

Street Outreach Report - 22 February 2025

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Joanne and I (Meg) picked up packages, sandwiches (cheese and peanut butter and jelly), fruit (bananas and oranges) and hardboiled eggs from St. Philip's at 9:30 a.m. We also brought sleeping bags, one mat, men's underwear, a few sweaters, and shoes. Joanne contributed stretch gloves. Thank you to the indoor team at St. Philip's for all their offerings. We moved on to the fence for 10 a.m.

It was an intermittently wet day, with some intense downpours. T. and A. were there and we gave them the usual packets (two for A.), food, and underwear. They both seemed business as usual. A. mentioned that he hasn't seen M. for two weeks now.

We met no one at 4th Avenue and Vine Street and continued east towards the Granville loop, under the bridge, by the park. Seeing no one, we moved on. Checking at 7th Avenue and Fir Street and the alleys, we didn't see anyone.

A bit early to 10th Avenue and Fir Street, where we met W. on a bench in front of VSB. We were new to him and he was happy to take food and a package. He lives nearby and is housed, but on disability, so his income is tight. By then J. had circled the corner to find us and was very happy to receive a packet, food, underwear, and a shaver.

East of Granville and 10th Avenue, in the car park behind Pottery Barn, we met S. sleeping under a white tarp. It was his first time meeting us and we likely woke him. He seemed very in need. We gave him two sandwiches, a packet, food, sleeping bag/mat, boots, underwear, and gloves. Joanne also oriented him to the resource card and told him more about the MPA and our ministry. He was very grateful for all the items.

We moved along by the McDonald's and then to the 7-Eleven at Hemlock Street. Seeing no one, we continued to Holy Trinity to check the car park on an off chance (no one is staying there). We headed west back to Granville and found no one on the street around 13th Avenue and back to the school board.

Along Broadway at Vine Street, we saw J. on the south side, close to the bus stop. He took sandwiches, fruit, egg, a packet and underwear. We met M. in the carpark at Safeway at Macdonald. He took a packet, food, and underwear.

We looked for St. along Broadway, and not seeing him, moved on. Circling the Dunbar Shopper's, we saw no one and headed back to St. Philip's.

We left the remaining packages at the church. Joanne brought a packet and sandwich to the woman who was staying behind Kerrisdale Community Centre. Apparently she is gone from that location. Meg and Joanne split the remaining food (Meg can leave things in a community pantry by Kits Community House).

It was a very quiet day out, likely due to the weather.

We gave out eight packets, one sleeping bag and mat, together with multiple sandwiches, underwear, and stretchy gloves.

