest "inconvenience". I must stand unshaken in His strength — become immovable from the foot of the cross. I must lose myself — completely empty myself of "me" so that I can only be filled with Jesus.

In my ministry with Agape, when I feel "too tired" to walk — may I remember that Jesus also was "too tired" to walk — but Jesus kept on walking — for me. When the candy bag I am carrying is "too heavy" and my back is sore — may I remember that the cross that Jesus carried was also "too heavy" and his back really was breaking — but he kept going — for me. And when it's

"too cold, too rainy, too windy" — just too uncomfortable" for me to walk the streets for Jesus — may I remember the scourging of Jesus — the blows He took to His Holy Face — the vile spittle, and may these remind me to silence my complaints. And if I am tempted to "give up" because of a feeling of being "unappreciated", a target of "verbal abuse" may I always remember — and never forget — that our God and Savior, the King of All creation was "unappreciated" and "verbally abused" as no one had ever been before Him and no one after Him.

For the love of Jesus, I must remain STEADFAST, even when it doesn't make sense. I must cling to the Truth of Christ

THE FRUITS OF LOVE

One of the most common questions to Agape Street Ministry is a difficult one to answer. "How many women are you getting off the streets? Our answer can only be "we don't know." We sow the seeds of hope on the street, our hands on the tiller, looking ahead, our eyes fixed on Jesus. If we spend any time looking behind, the fruitfulness of our actions would be "fruitless". But sometimes, we get letters from our friends who have overcome the addictions of the street life and have written to say "thanks" Here are some edited parts of their letters, names changed to protect them.

My Two Angels

A lonely wayward soul,
dying more each passing day,
was given new hope for life,
when two angels came her way.

You reminded me that God
my sins he will forgive
for no matter what I've done
He still has love for me

To you my special angels
I say these words with love
Thank you for your prayers
and thanks to God above

I thank the Lord for meeting you
and opening my eyes to see
He doesn't want me where I was
He has better plans for me

from Shel

A thank you to the children that supply Christmas presents.

...I appreciate the love and effort you have put in these gifts to me and the other women...

With a lot of love and affection,
Dora. May God be with you.

Dear Pat and Vicki

...I'm still doing really well. I'm not 90 lbs anymore! I finally gained weight. Now I'm 119 pounds and it feels great. I've had a lot of help and I think if you believe in God there is a better life - one day at a time and a prayer a day helps me, and I'll be honest I didn't believe until I met you. Every time I seen you and talk with you I always felt better and once again I thank you for never giving up on me and keeping in touch with me. from Dee

From Regina, Saskatchewan...

...It's really nice to know other girls are choosing a different path in life. It's hard, but with help and a prayer they can to it especially knowing great people like you. There isn't a day that goes by I don't think of you and I mean that. When I was in Vancouver and I seen you I always felt better inside because no matter how hard things were I always knew I wasn't alone and you always made me smile. I'm going shopping now instead of buying drugs. I eat well instead of filling myself with drugs and most of all I'm happy now. from Destiny

Mildred and Richard with Fr. Lou

Wedding Bells Ring

It's not the first time that volunteers working together have fallen in love, as they learned more about each other and shared their faith, as a few years ago, Fernando and Kim, met as volunteers and married, and more than a few volunteers called to the priesthood, and in seminary as you read this — but this year has been a very "fruit-

ful" year as Arnel Penaso and Brenda Buhat were married. Brenda and Arnel have been a part of Agape Street Ministry from the beginning and their wedding is a blessing to God and to us, as well as Richard Wong and Mildred Moy, faithful volunteers who "tied the knot" this Summer. Richard and Mildred will volunteer as live-in volunteer missionaries at Hope-Faith House, and Arnel and Brenda will continue with their street ministry. A wedding as well was in store for one of our special friends Sue, and her husband Justin Devonshire. We're so proud and happy for you Sue! There's a wedding in the works as well, and engagement congratulations go out to Didding and Kevin. Our Best Wishes and prayers go out to all of you! May our Lord continue to bless you!



Mildred Moy and Richard Wong with Agape friends



Sue and Justin Devonshire, newlyweds!



Brenda and Arnel Penaso

Mount Carmel Bible School exists to disciple willing Christians to a deeper, more passionate commitment to God and others, expressed through increasing knowledge, love, and service. The students spent a week (October 25-31, 2003) volunteering with Agape Street Ministry.

Cadie—This was an experience I will never forget. I came home with a whole new outlook—not of the business, but of the people involved. Waiting, preparing myself for the onslaught of excited, appreciative girls, I could feel only deep sadness, then anger and disappointment with this world and the evil that has caused such grief and hopelessness. I deeply admire those who devote their time, energy, and heart to these girls to whom a sincere hug may make all the difference in the world.

