

**Mission News – November 2023**  
(please try to use prayer guides daily)

**MONDAY** – Today, please remember and pray for our partnership in Ghana with **the Rt. Rev. Matthias Medadues-Badohu, Bishop of the Diocese of Ho**, our Companion Diocese. He writes, *“I am so grateful for the prayer support by the faithful of the Stone Church.”* He asks for our prayers for the *“success of the fundraising ... for a Diocesan Technical/Vocational Institute building.”* He also requests prayer that *“there will be general transfers of the Clergy of the Diocese, and that each of them should accept their posting in good faith.”*

**TUESDAY** – **Bonnie Hunt (Director, Inner City Youth Ministry in Saint John)** wrote in early October, *“We are looking forward to a great year. We are expanding the lunch program and offering it to 6 new schools. Two will be starting mid October. We need more volunteers on Tuesday Mornings, one item that our new kitchen is in need of is a dishwasher, we are currently looking for funds to purchase one. We need between \$10,000-13,000 to buy it and have it installed. So, prayers for the funds to be found would be greatly appreciated. For new programming to start, we are wanting to restart our reading clubs again. We are also looking at other ways to connect with the families we meet through our summer programs.”* She concluded by thanking us for our support and prayers.

**WEDNESDAY** – Life at **Outflow Ministry** in our city centre is always busy but especially so as cold weather returns and they work with those already struggling with homelessness, hunger, unemployment, and medical costs. Please pray for the staff and tireless volunteers at Outflow providing meals, a warm and safe place to sleep at the men’s shelter, a dental clinic, a community pantry, and skills training and employment. Outflow also has a dream: *The Farm*. Outflow owns property on the Belleisle which is currently under development. They are building cottages, growing food, and providing work/retreat space for people. Pray for God’s blessing on all these ministries, protection for staff (**Jayme Hall** and **Phil Appleby**, Co-Executive Directors, **Tony Dickinson**, Director of Housing Ministries and **Wendy Pottle** Director of Operations & Outreach) and volunteers, needed finances, community partnerships, vision and the leading of the Holy Spirit in every aspect of ministry.

**THURSDAY** – **Laurence & Peggy Epp (ReachAcross, Calgary)** are

very thankful for a recent trip to Europe during which they had the opportunity to attend a mission conference. They ask us to pray for a National Director for the Canadian Office of ReachAcross. During their trip they had many opportunities to meet former friends (most from the Middle East and Pakistan) and to make new ones. Since their return to Calgary, their schedule has been busy with visiting and volunteer opportunities. Peggy is involved with English conversation classes and requests our prayers for more volunteers as they have a record number of people attending. Laurence is recovering from hernia surgery in September but has resumed volunteering at the cancer hospital there to help Arabic speaking patients and their families understand what is being said to them. They ask for prayer for wisdom in use of their time and energy and in setting priorities.

**FRIDAY – Seafarers’ Mission Saint John)** had a very successful 16<sup>th</sup> annual Golf tournament in late September making a profit of \$22K – best year ever. Better still, awareness of the Mission was raised, new supporters have come onboard, and all had fun. Heading into fall/winter, **Bev Sullivan** (manager) reminds us of the need for men’s clothing: jackets, toques, gloves, hoodies. Also, all year long, they have requests from seafarers for socks. They are now starting to plan for the Seafarers’ Christmas program where gifts are packaged with the goal of giving items of necessity, with “a little something extra” at a time when these men and women are feeling the loneliness of being away from their families. Bev adds two prayer requests: Pray for protection and provision for the seafarers and their families. Also, pray for support and continuance of Seafarers’ Missions worldwide.

**SATURDAY** – Please pray for **Hellen Adano and Family (former Companion Diocese in Marsabit, Kenya)** today. We no longer support the Adanos financially, but we can continue to uphold them in prayer. Please pray for their home church of St. Peter’s where Hellen serves as a deaconess and has a special ministry to other widows. Pray for other churches in remote areas of Kenya, as well, and that the fellowship in these congregations with nurture a powerful community of disciples who share God’s Word boldly and live out the Gospel in their villages. Pray, too, for the Adano Trust which was established by the family following Andrew’s tragic death and helps children of nomadic herders obtain an education.

**SUNDAY – Reverends Terence & Jasmine Chandra (Pennies &**

**Sparrows)** have many irons in the fire: partnership with the *Pregnancy Resource Center* to run *Emmaus Way* programs for those in need of extra support; *English language classes*; *Foodie Fridays* which gives people of all levels of experience the opportunity to cook together as well as eat together; *Seniors Step It Up* with *Craft and Chat* times and *Zoomers exercise* classes; *Youth Group*, in partnership with Inner City Youth Ministry, and *Summer Camps*. Part-time staff **Miriam Westin** and **Clare Andrews**, along with some wonderful volunteers make all these programs possible. **Penny Eisenhauer**, the Community Navigator for the Waterloo Village Neighbourhood Association, has office hours at Stone Church and helps refer people to the supports and resources they need. Please pray for safety and health for staff and volunteers, for struggling families and individuals to have a renewed sense of hope and access to services, and for wisdom and creative solutions for the leaders.