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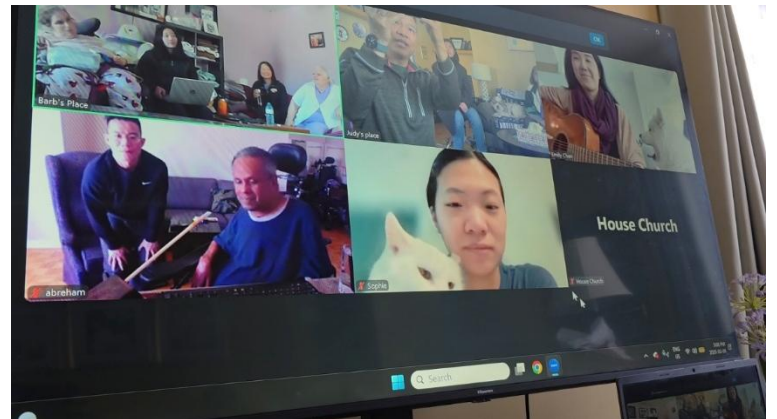
A Ministry of Presence



So much of what we do in Flow Ministries is about a ministry of presence. This involves being a good neighbour; showing love as Jesus would love; praying for God's grace and mercy in difficult situations; and sharing our hope in Jesus Christ.

At a recent meeting with our volunteers, we discussed our understanding of a ministry of presence. Here are some of the ideas that came from our group.

- Flowers that last a long time are beautiful. In the same way, a ministry of presence is beautiful when it is consistent over the long term because someone knows our story.
- At times, we may feel limited in our ability to be present in other people's lives. But we can listen to people share (and rant, at times). Then we offer to pray with them in order to bring our conversation to the Lord. Recently, a young man



was in tears after praying for him. This is worthwhile time spent with others.

- Flow Ministries works because we aren't primarily trying to get people to join something (eg. join the church or a Bible study). Instead, we are willing to walk with them and live life with them. This helps us overcome differences in our backgrounds or ages.

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A Ministry of Presence (cont'd)

- The beauty of a ministry of presence is that we have the opportunity to be there for someone in their time of need. We can go to their house or visit them in hospital. But to be there for people in their time of need, we also need to be there at other times as well.
- It's better when we try not to judge the decisions that people make in life; or tell them what to do; or try to correct them. It works better when we listen first.
- If we are inward focused, we can end up getting into conflict with those around us. But if we are outward focused and when we learn to give, we'll find those conflicts reduced.
- We can have preconceived ideas of what ministry success should look like (eg. size of the congregation or the amount of donations). But a ministry of presence is happening in the way God intended and we get to be a part of it.

My Hernia Experience

Peter Ma



It's strange that a hernia would help me in my relationships. Backing up a bit, I've had some pain on the right side for a number

of years. It's not been terribly painful, just bothersome. On referral to a surgeon, I was told that it was likely a hernia and I was a candidate for laparoscopic hernia surgery. The procedure itself involves three small incisions including a camera to confirm and identify the location of the hernia. I decided to go through with it because the hernia wasn't going to heal itself and it was lingering on.

Even though it was a minor procedure and I was going home on the same day, I still asked for prayer. I was a little worried about the general anesthesia even though I had gone through it once before. But many people I know have been through so much more. I've visited people in very difficult health circumstances. Still, I shared about my upcoming surgery and asked for prayer at church, in the family, among friends and in the neighbourhood.

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HOUSE CHURCH - Sundays at 3:00 PM

House Church or as we like to call it, "*Church Without Bounds*" meets on Sundays at 3 pm.

This allows the Christians in Kin Village and Trinity Square to worship together and to be a Christian presence. We sit together with neighbours in their homes and link other homes by Zoom.

Here's a couple of ways to get involved:

1. If you know a neighbour and would like to invite them to house church, you can ask to go to their place and link up by Zoom.
2. Or, you are welcome to worship in one of our existing homes.



Please contact Peter Ma for more details: pma535@gmail.com

Flow Donor and Volunteer Thank You Dinner



On March 7, we invited donor, volunteers, and neighbours to join us for a meal together. We enjoyed worship with Emily and Sophie. We were challenged to apply Psalm 46 into our lives by Peter. And, we enjoyed simple table fellowship and a meal together. All in all, God provided a beautiful evening for us together.



My Hernia Experience (cont'd)

Thankfully, God answered prayer and provided a skilled surgeon and medical team. God provided for successful surgery and good health. I'm recovering now for the next 6 weeks. I'm so grateful for the care, concern and prayers of others. In my mind, I know it's minor surgery. But it's helped me to understand a little more about what others go through when they face health crises. It's helped me to appreciate how much our lives depend on

God's grace and mercy. It's reminded me how important it is to love as Jesus would love. I've received all of that in these past weeks. One kind lady in the neighbourhood told me that I shouldn't lift anything heavy for a full year! I thanked her for her advice but I think I'll stick the doctor's orders of six weeks. At least, I'll try to hold out for that long. But I'm grateful that a hernia experience has helped me in my relationships.