Tanya—The most vivid image is that a prostitute is a person. My brain knew this, but my heart and my sense of judgment did not grasp this reality. I was truly touched and also blessed by this opportunity to interact with the ministry and the girls. For me, meeting the girls and also seeing their pictures, made me see them in a new light. They are real people, with birthdays and names. They were faces with emotions and pain. They had bodies bruised, battered and run down. They had needs and prayer requests and wanted interaction that was positive. They were hungry and had a sense of desperation and despair. They had a drive for survival. They were mothers. They share my same name. I was filled with God’s love and compassion and understanding for them. They shook my hand and smiled at me. They are no longer a nuisance, and issue, a disgrace towards women in my view. They are individuals in need of salvation and God’s unconditional love.

Victoria—I think a theme that dominates in my mind as I reflect on the evening with the Agape Ministries is that of the hurt and shame that the girls must go through. As I first looked at the pictures of the girls on the wall I thought of how horrible it must be to have your worth be so largely based on your

outward appearance. Later in the evening as we were walking along the streets we were yelled at and demeaned by some guys in a car. It was shocking to be called such terrible things, yet at the same time I thought of how this particular humiliation is one that the girls go through every day. They are paid to be sexually abused and then are looked down on for it. It angered me that the men who hired the girls somehow thought they were better than them, but it was the truth of the way they



reasoned. I noticed that many of the girls wouldn’t look at me directly. I had wanted to look into their eyes, but often they were averted or downcast.

Ruth—It’s hard to describe my experience with Agape. It was so heartbreaking and so filling at the same time. To meet the girls and see what they had done to themselves hurt so bad, but then to have one thank me for the simple act of handing her a cookie and a juice and maybe even a hug made me feel so full that I could explode. It was very

strange to encounter some of the girls on the street at night and then go out during the day and see them as well, living life and talking about shopping lists or plans, or friends, it sounded like a conversation that I might have with my roommates. The walk opened my eyes I think to the harsh and judgmental assumptions I had made about who these girls were and what they thought and felt. They want and need love just as much as I do. Working at Agape on Friday packaging candy was a wonderful experience partly because I had already had opportunity to go out on the walk and see the use for the candy and was therefore excited to think of the expressions on some faces when they saw what we put in each bag. I was grateful that I could do something, even if it was little, to help make a difference and maybe make them realize that they were special and that someone cared about what happened to them.

Jillian—This experience was definitely not something I did every day. Walking into the environment of the prostitutes and talking to them directly really helped me to see a glimpse of their world. There was a sense of hopelessness, and desperation that I couldn’t relate to, but that was beneficial for me to see.

The girls were in situations that seem like they only exist in nightmares, yet they were real and they were living it. They all have lives that they are living out, although it seems hellish, it’s still their lives and they are still important. It was interesting to see the different personalities of the girls and the different states that they were in. It was often sad to see how altered their minds seemed to be, whether they were affected with mental instability or destroyed by drug use, and how they seemed to be disjointed from the reality that I think I

live in. The walk was a really good way to have exposure to such a foreign world and to meet the girls face to face so we could grasp how real their world was.

Doris—The night was dark, the streets were foggy and there was a chill in the air. I was afraid. Afraid of the unknown, afraid of being hurt, afraid that I would be unable to cope with what I saw and experienced. To my amazement however as soon as I stepped onto the street, wearing my red jacket and began the walk my fear evaporated. I was filled with a sense of peace and I knew God was with us. The love that was shown to these working women by the staff at Agape missions will forever be burned into my heart and mind.

Kathryn—This ministry is amazing. So much love and compassion is required and it is so freely given. On the walk that I went on I was exposed to a culture or lifestyle I had only ever heard of, but never seen. I realized that the girls and ladies out there are a lot like me, but for whatever reason they ended up there. It was through the interactions while giving candy that I could see the love that is shown – the couple that went with us knew each of the ladies by name and offered to pray for each of them individually. The experience was bitter sweet – genuine love was demonstrated, yet many of the lives lived in that area of Vancouver are filled with pain and struggle. I will keep this ministry in my prayers and thank you very much for allowing us to share in this outreach.

Emily—Going on my walk made me realize that the girls are human just like myself. They have feelings, hopes and dreams. It also made that part of the world real to me. It was one of those things that I knew was out there, but never really believed existed, like many of the things I've come face to face with in the last few months. When I first heard about the ministry, I was unsure about how I felt about it. I could only see that by giving the girls candy you would be helping their addiction. After my walk I thought about it again. Even though the candy may aid their addiction, it provides a door for the workers to get to know the girls, and share Christ's love with them.

