

THE BRIDGE

GOD'S BODY SHARING HIS UNCONDITIONAL LOVE

March 2024

Thank You for Celebrating With Us!



On March 25th, 2024, The Bridge ministry officially served the inner city of Saskatoon for 25 years. The same mandate has continued from the beginning to *“meet the people where they’re at, accept them as they are; for God’s Body to share His unconditional love”* has continued.

Our 25th Anniversary was celebrated at Prairieland Park with friends, families, and many of our partners. The atmosphere of joy and reunion filled the room as we saw many familiar faces. The stories from the different speakers created a tapestry of God’s wonderful story that touched those attending.

We closed the evening with live worship music in response to hearing about the Lord’s many miraculous works. As we look back at what God has done this past 25 years, we look forward with excitement to what He will do in the next 25 years.

For those who couldn’t come to the celebration, we missed your presence.
Stay tuned for a highlight video of the night!

Baptisms



The Bridge church family were beyond happy to witness Sean and Wallace being baptized on Palm Sunday. These 2 men made a public declaration of their faith and committed to continue following Jesus. Our staff walked with them and watched the Holy Spirit work in them from the inside out.

As we prayed for these 2 men and their new lives in Christ, we claimed the truth of this verse: *Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, in order that just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so also we may live a new way of life*" (Romans 6:4, NIV).

Answered Prayers



At the beginning of March, Saskatoon was covered in a big pile of snow. By the grace of God, we were able to open our doors when many services in the city were closed due to the unfortunate weather. As a staff team, we were concerned about the well-being of our visitors, especially those who are homeless.

During that week, we prayed for specific people that the Lord had put in our hearts. We also prayed for the emergency shelters in the city since they would have more occupants than usual. We even heard that one of our visitors was reported as a missing person, so we lifted her up in our prayers.

The next day, we saw the answer to these prayers!

The people we were praying for came through our door and we were so glad to be able to catch up with them. That one visitor that went missing was found that morning, safe and sound. One of our visitors who stayed in one of the emergency shelters, shared with a staff how the shelter felt different that night.

Indeed, there were more people in the room; but somehow, it was quiet and peaceful.

As we saw more answered prayers throughout the week, we continued to pray for our community, our city, and our partners. Answered prayers like these grew our faith to continue to ask for the *"immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine"* (Ephesians 3:20, NIV).

Building Trust



Sometimes building trust only comes through providing a practical need. When a staff member noticed a visitor needed mitts, she brought a bag of mitts out for her to choose from. She received the gift and the gesture seemed to disarm her weariness. It was the first time that staff had a personal interaction with her. By noticing her needs without being asked, the staff gained her trust to start a relationship.

Trust goes a long way in any relationship. Another staff had been walking with a visitor in her journey of sobriety and raising a family as a single mother. One day, the visitor reached out to this member in desperation as she said, *"You're the only one that I could think of right now!"* The staff came to her aid. The visitor was able to calm down and later resolve her situation. We hold this trust with care and honor as we continue to be the ambassadors of God's kingdom.

Ways to Partner With Us

We have a few ways for you to help us share God's unconditional love with the inner city of Saskatoon:

Watch our social media content!

You can like, comment, and share it with others.
You never know who would respond to the need.

Pray!

There are many needs that seem too much to bear.
That's why we rely on the Lord through prayer.
You can pray for us and our visitors, plus sign up for our monthly prayer newsletter at
<https://www.thebridgesaskatoon.com/prayer-newsletter.html>

Meal groups!

We have a few slots in April and May for our Youth Group on Friday night.
Meal Groups are an important part of the team, providing delicious meals for the night,
which opens the way for fellowship among our youth and leaders.
If you are interested in signing up with your family or your small groups,
please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, Carla, at volunteer@thebridgesaskatoon.com.
The more the merrier!

Staff positions!

Being a part of the staff team is a very impactful way to touch many lives in the city.
You can check the available positions on our website at
<https://www.thebridgesaskatoon.com/staff-positions-available.html>



Our Needs

Coffee whitener

Coffee

Bible (new and like-new)

Men's clothing

Men's and women's underwear (new and like-new)

Spring jackets



Finances

**As our team and facilities have grown, our financial needs have increased as well.
We would like to invite you to prayerfully consider, or even increase, monthly or
one-time giving to The Bridge.**

Please note, when giving through our website, fees are deducted from your gift. But

when you give by e-Transfer, we receive your whole gift.
Thank you for your partnership!

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*"You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done,
the saving of many lives."
Genesis 50:20 (NIV)*