Whom We Serve

The name *"Flow Without Bounds Ministries"* derives from Jesus's encounter with the Samaritan woman and said,

"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life"

John 4:13-14

Flow wants to *flow without bounds* to every nook and cranny with living water, reaching all people with the message of the Kingdom.

PRAYER SUMMIT



Have a prayer request?
Come to our Zoom version of Prayer Summit.

Join us at 7:30 pm on the
2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month.

UPCOMING DATES:

June 10, 24

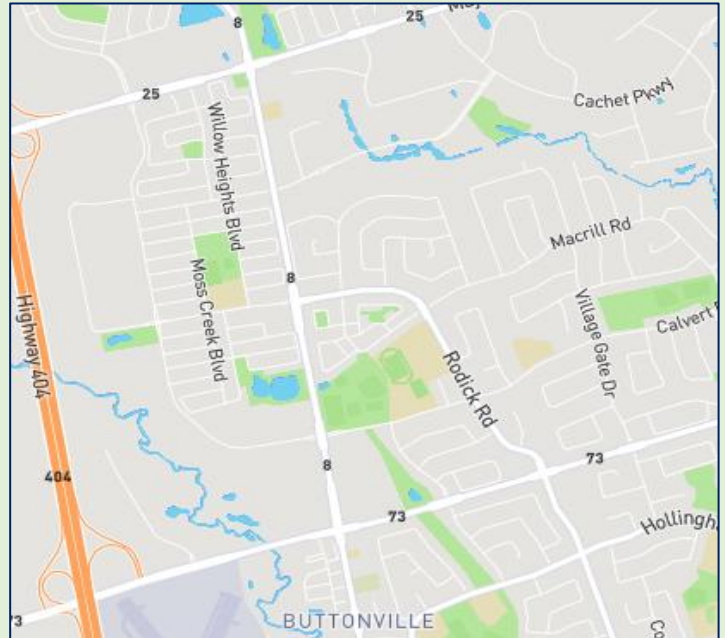
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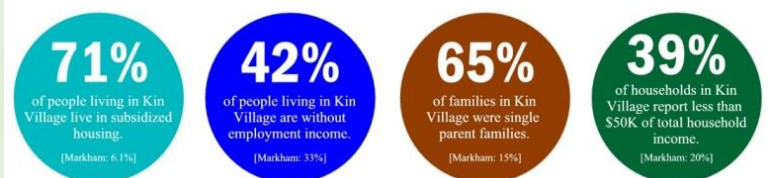
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For specific details about these virtual meetings, please send us an email to: pma535@gmail.com

Kin Village and Trinity Square are two communities located north of 16th between Woodbine Avenue and Rodick Road in Markham, Ontario.



Most of the households are on subsidized housing rent and a substantial number of people are in unique circumstances and challenges.



Source: Statistics Canada 2021, Census Profile: 2021 Census of Population: Profile Table, Modified 2023-02-01. Accessed Mar 7/2023



FINANCIAL UPDATE

At Flow, we are thankful for your support in prayers and financial support. We aim to spread the Good News all over the neighbourhood of Kin Village and Trinity Square. Will you help us achieve this goal?



REVENUE \$50,633

EXPENSES \$28,065



Our Five Areas of Ministry:

- + **Stream Mentoring** (*Building relationships through mentoring*)
- + **Mercy Rain** (*Building relationships through practical care*)
- + **Hamper Program** (*Building relationships through practical gifts*)
- + **Community Events** (*Building relationships through practical engagements*)
- + **House Church on Sunday Afternoons** (*Worshipping together*)

Three Ways to Donate to Flow Without Bounds Ministry:

1) Give via Cheque:

Please make the cheque payable to "Flow Without Bounds Ministries."

Mailing Address:

Flow Without Bounds Ministries
21 Saintsbury Road
Markham, Ontario
L6C 2H9 Canada

2) Give via Interac E-Transfer:

Send your donation to: flow.finances@gmail.com

We have auto-deposit setup but if you are first time donor, please email your name and mailing address to: flow.finances@gmail.com for tax donation receipt purposes.

3) Give via Credit Card/Apple Pay or Be Our Monthly Partner:

We have a profile through CanadaHelps.org at: www.canadahelps.org/en/charities/flow-without-bounds-ministries/

Please note that a fee of 3.5%+ will be charged and tax donation receipts will be issued by CanadaHelps.

We would love to care for YOU our donors and inform you of any future donor appreciation events.

If you are first time donor, please drop us a note via email: flow.finances@gmail.com