Sarah—When I went on the Agape Street walk, the night was really dark and foggy. We couldn't even see across the street very

well. I was surprised to see that all the working girls knew what we were doing, they came running when they saw us with our red jackets. The all pretty much said the same thing: "it's cold, and I'm so tired." Most of them wanted soft candy because they have bad teeth. The lady from the Agape ministry always prayed for every girl and took their prayer requests and read a Bible verse or other encouraging quote to them. One working girl collected all the little papers with the verses on them. One woman ran up to us and asked us to pray for a woman

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who was hemorrhaging at that moment. The last girl we saw wasn't wearing much and was in bad condition. She came back to the Agape house with us and had some hot chocolate and got some warmer clothes. She said she was tired and wanted to sleep, but needed money. It was weird to talk to girls and then watch them try to "flag down" cars. It reminded me of Gollum who was a slave to the ring. They're slaves to drugs.

Christina—Wow, what an experience! I had the opportunity to actually talk to and show love to prostitutes in Downtown Vancouver. It really opened my eyes to the lives of these girls and transvestites. It showed me how some of them live and the suffering they go through, as well as the realness of it all. I always told myself that these girls could once have been just like me, but I don't think I really believed it. Now I know that they are people, just like us all, with family, a past and a heart. The Agape ministry was amazing to work with because of the way the women were drawn to the group with the red jackets. Most just wanted candy, but it really touched me when they would read the little Scripture that was in the candy bags, when they prayed with us and when some would search for the card

they haven't collected yet. I was really taken by the whole experience and think that I have become a more compassionate person because of it.

Roselynn—The walk was definitely a learning experience. I thought that I would be more scared than I was. It was emotionally stressful to see so many girls in the streets. I didn't even expect them to look so physically malnourished. I thought that it wouldn't always be obvious that these were working girls, but apparently that fact isn't as easy to hide as I thought. It was really sad to see how some of the girls seemed to be obviously pained to be there. I can understand how they have become trapped in that place, in that mindset. It is strange to think that I can understand them and yet I can't even imagine myself in their place. I don't know what I would do in their circumstances. Thank goodness though, it would be a horrible experience. Not something I would bring upon myself. So that make me think how much those girls shouldn't be there. No matter what they have done, or not matter what was done to them, they need to get out of that situation. We know this, and yet it is sad because it is up to them and we can only help so much. And in the end we know that we won't be able to help them all. In fact, we are considered successful if we even are able to reach out to a few.

Lauranne—Many of the different working women made an impact on my life and the way I will view things from now on. The helped me to realize that the people who are on Hastings are as normal, funny, fun-loving, considerate of each other, and as deserving of God's love as I am. I became very aware of the choices people make as we were on our walk. Choices such as those of the men (driving alone in vehicles) circling the blocks, the women selling themselves, the people addicted to drugs, and the team leading our walk. Everybody makes choices that affect their lives and some make what I would consider bad decisions. However, because God gives us the free will to make those decisions there's a hope that the women we met can always choose to make some changes in their lives. I think our team leaders were making themselves available to give as much help and advice as those women desired to make some different choices.

A FRESH COAT OF HEALING

by Sam Teo

On Sept 27, 2003, a group of energetic young men and women from Youth Missions International arrived at the Hope Faith House (HFH). It was 10.30am, the sun was shining bright and the skies were blue.

Austin Peterson, Mee Ching and myself were already there. The group briefly introduced themselves to us and very quickly we had the work divided out and everyone was sanding and painting away. One of the lady asked me if I had any CD player to play some music. Of course, we were not equipped that way. However, the spirit de corp was strong and soon a few of them would be humming a tune of praise song and soon the rest would join in either in part lyrics or carry off humming another praise song and laughter and jokes soon filled the air.

The entire group were not just out for fun because the commitment was there and they told each other to get the first part done (ie the primer coat) before anyone gets lunch.

Although Mee Ching has already prepared lunch, the group would not eat until the first part of the work was completed. I could see and sense the strength of the spirit in them as they urged each other to press on and by 1 pm we all sat down for a sumptuous lunch of oriental fried rice, crackers, salad and fruits.

At lunch, we were all relaxed and I took the opportunity to do a Q and A session about the Agape Street Ministry and HFH. They gained a better understanding of the ministry and HFH and overall about the outreach efforts of the Catholic church in the area. On the other hand, we had gained a better knowledge of their mission and background. In about 3 months' time, they would be leaving Canada and head to three different countries namely Indonesia, Paraguay and Germany to do short term missions.

With renewed vigour, we launched out to carry out our work and the good Lord continue to bless us with bright sunshine. Again, the afternoon was filled with songs of praise and joy

as we flexed our muscles away giving the HFH a new bright color on the fences, deck and patio furnitures.

By 5.30pm, we packed up and waded up and before they said a closing prayer. I assured them that their work will serve as part of God's healing as HFH begins the winter intake of recovering girls. I invited one of them to lead a closing prayer and indeed it was a moving prayer as we felt God's calling into mission and a sense of joy and peace came to us. It just brightens the face of everyone. Though tired, I could see the light in their eyes.

