

FLOW

NEWSLETTER

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"Prayer is My Jam"

By Peter Ma



Since I've been in neighbourhood ministry and since starting with Flow in 2022, I'm learning that prayer is my jam! Now to be honest, I'm not exactly sure what that means, except that it sounds right. According to some, the phrase, "something is my jam," relates to music. It means that a certain kind of music is your favorite. It gets you moving to the beat and starts your toes tapping. I think of it as sweetness and joy since jam makes toast tasty. But how did prayer become my jam?

I've always enjoyed personal and corporate prayer, but during the past few years, there have been more opportunities. With my extended family, we started to pray monthly to support and encourage one another. Flow has a prayer meeting twice a month (2nd and 4th Wednesday) that have provided sweet times of fellowship. Because of Mora's health challenges, we started to pray together nightly. This has helped me to appreciate prayer more and more. There have been other regular prayer opportunities and gatherings as well.

But prayer for me has been mostly out of necessity. There are many times when I feel limited and inadequate and unable to do more. It forces me to pray. I cannot eliminate injustice and evil in the world. I cannot solve health crises in my family. I cannot make someone grow to love Jesus. I cannot solve other people's problems. I cannot make anything work out in neighbourhood ministry. So I pray for God to have mercy; for God to hear my prayer; for God to work powerfully in our lives; for God to work and reign in this world; and for God to change my heart when I am smug and self-satisfied.

It's through prayer that sweetness comes because God hears and answers prayer. It doesn't mean I get everything I ask for. But it does mean that I get to come before the throne of the One who offers mercy and grace in our time of need. That's sweetness! That's our jam!



Neighbours Helping Neighbours

Last summer, as part of a research project, we brought together local church leaders who were active, involved or interested in Kin Village and Trinity Square. We met with Christians in the neighbourhood who were passionate about their neighbourhood as well. One of the initiatives that came out of these summer meetings is a program called "Neighbours Helping Neighbours".

This initiative aims to bring together the same groups (local church leaders and Christians in the neighbourhood) to pray and plan together. We also want to hold an "open to the public" time where we can care for people, direct people to resources or services, share a conversation together, and pray for people. This would be a meeting where we can pray in the name of Jesus and encourage one another in faith.

Our first meeting was held at Markham Chinese Baptist Church on April 2, 2025. We had a wonderful time even though the weather was quite challenging that day. There was snow, sleet, and rain all throughout that afternoon. About 16 people came out and had a wonderful time.

Our second meeting was held at the same location on May 7, 2025. But we changed the purpose of the meeting to be more community focused rather than church partnership focused. We wanted to see if people from the community would be able to make it out at that specific time and place. Some made it out (10 people altogether) but we have questions about holding this kind of meeting outside of the immediate community. We are praying for the use of the community centre or another location within Kin Village and Trinity Square. We trust that God will lead us forward!

HOUSE CHURCH

SUNDAYS @ 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



Donor & Volunteer

THANK YOU DINNER

SATURDAY MARCH EIGHTH
TWO THOUSAND TWENTY FIVE

On March 8, 2025, we held our second annual Donor and Volunteer Thank You Dinner. This was a time to join together and give thanks to God for blessings, friendships and ministry throughout the past year. We had the opportunity to meet people from the community, from local churches, and from Flow Ministries.

There was drama too! The lift (manual elevator) that brought people with wheelchairs down to our meeting place, locked us out. The key was inside but the door was locked. We asked the caretaker for another key, but he said that it was missing. There wasn't anything he could do. It would have been difficult with about three people waiting to use the lift and four people already downstairs but needing the lift to go home. We brought this to the group and prayed. Thankfully, Pastor Freddy and the caretaker found the extra key. We were able to use the lift again! Praise God for answering prayer.

DONOR & VOLUNTEER THANK YOU DINNER PHOTO GALLERY



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.

"Let us encourage one another in prayer".

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

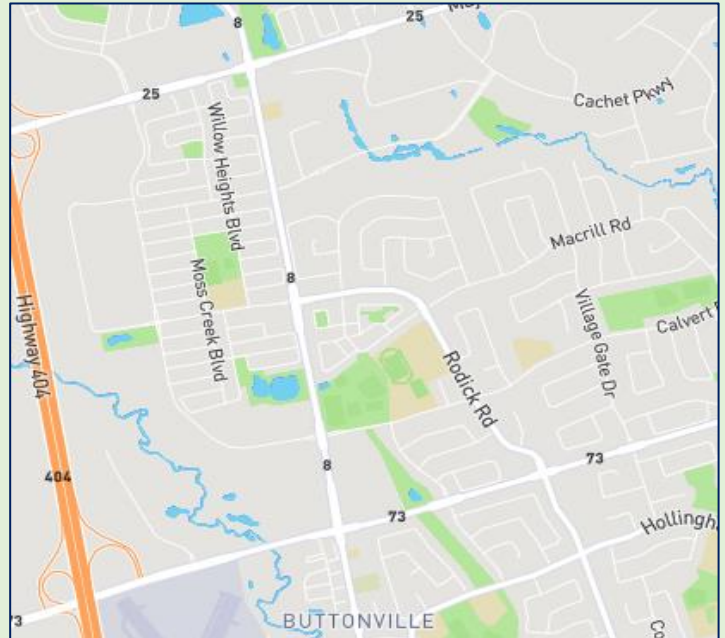
UPCOMING DATES:

May 28
June 11, 25
July 9, 23
August 13, 27
September 10, 24

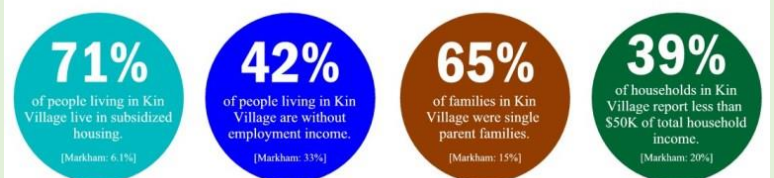
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For specific details about these virtual meetings, please send us an email to: flowministries.general@gmail.com

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?



OFFERINGS \$6,269

YTD INFLOWS
all sources \$9,271

YTD EXPENSES \$22,781



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.

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