

Executive Director Update

It's amazing what a difference the hundreds of volunteers and donors can make in the lives of our clients! Last week, I was able to spend a few minutes with someone who had been a client for many years, and who credits M2W2 with the fact that they are no longer incarcerated. They now have the opportunity to have their parole set aside so they can be completely reintegrated into the life of the community.

I was also able to visit with a couple of volunteers who were there in the beginning, in the mid '60's, when "M2" was launched in New Westminster. They had dozens of stories about the men they had come to know, who had spent time with their family, and had experienced the love of Jesus.

And recently, my wife, Elsie, and I were able to attend Kelowna Christian Reformed Church, to share from God's Word and talk about M2W2: Mentoring Toward Wholeness Together. We received a very warm welcome, which led to numerous conversations around "Loving people until they ask you why."

Thank you for your support. Without it, we would not have the joy of participating in the transformation of lives that much of our society has forgotten.

God is good!

Phil Routly- Executive Director

Story of Redemption

Lisa (not her real name) is 29 years old. Lisa heard about NOLA from her Parole Officer as a great support that could help her reintegrate into the community. Lisa had the following to say about NOLA

"From someone to talk with when things get hard, to getting my ID and essentials. My life is much better now, I feel more capable of accomplishing the things I want to".

Many people when they are released from prison no longer have valid identification. Meaning it is impossible to sign up for things like disability or income support or even find employment. A lot of those who are released also face technology, financial or transportation barriers in attempting to get their ID in order.

This is one of the main ways NOLA helps. Setting up and driving to appointments and having someone to help every step of the way.

Lisa wanted to say this to NOLA supporters

"To the people supporting NOLA, thank you. The volunteers have changed my life and I am so thankful for those who have made this possible".



If you can give to help people like Lisa in the story you just read- it will make a difference!

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Future Newsletters

Our plan is to publish four newsletters a year so that you can have more regular updates on what is happening within M2W2. That being said, physical mail outs have gotten more expensive with the price of stamps and printing. Preparing and mailing 1700 copies also takes a lot of staff and volunteer time. Moving forward if you would like a physical copy of the newsletter please contact the office via email at info@m2w2.com or by calling 604-859-3215 and we would be happy to send you one. If we don't hear from you we will be sending out electronic copies only. Thanks so much!

Volunteer Highlight

Jacque Dick has been a volunteer with M2W2 for about 8 years. She serves at the Hidden Treasures thrift store in Chilliwack. Her duties there include sorting and arranging the books in the "book nook" She decided to get involved with M2W2 because she also works as a part time librarian with the Correctional Service of Canada. Jacquie had the following to say about serving with M2W2



Volunteer Jacquie in the "Book Nook" at Hidden Treasures Chilliwack

"In our small institution I saw the impact of M2W2. The best part of my work is knowing that book sales are being used to bless inmates. My volunteer work gives me a sense of purpose and I love working with the other volunteers and books!"

People like Jacquie are why we can do what we do! If you are interested in finding out what volunteering looks like please connect with us!

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