We said farewell and they left in a big van filled with laughter and joy. In our hearts, we had said, "Go in peace and serve the Lord". Amen.

The Agape Street Ministry would like to thank the great guys and gals and they are namely: Ben Mears, Shelly Mears, Luke Haidle, Maray Walters, Lisa Sommers, Mark Loewen, Joanna Shantz, Shannon Neufeld and Amy Peeyman.

From the Editor

In the closet

A year and a half ago, God called me into the closet. I used to walk the streets of Vancouver as a street minister, and being His instrument was an amazing experience. I recall that prior to becoming involved with Agape, I attended a conference sponsored by a local news/television station and chaired by several treatment centres, former and present addicts. The idea was to bring some light into the issue of drug addiction, especially with teenagers. For some reason, the whole symposium made me angry. After the symposium I felt that the addicts were full of solutions, but every time it meant "somebody else" doing "something" to help them. I was touched by the parents of addicts who felt powerless to deal with the problem, police who were trying to scare every parent and child in the room with the quick and deadly transformation of healthy person to drug addict. So believe me, when I heard Pat and Vicki speak just a month or two later, and my heart was being moved by Jesus, and there were tears in my eyes, I didn't understand why God wanted me to "move" into the direction of volunteering. It was beyond my understanding.

Then He changed my hard heart, by showing me how much He loved these women of the street, and how much He loved me. I wanted to serve Him so much that on Sunday I'd make cookies for the street women, praying a prayer into each cookie given to each woman (a secret ingredient). He put it into my heart to pray for several women whose plight touched me in ways I've never been touched. Their pleas and cries to God were heard every night and the hugs and tears and hopes and dreams still ring in my ears.

God wasn't finished with me though. In

prayer I was hearing Him call me to stop walking and "go into the closet and pray." I fought that thought, and discerned it as well as my soul could, thinking that perhaps the devil wanted me away from the streets. I had begun to love to walk the streets, and seeing so many of the girls that I had learned to love so much. But I had also put more of myself into the walk and less of God's. My own concern for the women was beginning to overtake God's concern. Being no-body's savior, it really was time for me to find that closet that God was leading me to. When I finally said yes to God, and no, I can't walk anymore, I had incredible peace and a renewed joy.

So today here I am, and have been for a year, in my closet, which is my home-office. In this place I pray, consult the scripture for help, and with God's help, make scripture cards for the working women, as well as this newsletter. The faces and tears and needs of the working ladies are still in my heart, and the experience of walking the streets help me to create the cards that they read and use to help to pray. As well, the detox and contact numbers on the back encourage the women & empower them to get help for their addiction and supply the Detox/Recovery numbers's at their fingertips when they are ready to reach out.

Many of the cards relate to the plea of help in times of trouble, or the frustration of starting over after sinning and sinning again, seeking the Lord and finding refuge and peace amidst the burdens of life- such are the needs of all of us.

At first spending so much time in the closet was uncomfortable, as I felt I was taking way too much time away from my family and other life's responsibilities. Now I am very comfortable here, so knowing God, he's not finished with me yet, and so now that I'm comfortable....

God Bless You ~ Marla

Welcome

New Board Members

A grateful thank you to Bridget Clark, Maria Law, Sam Teo, Sr. Marie Bouchard, and Sue Baynham for joining Agape Street Ministry Board of Directors. Bridget Clark, Director of Volunteers, Maria Law, Director of Agape House, Sr. Marie Bouchard, Spiritual Director, and Sue Baynham, Director at Large. As well thank you to all the "old guard" board members who have steadfastly persevered through the years.

A welcome to all the new volunteers who by walking, packaging, card making or helping out at the Agape House or Hope Faith House have stepped out in faith to show the love of Jesus. God bless you all...

Thank You

THANK YOU to all the school groups, CWL, youth groups, prayer groups and associations who have gathered the "hallowe'en" candy for us, packaging and helping out, and help us to make Christmas Hope a reality for the working women. It is through your generous help that Agape Street Ministry continues to do the work that it does.

THANK YOU to all the businesses and private individuals that have donated furniture, appliances, elbow grease and tradesmen, plants, and all kinds of materials to make Hope Faith House and Agape House a reality. Please believe that your generosity has not been forgotten and all volunteers of Agape Street Ministry are continually encouraged to keep you in their prayers.



Holy Cross Elementary students share their Halloween treats with the Agape Ministry. This student initiated project has been a favorite with the children for the past three years. This year they are very proud to have collected six boxes of candies which they happily share.

