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# The City Gate

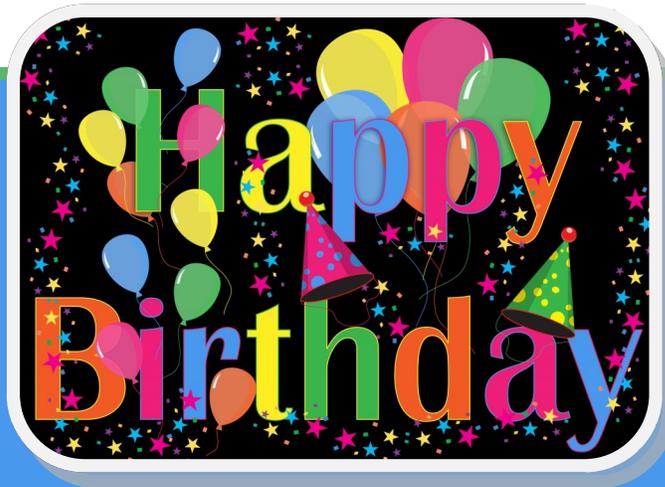
To Reclaim, Rebuild and Restore, Lost and Broken Lives

# Easter

# May 2015



We were blessed at our annual Easter dinner to serve 130 meals. The City Gate staff, alongside 14 volunteers, shared an awesome afternoon of fantastic food, fellowship and praise & worship.



**Please join us in wishing  
Pastor John a  
VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY  
this month!**

### The City Gate Staff

- John Murinko, pastor
- Shirley Murinko  
co-director / office mgr.
- Bonnie Murinko  
co-director / food bank
- Donny Saunders, food bank
- Buffie Harmon, clothing bank
- Don Lanegan, dining room
- Jimmy Hahn, coffee station
- Jim Horton, cook
- Glory Phelps, kitchen
- Brenda Gulbranson, kitchen
- Wes Heimbecker, social services
- James Gulbranson, security & maint.
- Elisha Shelton, Alberta House mgr.

### 2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV)

**<sup>17</sup> Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!**



## Just for laughs

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin, 5, and Ryan, 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, 'Let my brother have the first pancake. I can wait.' Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, 'Ryan, you be Jesus.'

### Please PRAY for:

- Alisson & Michael
- Kit
- Marcy
- Rachel
- Lanny



For the last three months we've been able to do our hands on clinical experience at The City Gate. In contrast to the hospital setting, we love that at The City Gate we were able to meet people where they were at. We came every week on Tuesdays for a couple of hours. We would set up a table near the entrance where we could take blood pressures, blood sugars, oxygen saturation, pulse, perform basic first aid and answer health related questions. We quickly realized that many individuals would benefit from hygiene kits. We then started bringing free socks, gloves, hats, soap, shampoo, conditioner, tooth brushes, tooth paste, floss etc. More than that, we were able to build relationships with some of the regulars and we quickly grew to love them. Hearing their stories and having our eyes opened to the hardships that so many in our community face has helped us grow and learn more than we could have imagined. Our hearts have been broken in the best kind of way and yet other times warmed by the raw love and commitment that many of these individuals have towards those they consider family. We feel fortunate to have spent the last few months down here learning from you all and will be much better equipped to advocate for individuals who are homeless no matter where we end up working as nurses.



Iris Weaver & Courtney Hutchins

WSU Student nurses



<sup>3</sup> Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; <sup>4</sup> perseverance, character; and character, hope. <sup>5</sup> And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.

**Roman 5:3-5 (NIV)**



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## The City Gate

*"A Gathering Place"*

*Matthew 11:28*

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- 2) Mail your check to  
The City Gate:  
170 S. Madison St.  
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- 3) Hand deliver your donation to  
Shirley or Bonnie  
Tues-Fri 10am-3pm

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Protein items

Men's shirts (2X & up)

Men's jeans (all sizes)

Pasta sauce

COFFEE!!!

FINANCES!!!



## Church Service

Sunday  
mornings  
at 10am



Without the support of volunteers who give their time and energy to this ministry, The City Gate would not be the haven it is to so many people. Whether you come once a week or once a year, you have contributed to keeping this place up and running. Your donations, regardless of time, money, food, prayers or clothing, have done so much to help the people who walk through our doors every-day. As pastors and as Christians, we want to thank you for heeding the voice of the Lord and ask you to keep us in your prayers as we continue this journey.

*Love, Pastor John & Shirley*