

Dear Friends & Family,

I wanted to begin off by one of my favourite bible verses which can be found in Joshua 1:9 “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.” This is a verse that relates to my ministry because even though the future is uncertain, I need to take heart and not be afraid and be courageous because God will do what's in store for me and my ministry. But let this also be an encouragement to you, as we live in a time of uncertainty that God is always in control.

I hope you're doing well, keeping safe and healthy. Once again, thank you for your prayerful and financial support, and thank you for taking the time to read this monthly newsletter.

LIGHT PATROL

For the month of February, I and the Light Patrol team went on four outreaches. Each of the outreaches was unique and different like they always are. We continue to visit the Trinity Bellwoods areas like we did in the past. Although, many of the youth residing at the park do not want to engage in conversations. We were able to have some good conversation with some adults.

We spent time with H (late 20s we think). He was sleeping under a tarp in a sleeping bag, and wanted to take anything we could offer him. He needs some warm clothes - a couple of hoodies and a supply of plastic garbage bags would really help. The later part of our time with him took a spiritual turn. He asked for the New Testament he saw we had but turned down prayer. We plan to see him this week again to drop off these items and maybe spend some more time just talking. The following week we went to see him and found out that he had received housing. This individual saw that I was carrying a philosophy textbook which I was reading for class on the bus, he asked if he could keep my textbook but unfortunately I could not give it to him but I was prepared to give him the book I had the following week. He invited us to move in with him and he said he would accommodate us. I felt like he really enjoyed our presence and did not want us to leave.

Another person walked by and saw what we were doing and got our name because he wanted to help out because he sees the need as he walks in the park everyday. I wanted to thank Light Patrol for allowing me to join their team for the duration of this internship and giving me the opportunity to meet these amazing individuals.

Please continue to pray as we go on outreach. That God will keep us safe, protected, and healthy. That we will be able to show God love through the work we do.

BRIDLETOWNE

The outreach program I plan to run will hopefully be starting in September. It's a little later than we had originally expected, as we shifted our focus to summer camp that is soon approaching, but I'm still very much looking forward to launching it when we can. I met with Alain (who will be leading the same camp simultaneously at a different location) and Mark, my field supervisor for both Light Patrol and Bridletowne, to plan for the summer camp.

With the changes to our plans at Bridletowne, I have mostly been focusing on planning for summer.

I'm sorry I can't provide much on my ministry with Bridletowne. There is a lot of planning and weekly meetings. We haven't started doing direct ministry.

EXCITING NEWS AND CLOSING NOTES

Having some extra time since the outreach at Bridletowne is on hold, I am excited to be running a cohort every week with several boys primarily from my home church, St. Andrew's Presbyterian Scarborough. We will be doing a 6 week bible study on identity, provided by SunLife. This cohort is being facilitated through a ministry within Youth Unlimited called DOXA (of which most of you will have heard; this is the ministry I've been supported by throughout all of my faith journey).

Once again, thank you for your continuous support in my ministry at Youth Unlimited. Your support means the world to me and your support and dedication to Jesus ministry does not go unnoticed. Thank you for your time reading this update letter. You can also check out this YouTube video of me expressing my deepest gratitude towards your support in my ministry with Youth Unlimited.

<https://youtu.be/KrHEjdUICyQ>

If you'd like to also check out my testimony, a link can be found here.

<https://youtu.be/EGb2MYzjvRk>

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