It's said, that a little child shall lead them... well, it's true... Thank You to all the schools and school children that share in the work of Agape Street Ministry. Throughout the year your steadfast love and generosity truly encourages us to continue to bring the Love of Jesus to the streets, hospitals and prison!

Please, pray for these women...

I was told this week by Elaine, a woman returning from Medjugore, that the Agape Street Ministry prayer list has been placed at the foot of the shrine of the Blessed Mother. Truly, this list is distributed throughout the world, from Vancouver to Vatican City, from Mexico City to Medjugore.

Agape Street Ministry is not a "feeding ministry" or a "clothing ministry" but a "praying ministry". Our one mission is to tell the women of the street that Jesus loves them, that they are precious in His sight, and to ask all who can hear or read these names, to pray for these women. A current prayer list of the women's first names is available on the internet at our website agapestreetministry.org. We encourage and are grateful that you help us in any way you can, of course, but primarily, please, pray for these women...

The following is only a partial list, and duplicate names have been edited out due to lack of space. Please refer to the website for a complete first name listing. On the website, names are duplicated only because there are more than one person with that name. Over the last seven years, we have maintained contact with literally thousands of working women and our current prayer list is over 1500 names.

Some of these names are the girl's chosen "street names". Trust that as you name these girls in your prayers, that God knows who you are praying for.

