



## Radiant Life Outreach Update

### **Learning to be the Church Downtown**

I have been leading Radiant Life for one full year now. CRBC took over the ministry of Radiant in October of 2018. It has been quite the learning curve. In my previous update, about 5 months ago, I reported we were learning to be the church downtown. We continue to learn as we go.

Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus. This is what is behind everything we do. We want to come alongside people without judgment and be a transforming presence downtown.



We have recently commissioned Brian Down as Pastor at Radiant Life. Brian is volunteering his time as pastor and continues to work at his current job. Brian preaches twice per month and leads worship as well. Including Brian we have 3 worship leaders and are looking for 1 more per month.

Since our last update we finished our "Sermon on the Mount" sermon series as well as our "Trusting God" summer sermon series. Our current sermon series is "Transitions" as we look at the change that God brings when he enters our life.

Our Thursday night small group starts up again in October. It is an opportunity for each person to see personally how Jesus wants to lead each of us.

### **Serving CR's Most Vulnerable**

In our bid to ease suffering and come alongside people downtown, Radiant Life seeks to bring hope, community, friendship, advocacy, warm meals and clothing to people who need it most. We have the privilege to walk with with each of them on their journey.

RL **serves meals** on Sundays for lunch and every holiday lunch (60-110 each meal). We have served 4279 meals in our first year. We have 5 teams that each serve 1 Sunday per month. We truly are blessed with amazing volunteers who share love, compassion, and mercy each month. The last 2 months have been our highest months as we have served over 400 meals both months.

We continue to provide our building so that our partners in this ministry can also serve meals. The United Church serves meals on Saturday lunch, KDC Health serves breakfast on Wednesday mornings, and Grass Roots Kind Hearts organizes suppers 7 nights a week in our building. The Catholic Church, Discovery Church, Vineyard Church and the Anglican Church all take turns helping through GRKH. Therefore, ten separate meals a week are offered out of our building. Each meal is staffed by volunteers.



Our **clothes closet** continues to be a busy and thriving ministry. It depends 100% on donations. We have shoes, socks, underwear, pants, shorts, shirts, sweaters, jackets, blankets, razors, toothpaste, tooth brushes and other hygiene products. Most of our guests that use the clothes closet are homeless or near homeless. We just started recording the number of items that we give out each day. In the last 6 months we have given out 1091 articles of clothing and 131 hygiene/misc products. We recently just switched over from Summer to Fall clothes. We accept all donations for the above, especially socks, men's jeans, jackets, and blankets as these are most in demand right now.

Lastly, RL is a place where we can **advocate for those who need help**. We continue to be members of the CR Coalition to end Homelessness and I am currently on its leadership team. Please be praying for more affordable housing as we are at a critical point in Campbell River. Our rental rates are extremely high and unaffordable for the people we serve and the vacancy rate is the lowest on Vancouver Island at 0.5%.

In the last while as CRBC has required more of my time. I have been spending mornings at CRBC and afternoons at Radiant Life. Sundays have been spent on RL Sunday Morning Service, RL Sunday Lunch Service, and RiverKids Children's Outreach at Robron.

There has been so many volunteers to make it all possible (and always room for more). We also have many community partners including restaurants, bakeries, City of Campbell River, local and far off churches, other non profit service providers, and regular citizens of CR.

### **Prayer Requests**

Please pray for us:

1. For Jesus to continue to change hearts and lives with our friends downtown.
2. As we seek direction and guidance as to what Jesus has for us in the downtown core.
3. As we seek to be a transforming presence in the downtown.
4. For more affordable housing in Campbell River.
5. For strong funding for last quarter of 2019.
6. For a stove hood for our Gas Stove Project.
7. For funding for part time admin support.

Thank you for partnering with us to serve the CR downtown. Your prayers and support are truly needed and making a big and lasting difference.

Blessings,

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