



"What does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness and walk humbly with our God" Micah 6:8

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Dear Denise,

OIM has its weekly lunch for Veterans. Each Wednesday, we host Veterans we have met on Ottawa's streets or who have heard about OIM's ministry and joined our Wednesday fellowships. We do this to honour and affirm the men and women who have served Canada domestically and internationally, those who have sustained life-altering injuries, and those whose life circumstances have undermined their overall wellness. It is a privilege to serve those who have served us. OIM has been doing this since 2019.

Today, though, was different from most Wednesdays. This past weekend, a tragic event in Wainwright, Alberta, left four soldiers dead and 36 others injured, 19 of whom are in critical condition. So today we remembered the fallen with silence, then we prayed for the critically injured and for the families and friends of those affected by the event. It was a somber time. We found that fellowshiping together was good for all of us.

Fellowship is extraordinary. It heals and unifies; it lightens burdens and fosters hope. The outcomes of fellowship are not material but spiritual. It is a gift from God. In 1 John 1:3, the apostle John wrote, "We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son, Jesus Christ." At OIM, all staff and volunteers follow Jesus, and we are ready, in season and out of season, to share what we have seen and heard so those we minister to may know the fellowship we know. Our Veterans know who we are, and they keep coming. They come for the loving fellowship OIM offers.

On 5 November, OIM will host its annual Veteran Tribute Luncheon, with several well-known defence community members joining us. Together, we will fellowship; together we will remember those who have sacrificed for us. So, I ask you for your prayers.

Please pray for those of us who follow Jesus, that we may be his compassionate ambassadors as we serve Veterans each week and as we pay tribute to Veterans at the OIM annual luncheon. Please pray for our Veterans that they will increasingly be healed in their bodies, minds and spirits. Please pray that the fellowship of the Holy Spirit will envelop us all as we remember.

Warm regards,

Gerry Potter
Executive Director