Abby	Bernice	Cheri	Deinae	Jamie	Katie	Lorraine	Myra	Sabrina	Tamara
Ada	Betty	Cherrie	Denai	Jamie Lee	Katrina	Lorraine	Myrna	Sabrina	Tammy
Adelle	Bev	Cherry	Denise	Jammie	Katy	Lorrie	Myshelle	Sage	Tana
Adrian	Beverly	Cheryl	Deseree	Jan	Kayla	Lu Ann	Nadine	Samantha	Tania
Aida	Bianca	Chevey	Dessie	Jane	Kaylan	Lucier	Naiome	Sammy	Marie
Aida	Billy	Chevy	Dessie	Janelle	Keena	Lucy	Naiomi	Sandra	Tannis
Aimie	Billy-Jo	Chewy	Destiny	Janet	Kelley	Lyn	Nancy	Sandy	Tany
AJ	Bobbi	Chili-	Dez	Janice	Kelly	Lynda	Natalie	Sara	Tanya
Alanna	Bobbi Joe	Bean	Diana	Janine	Kelly Jean	Madis	Natalie	Sarah	Tara-Lynn
Aleesha	Bobbie	China	Diana Lynne	Jasmine	Kenny	Maggie	Natasha	Selena	Tara-Lynn
Alexandria	Bobby	Chris	Diane	Sunshine	Kerri	Maggy	Neda	Selene	Tasmine
Alexi	Bobby	Christie	Dianne	Jayh	Kerry	Maltilda	Ned	Selina	Taylor
Alfrieda	Bonnie	Christy	Divinity	Jazz	Kerry	Mandy	Nicki	Sereena	Teeth
Alice	Brandi	Christa	Dixie	Jen	Kiki	Nicole	Nicki	Serita	Tera
Alicia	Brandy	Christie	DJ	Jena	Kim	Marcella	Nicky	Shamin	Teresa
Alisa	Brenda	Christina	Dolly	Jenna	Kimberly	Nida	Nicole	Shannon	Terry
Alishia	Briana	Christine	Donna	Jennie	Kirsten	Marcelle	Nida	Shantel	Theresa
Alkina	Britany	Christy	Doreen	Jenny	Koy	Marcia	Nikki	Shara	Thersa
Allanah	Brook	Christy	Doreen	Jennifer	Krista	Marcia	Nikka	Shari	Tia
Alliah	Brook	Chung-	Dori	Jenny	Kristin	Marcie &	Nikka	Shari-Ann	Tiffany
Allisson	Lee	Lee	Elaine	Jera	Kristina	Liza	Nita	Sharlene	Tina
Alysha	Brooke	Lee	Elina	Jerry	Lana	Margaret	Norma	Sharmaine	Tina Marie
Amanda	Bruce	Cindy	Elisha	Jerry	Lannie	Margarita	Ova	Sharon	Tiniel
Amber	Buffy	CJ	Elisha	Jess	Laura	Maria	Oralee	Shauna	Tinnaka
Amie	Bunny	Claudia	Elishya	Jessica	Laura	Maria	Palla	Shawna	TJ
Amy	Cadillac	Colleen	Elizabeth	Jessie	Lauralee	Mariella	Pam	Sheena	Tracey
Andrea	Candace	Colleen	Elsie	Jill	Laurel	Marilyn	Parisian	Sheila	Tracie
Andrea	Candy	Columbia	Elysia	Jin	Lauren	Marimar	Pat	Marie	Tracy
Anelina	Cara	Concetta	Ema	Jo	Laurie	Marina	Patricia	Shelagh	Treana
Angel	Caralee	Cora	Emma	Jo-Ann	Laurie-Ann	Mary	(Trish)	Shel	Trish
Angela	Carla	Coralee	Esther	Jo-Lyn	Laverne	Mary-Lee	Mary-Lee	Shelley	Twila
Angela	Carlie	Corene	Eva	Joan	Leah	Maryann	Paula	Sheri	Tye
Mary	Carly	Corina	Evelina	Joanne	Leanne	Marilyn	Pauline	Sheri-Ann	Tyoko
Angie	Carly	Corrie Lee	Evelyn	Jocelyn	Leanora	Maureen	Pearl	Sherri	Val
Anita	Carmelita	Corrina	Fayth	Jodi	Lee	Maxine	Peggy	Sherry	Valerie
Ann-Marie	Carmen	Corrinne	Flacka	Jody	Lee-Anne	May	Peggy Sue	Sherry	Vanessa
Anna	Carmen	Corry-Lee	Francine	Joey	Lees	Maya	Penny	Sherry-Ann	Vanity
Anna	Carol	Crissy	Francine	Joey	Lees	Mecca	Phyllis	Sheryl	Vee
Anne	Caroline	Crystal	Frankie	Johnessa	Leesa	Megan	Rachel	Shirl	Verna
Annette	Carolyne	Dagmar	Gail	Jolene	Leesha	Meghan	Rachelle	Shirley	Verna
Annie	Carrie	Danette	Gaytan	Jordana	Lef	Leslie	Rashida	Shirly	Veronica
April	Cary	Danielle	Georgina	Josey	Leticia	Melba	Reah	Sister	Versh
Arthesa	Casandra	Darcy	Gia	Josie	Lety	Melinda	Rebecca	Soni	Vi
Ashley	Cat	Darla	Gina	Joyce	Linda	Mellissa	Rebecca	Sonia	Vicki
Ashly	Cath	Darlene	Gloria	Juanita	Lindsay	Mellissa	Rena	Sophie	Vicki-Lee
Ashu	Catherine	Darley	Grace	Judy	Lindsey	Melody	Rene	Squirrel	Vicky
Athena	Cathy	Dathney	Gwenda	Julia	Lindsey	Melody	Renee	Stacey	Victoria
Audrey	Celina	Dawn	Hannah	Juliana	Lisa	Melyssa	Reni	Stacy	Vikki
Aura	Chanel	Dawn	Harriet	Julie	Little D	Michelle	Rhea	Starla	Virg
Aurora	Chanel	Dawna	Heather	Julie-Ann	Liz	Mila	Rhonda	Stephanie	Vivian
Autumn	Chantal	Deanna	Heeley	Kara	Liza	Mishelle	Rina	Sue	Wanda
Barb	Chantal	Debbie	Helen	Karen	Liza	Mistie	Roberta	Summer	Wanda
Barbara	Charise	Debby	Holly	Kari	Lo-Kay	Misty	Robin	Sunny	Wendi
Bea	Charity	Deborah	Hope	Kari Ann	Lola	Mo	Rochelle	Sur	Wendy
Becky	Charlene	Deborah	Inez	Karina	Lolita	Moira	Romana	Susan	Wildcat
Belinda	Charlotte	Deborah	Irene	Kat	Lonnie	Mona	Rosalynn	Susan	Wyann
Belinda	Chartrand	Debra	Irish	Kate	Loreen	Monica	Rose	Susie	Yvonne
Belrina	Chastity	Dee	Jackie	Katherine	Loretta	Morreen	Rosemary	Sussane	
Benita	Chelsea	DeeDee	jacqueline	Kathleen	Lori	Mouse	Rosylin	Susy	
	Benita	Chereece	Jacque	Kathy	Lori-An	Murray	Roxanne	Suzette	
							Ruby	Sylvie	

www.agapestreetministry.org

The website is up and running! Check it out!

WHAT YOU WILL FIND

- Upcoming Agape Events
- Reflections of Street Ministers (Street Testimonies)
- Volunteer Opportunities (How can you help?)
- Hope Faith House
- Prayer List
- Download the newsletter in a printable format
- Wish List
- Join our mailing list (You will receive our newsletters by email quarterly) This will save us printing costs.

HOPE FAITH HOUSE HAS REOPENED FOR ADMISSIONS, AS WE HAVE THREE FULL-TIME VOLUNTEER HELPERS ON STAFF. We are excited and pleased with this, and as of November 19, there are new women in the house. As a result, however, our needs for the house are greater (food, work supplies, etc.) These last six months have been a wonderful period of growth for the ministry, especially at Hope-Faith House and the drop-in and we need your help especially through this season. Can you help?

Make an ONLINE DONATION!

Go to **canadahelps.org**

Search for "Agape Street Ministry" and follow the directions for "make donation"

AGAPE CATHOLIC OUTREACH STREET MINISTRY -
(charitable business number 863760856RR0001)
887 KEEFER STREET, VANCOUVER, BC, V6A1Y8

What is CanadaHelps.org?

CanadaHelps.org (CHO) is a not-for-profit charity portal that serves as an information resource about charities in Canada and seeks to promote and facilitate philanthropy through online giving. CanadaHelps.org offers its services at no cost to the charity or the donor.

How do I make a donation?

All the donor has to do is click the 'donate' button and follow the simple instructions. You will be asked to enter your name and mailing information, your email address, some directional details about the donation you are making and your credit card information. All information entered is strictly confidential, and donor information is only provided to the charity to which the donation has been made.

How do I get a tax receipt?

Within minutes of making a donation, you will receive an electronic tax receipt mailed to the email address you provided in the donation process. You can save and print this receipt at any time to use for income tax purposes. Because CanadaHelps.org is a charity (Charitable Business Number 896568417RR0001), you will be receipted for your donation by CanadaHelps.org.



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Calendar of Events

DAYS OF REFLECTION

Days Of Reflection (RSVP) are

Mandatory for all volunteers!

2 Timothy 3: 16-17: All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching for reflection, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that one who belongs to God may be competent, equipped for every good work!

Mass: 9:30 am Sacred Heart Parish

Reflection: 10 am - 2 pm

Day of Reflection Location: 887 Keefer Street

Volunteers: Bring your lunch and bible and a friend! Anyone is welcome to these events. RVSP Info 604-215-4115

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

Note Different Location for this Day of Reflection: FEB 28 (Fr. Horgan) (at St Peter and Paul church)

May 29 (Sister Marie Bouchard) at Sacred Heart
September 18 tba at Sacred Heart
November 27 (Pat and Vicki) at Sacred Heart

CHRISTMAS PARTY

At the "Drop-in" Agape House Hawks Avenue. For the women of the street. Wednesday, December 17. Light Breakfast to be served: 8:30-11am. Music, and christmas gifts for the women. (We are looking for donations of light breakfast items, christmas gifts)

CHRISTMAS CAROLLING

Friday December 19, 2003.
December 31 - New Years Eve Walk - Street Walk, Adoration Mass and Pot Luck.

AGAPE STREET MINISTRY ANNIVERSARY JUNE 13, 2004

7 Year Anniversary a Jubilee Celebration (Leviticus 25) for Agape Street Ministry Commissioning and Jubilee Celebration with Monsignor Gregory Smith

ALL ARE WELCOME FOR THE WALK FOR LIFE - JULY 18, 2004

Blaise MacNeil walks with all from Coquitlam to Hastings Street in Vancouver, praying for dignity for all life, from the unborn to the women of the street, to the dignity of the aged. All Pro-life supporters, prayer groups and youth groups and individuals are encouraged to attend.

HALLELUJAH NIGHTS All Welcome!

January 10, March 20, May 1, 2004
St. Pauls - Cordova Street from 7:00pm
Praise and Worship

RESPONDING TO GOD'S CALL



Top left, Susie Retno pictured with a few of the Christmas presents that we have put together for the women in Surrey.

Right, Surrey team, Austin Peterson and Dyan Slaney (Monday team) Bottom picture: Vanspec candy packers.

Thank you to Immaculate Conception Parish

Agape Street Ministry extends their appreciation and thanks to Immaculate Conception Parish for their continued support.

Thank you to the principal, teachers, students and parents who so generously shared through their Kindle Fires of Hope program.

Hat's off to Prep, students, teachers and parents who collected and donated this year's Halloween candy for the Surrey Street Extension.

Also a warm thank you to the Catholic Women's League for inviting Agape Street Co-ordinators to share on the growth of Agape Street Ministry in Surrey. It was great to be there and we thank you for the donations of candy and for your financial support.

A very special thank you to Immaculate Conception Vanspec Program. The students, parents and teachers under the direction I.C. Vanspec Co-ordinator have been providing the candy bags for the Surrey Street Outreach for 1 year. They have generously given of their time, energy, resources and most especially their love and prayers.

The women we meet on the street are grateful for the candy bags, but what really moves them is the little prayer card inside. Vanspec have searched out meaningful healing scripture that speak of the Love, Mercy, Hope and Healing found through Christ. Through these little cards the message of the Good News is touching the hearts of the women on the street.

Each of you has helped to make a difference and may you all continue to answer His call to love and to serve.

On behalf of Pat and Vicki Conroy we thank you all,

Sharon and Dan Dobin

AGAPE STREET MINISTRY, AGAPE HOUSE 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. You may now also donate online at canadahelps.org

HOPE - FAITH HOUSE (A Catholic Faith based "House of Healing" in Surrey, for women who choose to journey with Jesus to freedom from addiction.)

Renovations:

CAN YOU ADOPT A PROJECT OR DONATE BUILDING SUPPLIES?

Garage - to rec/crafts room, storage room and office

Prayer Room
Outside shed for storage
Install 2 new door sills
Paint house trim

Repair eavestrough and awning

Repair brick work
Repair asphalt driveways

Supply and install electric fireplace
Landscaping and pruning trees

Needs:

Washable throw rugs

Outdoor mats
6 folding chairs
folding table
clothing racks

New underwear (bras, briefs, and half slips)

Convection oven

Guitar

Full size Keyboard

1 electric fireplace insert

1 electric freestanding fireplace

New tires for van (1991 Dodge Caravan)
P205/70R15

Lawn or deck furniture

Yard tools

Ladder

Building Supplies

Decorator Bricks
Outdoor statues of Jesus & Mary
Coveralls
Serger
Portable sewing machine

Good fabric

Flannelette
Sewing Shears
Pins & needles
Spools of thread
Measuring tapes
Cutting boards

All in One-Color printer, copier, scanner/fax

Office equipment & supplies

laminator

paper shredder

small copier

newer model computers

MS Office, Organization Chart Software & Licenses for XP2000

laptop and Kensington lock

Digital camera & dock

Video camera/camcorder

8 Subscriptions to the Daily Missalette

8 Subscriptions to the Magnificat

Catholic editions of the New American Bible
"Modern Saints-Their Lives & Faces" Book #1
by Ann Ball
Notebooks, journals
GED Books

Christian music CD's, Tapes and good moral Videos!

Hymn books with piano notes or chords

Food & Groceries:

ALL GROCERIES WILL BE GRATEFULLY ACCEPTED

Meat, Fish, Chicken, cold cuts

Any fresh Produce

Toilet Tissue, Paper Towels, napkins, Kleenex, Feminine Hygiene Products

Non abrasive cleansers, wood floor cleaner, Gel Gloss, glass cleaner.

Liquid Laundry soap, Stain remover, Softener sheets, bleach.

Salad dressings and sauces, ie catsup, sweet and sour, tabasco

Dairy and Soy products, butter.

Spices

Sugar - brown, white, icing

Honey / Jams

De-caffeinated coffee and tea

"Materna" vitamins (for pregnancy & nursing)

Special Items:

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

AGAPE HOUSE (Main Office, Referral & Pregnancy Center @ 411 Hawks Ave.)

Needs:

Ladies good used or new socks

Toilet tissue, paper towels

Peanut butter, cheese whiz, waffles, homemade sweets, cakes and squares, coffee, hot chocolate, tea and juices.

4 slice toaster

electric kettle w/automatic shut off

Bunn commercial coffee maker

Full size refrigerator

small deep freezer

microwave oven with Turntable

computer desk

Kitchen or folding chairs

shelving units or brackets and boards

glass display cabinet (2.5' deep x 3.5' wide x 3' high) to display Holy Family crib set.

Hospital Ministry:

Boxes of chocolates

Catholic bibles

Birthday Bags:

New items ONLY for Birthday Bags Please!

Good Christian novels

New small gift items

Small-medium size plush animals

Makeup (new & unused only)

Perfume, cologne

Shampoo, hand creams, conditioners, cosmetics, nail polish

Toothpaste and toothbrushes etc.

Towels/facecloths

Sanitary napkins/Tampons

Christian birthday cards

Medium size gift bags

Tissue and curling ribbon

STREET MINISTRY (A Catholic Faith based Outreach to women who work as prostitutes in the areas of Downtown Eastside Vancouver and Surrey, BC)

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

Loose WRAPPED candy: ie. caramels, Kisses, mints, sours, suckers

Chocolate bars (small 'fun' size)

Sandwich bags (fold top)

Curling ribbon

Homemade cookies

Umbrellas

Gloves

60-100 litre 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

MAJOR PROJECTS TO BE ADOPTED:

EMMAUS HOUSE (Will be a long term residential Life Skills Farm for women and their families on the journey with Jesus to freedom from addictions. Presently searching for property in South Okanagan. Estimated cost - \$1million)

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

For 2004 - \$80,000.00 for operating costs. This does not include capital expenditures.

Mortgage	\$1,100.00
Phones	300.00
Gas & Electric	400.00
Insurances	500.00
Stipends	500.00
Transportation	300.00
Utilities	100.00
Taxes	200.00
Groceries	2,000.00
Office/Postal/Printing	800.00
Street Ministry Supplies	500.00

Tax Receipts are available



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HOPE-FAITH HOUSE

(604) 584-4673

Can you please share your Christmas Candy with this 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 House) and we'll give delivery instructions and/or arrange pick-up